

Hawthorn Elementary
NEWSLETTER

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June 2023



Dear Families,

We recognize that as we welcome June, which is usually an exciting time of year, our thoughts are also on all that is happening in our province. We will continue to support one another and welcome joyful events in the month ahead. More information regarding end of year information, staffing, and September items will be shared in a mid-June newsletter.

Here is some information, should you find it helpful.

Support for Students:

Kids Help Phone understands how fear and uncertainty can fuel anxiety and other feelings. They are available to support the young people in our community through this challenging time – and beyond. Please know Kids Help Phone is available 24/7, will never judge and always be confidential.

Kids Help Phone is here 24/7 for young people and adults across the province who are experiencing the impacts of wildfires. For e-mental health support, text 686868 (young people), text 741741 (all ages), call 1-800-668-6868 or visit kidshelpphone.ca. There is no issue too big or feeling too small.

For a guide for caregivers on how to talk to children and youth about an emergency or traumatic event from the IWK, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Ms. Gourlay and Ms. Dunn

Lunch Monitors

We are reaching out in search of lunch monitors. If you have or are willing to have a criminal record check/vulnerable sector and child abuse registry done and are able to help, please phone 902-464-2048 and we can begin the process. Even if you are only available certain days of the week your time is appreciated. Thank you!

Class Placement

Classes for next year are always on everyone's mind at this time of year. Please be assured that a great deal of thought and time is spent in creating class lists. Many different circumstances are considered when your child is placed in a particular class. Requests for class placement will not be accepted unless you feel you have a serious academic/social concern for your child. If so, you should draft a letter (or email) clearly stating your concerns and submit these to Ms. Gourlay. These concerns will be considered by the administrative team, but it does not mean we will be able to honor your request.

Student Registration

New to the area: if you are aware of any families new to the Hawthorn area please direct them to contact the school at (902) 464-2048 and we will assure they get their child(ren) registered in a timely manner.

Moving away: if you are moving and your children will not be attending Hawthorn for the 2023-2024 please contact the school to let us know. 902-464-2048 or hawthorn@hrce.ca

FIELD DAY

Mr. Foot is organizing a field day for June 9th. Our Grade 6 students will be running events and our Grade 5 students will take on a leadership role as well. Please make sure your child is dressed for the day: has applied sunscreen, has a hat, and a water bottle as most events will take place outside. There is also a water activity planned for the afternoon. The rain date is scheduled for June 13th. Mr. Foot welcomes volunteers who already have the necessary documents on file with the school. You can email Mr. Foot if you are able to volunteer. MFoot@hrce.ca

Report Cards

Term 3 report cards will be sent electronically on June 30th. To view your child's Report Card/IPP report you will need to: Click on the link: Report Card. The password is your child's date of birth in the format YYYY-MM-DD.

Pizza Lunch

The HSA has organized a pizza lunch for all our students, Friday, June 9th (field day). Teachers are asking students for their choice between cheese and pepperoni pizza from Little Caesars. If your child has a food allergy, please contact your child's classroom teachers so we can order accordingly.

Home and School Association (HSA)

Home and School Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization of parents and school staff. Membership is free and open to any interested parent/guardian or staff member. Our last Home and School Association Meeting of the year: Monday, June 12th at 7pm in the school library. All are welcome!

Library Books

If you have any school library books at home, please return them to school.

Ticks

Our students are enjoying the beautiful weather and playing outside, including in the grass around the school. This is a good time for a reminder to check your child for ticks after school.

SchoolsPlus supports for summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus facilitator for your school, Juliana Pontes . Learn more [here](#).



The infographic is divided into three main sections. The left section, titled 'What is SchoolsPlus?', explains that it is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia, aiming to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. The middle section, 'Connect with us!', provides contact information: a phone number (902-464-2041), an email address (schoolsplus@hrce.ca), and a social media handle (@HRCESchoolsPlus). The right section, 'Resources & support', lists several categories of assistance: Recreation (helping find and apply for programs or funding), Tutoring (helping understand and access tutoring supports), Food supports (helping access food banks and other local food supports), Health & wellness (helping navigate healthcare systems), and General support (helping complete paperwork and applications, as well as transportation and accompaniment to appointments). The infographic also features a circular image of diverse hands joined together and the SchoolsPlus logo in the bottom right corner.

What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help students with what they need to succeed – from home, to school, and back again!

Connect with us!

Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus - 12 months a year!

902-464-2041
schoolsplus@hrce.ca
@HRCESchoolsPlus

Resources & support

Recreation
Help finding and applying for rec programs or funding.

Tutoring
Help understanding and accessing tutoring supports.

Food supports
Help accessing food banks and other local food supports.

Health & wellness
Help navigating healthcare systems.

General support
Help completing paperwork and applications, as well as transportation and accompaniment to appointments.

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Dates to Remember:

- June 3: Spring Fair 10 am-12 pm
- June 5: Run Club Day
- June 6: Primary Information Session for Parents/Guardians 4:30-5:30 pm School Library
- June 9: Field Day (Rain date June 13)
- June 9: HSA sponsored Pizza Lunch
- June 12: HSA meeting 7:00 pm in School Library
- June 13: Dartmouth South Academy Grade 7 Orientation 5:30 pm
- June 16: Bicentennial School Grade 7 Orientation 11am -1pm
- June 27: Grade 6 Closing
- June 28: Last day for EXCEL
- June 29: No School for Students
- June 30: Last Day of School

Reminders

- In the mornings, students can arrive at 8:40 am, which is when teachers are on duty. The bell rings at 8:55 am and instruction begins at 9:00 am.
- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella products).
- It is helpful to have a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack just in case of mud, puddles, or spills and it may save you a trip in the middle of your day.
- Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds. If you do bring your dog, please stay on the sidewalk or the field and not on school property.
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. If students bring cellphones to school, they must stay in their backpacks for the entire school day.

A look at what's happening at Hawthorn!



Grade 6s in Music Class.



Poetry Cafe in Gr. 1/2 Hall.

Run Club for Grades 3-6



Felting in Gr. 4/5 Barro Ralph.

