



Fairview Heights Elementary / May 2026 Newsletter

Our Vision Statement:

Fairview Heights is a welcoming and safe school where learning happens because everyone belongs, and our many cultures and languages are celebrated.

Dear Fairview Families,

As we come to the close of another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together and to express my heartfelt gratitude to our entire school community.

This year has been filled with learning, growth, laughter, and countless moments that remind us why our school is such a special place. Every day, our students have inspired us with their curiosity, resilience, kindness, and enthusiasm. They have demonstrated what it means to be learners, leaders, and caring members of our community.

I am also incredibly proud of our dedicated staff. Their commitment, creativity, and unwavering support of students make a difference each and every day. They consistently go above and beyond to create engaging learning experiences, foster meaningful relationships, and ensure that every child feels valued and supported.

To our families, thank you for your partnership, encouragement, and trust. Your involvement and support play an essential role in the success of our students and our school. Together, we have built a strong and caring community that helps every child thrive.

Thank you for making this school year such a memorable one. It has been a privilege to learn and grow alongside such an incredible community.

I hope everyone takes time to enjoy a well-deserved summer break. May your summer be filled with rest, fun, adventure, and special moments with family and friends.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and wonderful summer!

Warmly,
Shauna MacMullin
Principal Fairview Heights Elementary

New Bell Schedule

As a reminder, our school bell times have changed for the upcoming school year. All bell times have shifted **10 minutes earlier**.

- Morning supervision begins: **7:45 a.m.**
- Student entry: **7:55 a.m.**
- Dismissal: **2:00 p.m. sharp!**

We encourage families to adjust their morning and afternoon routines accordingly to ensure students arrive on time and are picked up promptly at dismissal.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance remains essential. Every school day matters, and we appreciate your support in ensuring students arrive on time, ready to learn.

Have You Moved??

Please inform the school if your home address has changed. Maintaining accurate and up-to-date student records is important and helps ensure that students are enrolled in and attending the correct home school based on their current residence.

If you have recently moved or your address has changed, please contact the school office and provide updated proof of address at your earliest convenience.

Fairview Heights Bike Rodeo – June 10th

A bike rodeo is a fun, hands-on safety event which will be held for our Grade 1- 5 students at the Main Building on June 10th. If students have a bike, they are encouraged to ride their bikes to school on this day, if not one will be provided.

This is not a “learn to ride a bike” session. It is more about teaching essential handling skills, such as turning, stopping, and balancing, while promoting helmet safety and traffic rules in a supervised setting. It helps kids feel confident and safe while cycling.

Key Features of a Bike Rodeo:

- Safety Checks: Experts or volunteers often inspect bikes and ensure helmets are fitted properly.
- Obstacle Courses: Students navigate cones, traffic signals, and simulated road scenarios (e.g., driveway exits) to practice handling skills.
- Skill Training: Stations focus on skills such as:
 - Balance & Steering: Riding in a straight line or navigating narrow paths.
 - Stopping/Turning: Teaching quick stops, looking over shoulders, and proper turning techniques.
 - Traffic Safety: Learning hand signals, obeying signs, and traffic rules.
- Partnerships: So far partnerships helping this event are Cycle Nova Scotia, the Ecology Action Centre, Mountain Equipment Co., Oceanics Cycle Team, Halifax Regional Police and their Youth Program, and crossing our fingers for their bike unit, as well as Chicken Little handing out some treats!

These events help build children's confidence, promote active transportation, and reduce the likelihood of accidents.

Reminders: There are NO Electric vehicles permitted

Non-electric scooters are permitted

No roller blades/skates or skateboards

Last Day of the Breakfast Program

The last official day for the breakfast program will be June 19th. We are at the point where we are finishing up supplies as we want to start fresh in September! There will likely be a few items available, but please pack extra snacks for the final week just to be safe!

Third Term Report Cards

3rd Term Report Cards will be sent home electronically as usual. They will be sent during the morning on June 30th. Dismissal for students

Pre-Primary Open House

We are still finalizing the details from the pre-primary administration, and will share more information as it becomes available.

June is:

- National Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month
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Upcoming Dates:

- June 4th – Grade 5 Orientation at FVJH
- June 10th – Bike Rodeo
- June 11th – Field Day
- June 12th – Rain Date Field Day
- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 25th – Grade 5 Closing
- June 29th – Assessment and Evaluation Day – No School
- June 30th – Last day of school! Dismissal at 10:00am
- Sept. 2nd – Curriculum Night for 2026/2027 @ 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Sept. 3rd – First Day of School

2026-2027 Nova Scotia Regional Centers for Education School Calendar

2026-27 CALENDAR NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL CENTRES FOR EDUCATION

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LEGEND

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/JUNIOR

- Term 1: Sept 1 to Nov 20, 2026
- Term 2: Nov 23 to Mar 5, 2027
- Term 3: Mar 8 to Jun 30, 2027

HIGH SCHOOL

- Semester 1: Sept 1 to Feb 1, 2027
- Semester 2: Feb 2 to Jun 30, 2027

Progress Conference meetings will be held on the dates marked on the calendar.
Conferences take place on the Thursday evening prior and the Friday afternoon.

