

WMES June Newsletter



Dear WMES families:

Our **June calendar** can be found [here](#).

<https://wms.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/2025-05/June%20Calendar.pdf>

Here are some important reminders for June:

- **Sunscreen and bug spray should be applied at home before coming to school.** If they do come to school please ensure items are scent free, that your child can apply it themselves, and they understand that they cannot be shared with other students.
- Please bring a water bottle. Staying hydrated is important.
- Please label your clothing, sweaters, hats, etc as items that are unclaimed and unlabelled in our lost in Found will be donated on the last day of school.

Thanks.

Spring Fling Update: June 11th - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Theme Baskets: Each class is responsible for providing a basket to be raffled off at the Spring Fling. Please be sure to send in items to your child's classroom teacher by June 6th.

Themes by class are:

- Pre Primary - Gardening theme
- Primary BrienMartin - Chocolate Lover's theme
- Primary/One Dowding - Book Lover's theme
- One Johnson/MacDonald - Gift Card theme
- One/Two Kelly - Outdoor Summer theme
- Two Day - Playful Pets theme
- Three Bailey - Movie Night theme
- Three/Four Hillier - Sports and Fidgets theme
- Four Rigby - Arts and Crafts theme
- Four/Five Smith - Beach Day theme
- Five van der Weegen/Miller - Spa Day theme

- **We need your help to make the event a success! Please sign up to volunteer:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA72BA0F8C34-56551531-2025#/>
- **Reminder: This is a cash only event.** You will be able to purchase: tickets for the games, barbeque items and snack table, 50/50 and there will also be school t-shirts and hats for sale.

Be tick aware :

Sharing on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health

- In summer and fall, people spend time at Nova Scotia's many beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. These small insects are found across Nova Scotia and can cause tick-borne diseases (TBDs), including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.
- Ticks like moist and humid environments and can be found in or near woods, shrubs, leaf litter, long grass, urban parks and gardens. They can be very small, which makes them hard to spot and their bites don't hurt, which makes it difficult to know when you've been bitten.
- Visit [NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety](https://www.novascotia.ca/ticksafety) and learn:
 - **How to protect yourself - especially in grassy, wooded, or shrub-covered areas**
 - **What to do if you find a tick on yourself/your child**
 - **The signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses**

End of Year Library Updates-

- The last week to check out books from the library will be: June 9-13th.
- All books are due back by the week of June 16-20th.

Interested in working with the EXCEL Before and After School care program for the 2025-26 school year?

- HRCE is currently recruiting staff for the EXCEL Before- and After-School Program.
- These roles are a great fit for people with experience or interest in working with children, and include flexible hours, competitive pay, and the added benefit of free program access for the children of EXCEL staff while they are working.
- Here is the link to the form: [Working with EXCEL 2025-26](#)

Grade 5 Closing Celebration:

- We will be celebrating our Grade 5 students on **June 25th** at 1pm. Family members are welcome to join us. We will have a short assembly and then cake and juice in the cafeteria. If you have a photo of your student that you would like to share for a celebration slideshow, please forward to kwolfe@hrce.ca by June 20th. Photos could be a baby photo, first day of school photo, or any other special photo you would like to share. Thanks.

Volunteer Recognition: June 25th at our final assembly - 10am

- If you have volunteered this year at WMES ... THANK YOU for helping make this year great. We would like to recognize our volunteers at our final assembly on June 25th at 10am. [Please fill out this quick google form to RSVP or to send your regrets.](#) Thanks!

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. The SchoolsPlus facilitator for WMES is Isaac LeBlanc: isaac.leblanc@hrce.ca

Learn more [here](#).

We are pleased to share the 2025-26 school calendar, which you can [view here](#).

The calendar contains all the important dates you need to plan for the coming school year.

The calendar continues to be available digitally. If you added or downloaded the digital calendar last year, you do not need to add it again.

To add the 2025-26 calendar to your Google Calendar, [click here](#).

To download the 2025-26 calendar to add to other calendar applications, including Microsoft Outlook, [click here](#).

Staffing updates for 2025-26:

- Please note that we will have 10 classrooms (Primary -5) for the 2025-26 school year. The current configuration is:
 - Primary - V. Dowding
 - Primary - E. Brien / L. Coyle
 - One/Two - H. Daigle
 - One/Two - D. Day
 - One/Two - R. Kelly
 - Two/Three - C. Hillier / J. Miller
 - Three/Four - M. Bailey / J. Miller
 - Four - S. Rigby
 - Five - S. Smith
 - Five - J. van der Weegen / TBA
- We also expect to have 2 Pre-Primary classes (Lead teachers: S. Howard and J. Murphy)

The staff list for the 2-25-26 school year will be updated on our Website at the end of June.

We are excited to welcome our new Principal : Ms. Kelly Clarke, new School Counselor: Ms. Julie Cameron, and new Speech Language Pathologist: Ms. Cheryl MacFarlane.

We will also have a new Administrative Assistant and new caretaker in the Fall. Positions are not yet filled.

We want to wish a very happy retirement to:

Mrs Johnson, Ms. Clements, Mr. Darrell, Ms. Fizzard, and Mrs. Wolfe.

Tips to support reading and writing at home

As parents and caregivers, you play one of the most important roles in helping your child become a strong, confident reader and writer. What you do at home can make a big difference in your child's success in school and beyond. When reading and writing become part of family routines — like bedtime stories, writing notes to each other, or making shopping lists together — children see them as enjoyable and meaningful activities.

Here are some ideas and tips:

1. Create a dedicated writing space

Set up a quiet, well-lit area where your child can focus. Stock your writing center with essentials like paper, pencils, crayons, and even fun extras like family photos and old magazines to spark creativity.

2. Read often

Reading is one of the best ways to become a better writer. When children read a variety of books, they naturally absorb vocabulary, grammar, and different writing styles. Encourage daily reading to build their

language skills and inspire their own writing.

3. Encourage reflective journaling

A journal is a great outlet for expressing thoughts and feelings. Prompt your child to write about everyday events at home and school. Suggest using sensory details — what they saw, heard, or felt. This helps develop descriptive writing. Provide real-life experiences that they can later write about. Remember, only read their journal if invited — and always respond with encouragement and thoughtful feedback.

4. Offer real-world writing opportunities

Help your child see writing as a practical skill. Let them write thank-you notes, grocery lists, birthday invitations or letters to family. Consider finding a pen pal to make writing feel more authentic and fun.

5. Be a writing role model

Let your child see you writing too! Whether it's a grocery list, an email or a note to a friend, show how writing fits into everyday life. Talk about the purpose of different types of writing and their audiences. Try having a “family writing night” where everyone writes and shares together.

6. Start a vocabulary notebook

Introduce a few new words each week and encourage your child to use them in writing and conversation. Turn it into a game for using words creatively.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Welcome Back Open House / Curriculum Night - September 3

First Day of School - September 4

Thanks everyone. Happy June!

Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. van der Weegen