

# Welcome to Primary Family Information Session

## Waverley Memorial Elementary School



# Welcome to Primary!

- HRCE's [Welcome to Primary](#) site has lots of valuable information for you! Check it out for everything you need to know to help your child transition to school.
- For more information on resources to help families during the early years, visit [www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/](http://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/)

# Meet our Fabulous staff....

Be sure to come to our Open House in early September to meet our staff. We look forward to working with you as we embark on this journey together.

*As the African Proverb says: "It takes a village to raise a child!"*



# Transportation Information

What you need to know...



- **Register**: Information will be sent to you from HRCE's Transportation Team this summer
- **Safety** – bums on seat, backpacks on lap
- **Behaviour** – if there are concerns, please let us know
- **Routes** – be sure to check My BusPlanner in August
- **Changes** – if you are making changes to after school routines– you must send us a note. **Please note that bus drivers are only able to transport students who are on their bus manifest.**
- **Visit** - <https://hrce.mybusplanner.ca/> to review your child's transportation information and regularly check your inbox for updates.



# Clothing:

Having proper clothing each day can make a world of difference in how your child's day goes (and how often we have to call you! 😊)



- Students will need two pairs of sneakers (**Velcro please**), one for outside and one for inside (Rain boots for wet days)
- Jacket- Please send one appropriate for the weather. We typically go outside if we can
- Please practice that zipper this summer 😊
- Always have a change of clothes in the backpack!  
And we cannot stress enough to **label everything!**



# Food:



- Pack small nutritious snacks and lunches
- Milk is a great option and can be ordered from the cafeteria
- Students are not permitted to share food
- Please – no nuts



# Cafeteria:

We will be participating in the Provincial School Lunch Program for the 2024-25 school year. Stay tuned for more information (and watch our website for updates)



# Supplies:

- You will be given a list of supplies to purchase for your child
- All lists will be posted on our website in June
- You will also need to supply a book bag , indoor shoes and lunch!
- Please label all supplies and clothes!
- Teachers will sometimes ask for donations of facial tissues or large ziplock baggies
- If you need any support purchasing supplies, please do not hesitate to reach out – **we can help!**





# Integrated Language Arts:

Primary students will have daily opportunities to develop skills in the areas of:

- Speaking and Listening
- Reading and Viewing
- Writing and other ways of Representing

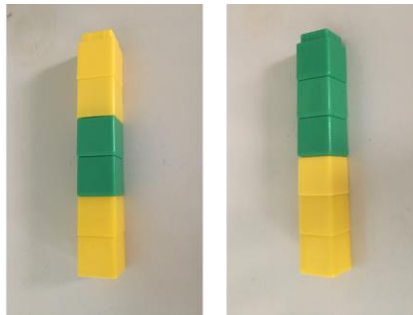
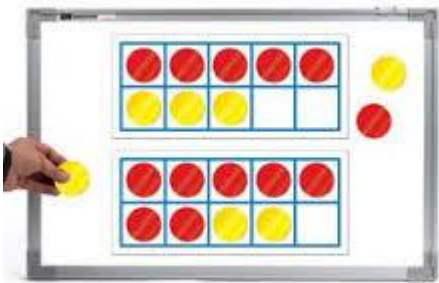
Teachers follow [Provincial guidelines](#) to develop well-balanced literacy learning opportunities.



# Integrated Math:

Students in Mathematics Primary explore the following topics:

- number names to 20
- understanding of numbers to 10
- repeating patterns using objects, actions or sounds
- comparing the measurement of objects
- 3-D objects



# Specialist Classes:



- Physical Education Classes will take place 3 times a week. Proper attire on Gym days is very important!
- Music classes will take place twice a week.



# Library:

- Students visit the Library once a week and will be able to bring books home to share and return the next week.





# The First Day of School

- **Drop off** – Try to make it as quick and positive as you can. If you are happy and excited- it is more likely that your child will be too!
- **Checking in** – Feel free to check in with the office if you need to. We will be able to reassure you that things are going great.
- **Dismissal** – Primary teachers walk their students out the side doors by the Kiss and Go Drop off Loop. If you are picking up, you can meet them there. If there are changes to your plans please let them know in writing ahead of time.
- **You will hear from your child's Primary teacher early in September to welcome you to their class and give you more specific information about their classrooms.**

# Student Support:

As parents/guardians and educators, we know, appreciate and celebrate the differences in our children. In their own way, each child is special and unique in their growth and development.

However, some children require some assistance with communication (speech, language development, hearing), being able to focus for longer periods of time, safety issues, personal care or just making it through a busy day's schedule without stress or confusion.

There are times that many children can seem to fall into one or more of those categories. But if your child consistently needs support, is on medication, or you are working with physicians or thinking of going to a physician to explore the special needs that your child may have, please let us know asap.

We want to work with you to best support your child at school.

# How can you get involved?



If you are interested in volunteering for class trips or in the school, you will need a current [Criminal Records Check](#) and [Child Abuse Registry](#) report on file. Paperwork can be completed online!

- **PTC**  
(Partnership of Teachers and Community)
- **SAC**  
(School Advisory Committee)
- **Classroom volunteer**
- **Library**
- **Class Trips**

## Waverley Memorial on the web...

### OUR URL IS:

<https://wms.hrce.ca/>

- Informative
- Staff & E-mail addresses
- Updated Regularly
- Newsletters
- Monthly calendars
- Great Links



### Also check out:

○ <https://www.hrce.ca/>



# Before you go...



- Handouts:
    - [Let's Play Together](#)
    - Get Ready, Get Set for School!
    - Preparing your child for Grade Primary
  
  - Video: [Advice from the Experts](#)
- Thanks!