- No School ALL STUDENTS
- First Day of School/Last Day of School
- No School High School Only
- No School Elem/Middle/Jr Only
- Culturally Significant Day (Schools Open)

Sept 1	School Organization Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 2	Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 3	First Day of School for Students
Sept 7	Labour Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 25	Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Oct 1	Treaty Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Oct 23	NSTU Conference Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Nov 4	Take Your Kid to Work Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Nov 16-19	Report Cards High School
Nov 20	Elem/Middle/Jr. Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)
	Term 1 Ends (Elem/Middle/Jr)
Nov 23-30	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr

Dec 4	Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Dec 18	Last Day for Students Before Holiday Break
Dec 21	Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jan 4	First Day Back After Break
Jan 26-29	High School Summative Assessments
Feb 1	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day/Semester 1 Ends (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)
Feb 2	Semester 2 Begins (High School)
Feb 3-12	Semester 1 Report Cards (High School)
Feb 15	Nova Scotia Heritage Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Mar 5	Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)
	Term 2 Ends (Elementary)
Mar 8-12	Spring Break (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Mar 15-25	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr
March 26	Good Friday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
March 29	Easter Monday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

Apr 2	Elem/Middle/Jr Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day & High School Professional Development (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Apr 20-27	Report Cards High School
Apr 30	Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development & High School Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
May 10	Mikmaw Language Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
May 14	Black Excellence Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
May 24	Victoria Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Jun 22-25	High School Summative Assessments
Jun 28	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)
Jun 29	Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jun 30	Last Day of School

2026-27 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2026-27 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.

Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.

If you can't find the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

Reminder: The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.

Nova Scotia Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher Program

Once again this year, students across the province will receive a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal voucher to use at participating farmers' markets.

The program encourages young people and families to explore local markets, support Nova Scotian growers and producers, and learn more about where their food comes from. From fresh produce and baked goods to locally made products, the initiative helps connect students with their communities while supporting small businesses and strengthening the local economy.



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 **Halifax**
Regional Centre for Education

Families are encouraged to visit participating markets over the summer months and discover all that Nova Scotia has to offer through the [Nova Scotia Loyal program](#). Watch for these vouchers coming home soon!

Listen to Lead: Year 2

Listen to Lead, HRCE's annual consultation, is more than just a survey. It is an ongoing commitment to partnership, continuous improvement, and ensuring our schools reflect the voices and experiences of the communities they serve.

Please take the opportunity to share your thoughts, feedback and vision for HRCE anonymously through ThoughtExchange: [Participate here](#)

The consultation will be open until June 4.

Be Tick Aware in Nova Scotia

After a long and snow-filled winter, we're finally headed toward summer – a season when many people spend time at Nova Scotia's beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. Nova Scotia is home to several kinds of ticks, but only blacklegged tick bites can cause illnesses like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Powassan virus. Tick-borne diseases can lead to serious illness, especially if they are not noticed and treated quickly.

It's important that we all know what to do about ticks, so if you've asked yourself any of these questions lately:

- What does a tick look like?
- What do I do if I find a tick on me or my child?
- What symptoms should I be aware of?
- How can I prevent ticks?



Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety to learn more.

Operation Landline by Unplugged Canada

[Unplugged Canada](#) has launched a new resource called [Operation Landline](#), designed to help families reconnect kids with safe, healthy communication, without the pressures and distractions of smartphones. The initiative encourages families to bring back the family landline as a simple way for children to build independence, strengthen social skills and stay connected with friends and neighbours in a safer, more intentional way.

Created in partnership with the Institute of Child Psychology, the [complete guide](#) includes practical tips for setting up modern landline options, teaching phone safety and etiquette, and even creating a family phonebook together. Families are also invited to sign the [Unplugged Canada](#) pledge to help create a new community norm around delaying smartphones and supporting connected childhoods.

Items to Leave at Home

Items brought in from home can be a source of distraction in school. We request these items REMAIN home as they can lead to distraction or loss of items in school. These items include, but are not limited to:

- Pokemon Cards
- Handheld game devices
- Fidget/spinner toys
- Stuffedies
- Balls; soccer, footballs etc. – we have balls at school for outdoor use – too many can become a problem
- Other special items from home

The above noted items should **NOT** be brought to school (unless there has been an arrangement made with the teacher). Please know there may be special occasions at school where children are able to bring in stuffedies, etc. from home. The school does not assume responsibility for any items brought from home that go lost, missing/stolen, or broken. The list noted above is not exhaustive. There may be other special items/collectable items that children want to bring to school, however these distract from learning and have caused problems between children.