



# Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year

Sunnyside  
Elementary School



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## Administrative Staff

Principal: Ms. C. Thompson

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# Principal's Message

I am thrilled to be joining the community of Sunnyside Elementary School. I am confident that we will be working very closely together (families and school) to provide the best possible education to the students at Eaglewood and Fort Sackville. School begins for students on Wednesday, September 7th and we are very excited to be welcoming all of our students and staff to the 2022-2023 school year.

Staff will be back at work on September 1st with many professional obligations and learning to help us all be ready for this great school year.

We are sending this message to our families to give you information about the return to school. You will be receiving more communications about school routines and other newsletter information in the coming weeks.

Sunnyside Elementary has a welcoming and positive spirit and we can't wait to get this year started!

~Ms. Thompson



# Staff

We have had some changes to our school staff over the summer. Here is our most up-to-date staff list. We would like to welcome all new staff to our amazing school community!

## **Fort Sackville:**

Pre-Primary:

Lead (on leave)--R. Hiltz

Lead--P. Kelly

Support--E. Gray

Grade Primary (FI)-- L. Boudreau

J. VesseyMacdonald

L. Verrall

Grade One (FI)--K Murray

M. Fraser

Early Literacy and Reading Recovery--K.

Levasseur

Caretaker--Mr. T. Arab

## **Eaglewood:**

Grade Primary/One(Eng)--A. Fulton & A.

Ewing

Grade 2/3 (Eng)--K. Isenor and D. Gardiner

Grade 3/4 (Eng)--L. Bramwell

Grade 4/5 (Eng)--D. Woodbury

Grade 5/6 (Eng)--C. Sutherland

Grade 1/2(FI)--A. MacFarlane & M. Shields

Grade 2(FI)--T. Bennett-Chiasson

L. Abboud

Grade 3(FI)--R. Richardson

Grade 3/4(FI)--A. Henwood

Grade 4(FI)--H. Caldwell

Grade 4/5(FI)--K. Hanley

Grade Five(FI)--L. Graham

Grade 5/6 (FI)--S. Rohland

Grade 6 (FI)--T. Boudreau

Core French--S. Jordan

Phys. Ed.-- A. Nobes & J. Piercey

Music-- D. Cochrane

Resource teachers--C. Cameron & V.

Morash-MacNeil

Learning Centre--M. Foster

School Counsellor--M. Cobb

Education Program Assistants:

S. McLean

V. Glover

V. Ettinger

J. Haya

Library--V. Coldwell

Caretaker--R. Partosa

Custodian--S. Hodgson

T. Arab(Caretaker Fort Sackville)

# Significant Dates

Thurs. Sept. 1	Organizational Day--no school for students
Fri. Sept 2	Professional Development Day--no school for students
Mon. Sept. 5	Labour Day--no school
Tues. Sept. 6	Professional Development Day--no school for students
Wed. Sept. 7	First Day for students
Thur. Sept. 8	Stand Up Against Bullying Day (Pink T-shirt Day)
Wed. Sept. 14	Picture Day (both sites)
Wed. Sept. 28	Curriculum Night (more information to come)
Thurs. Sept. 29	Orange T-shirt Day
Fri. Sept. 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day--no school





# Class Placements and Supply Lists



Due to summer registrations, class configurations have been continuously changing. Although you may have been informed of class placement in June, I would like to inform you that these placements are no longer accurate. We have needed to adjust class lists to include all new and transferring students as well as work within class cap guidelines (maximum of 20-22 students in grades P-2 and 25-27 students in grades 3-6).

We will strive to have the most up-to-date class lists ready by 3pm on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Teachers will be emailing families of their students on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> to inform them of their placement. You can also check PowerSchool after 3 pm on the Sept. 1 when the parent/guardian portal reopens. If you do not have a PowerSchool account, or have forgotten your password, the instructions to reset your password are attached to this email. We may still need to make further changes after September 1<sup>st</sup>; however, we will reach out to families personally if this needs to be done.

Please do not worry about matching supply lists to new teachers. We will ensure that students have all the necessary supplies for their placements. If you have been unable to procure all supplies, please don't worry, we will ensure that students have what they need for this year.

The creation of class lists is always a collaborative task. Teachers, including classroom, specialists and support staff, work together to balance our classes. They take many factors into account when making up lists, including class caps, strengths and needs of each student, healthy peer support, etc.. We cannot accommodate requests for class changes at this time; however, if you have a concern about your child's success at school this year, please reach out to the teacher once you know which class your child is in.

# Healthy Communities

The DEECD announced last week that schools would be opening in a more “typical” fashion this year. We will continue to support families in our community to have a safe and healthy school. With this goal in mind, here is the guidance from the DEECD and Public Health that we will be following this year:

- The province’s Back to School website – <https://novascotia.ca/backtoschool> – contains links to current guidance from Public Health as it relates to COVID-19. Schools will continue to follow this advice. Individuals who test positive will follow the guidance from Public Health. It continues to be the best practice for individuals to stay home when they are feeling unwell.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided to schools.
- The wearing of masks in our schools by students and staff who choose to wear a mask will be supported. We will continue to make masks available in our school for those who choose to wear them.
- DEECD will have more information to share about the availability of rapid test kits in the near future.
- If anyone has symptoms of COVID-19 they should complete the COVID-19 Self-assessment to find out if they need a COVID-19 test.

# Employment Opportunity


Lunch Monitors are needed to support our students. This is a paid position from 12:10-1:10 daily. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, please call the main office at 902-832-8983 or email the school at [sunnyside@hrce.ca](mailto:sunnyside@hrce.ca).

We are willing to consider part-time as well as full-time candidates.

This is a great way to get involved at the school level, spend time with our fabulous students and be part of the amazing team at Sunnyside Elementary.

# Stand Up Against Bullying Day

In Nova Scotia, the second Thursday in September has been designated “Stand Up Against Bullying Day”. School members are invited to wear pink to show their commitment to standing up against bullying. This initiative was started by two high school students in the Annapolis Valley who noticed a classmate being bullied for wearing a pink t-shirt. These students collected as many pink t-shirts as they could and they and their friends wore pink the following day, in support of their classmate. This year, Pink T-Shirt Day, as it has come to be known, is on the 2nd day of school for students, Sept. 8th. We invite students to participate if they are comfortable and able to do so.



Stand Up! Speak Up!



# School Hours

8:50-- the earliest that students can come to school. There is no supervision prior to 8:50 am. Students should endeavor to arrive between 8:50 and 9:05 to be ready to learn when classes begin at 9:10.

9:10--classes begin

10:40--recess

12:10-1:10--lunch-all grades

3:10--dismissal-all grades

## Safe Arrival Reporting

We do attendance each day to make sure that students have safely arrived at school. Last spring we began a new process for reporting student absences via School Messenger. You are able to phone a toll-free number, login to PowerSchool or download an app to report your child's absence from school and these options are available 24 hrs/day. If your child is marked absent and we have not received a report from you by 9:40, you will receive an automated phone call advising you of the absence. You can respond to the call excusing your child. The school will follow up by phone for any un-reported absences after that.

Please see the attached information on the three ways to report a child's absence. When you download the app, you must use the email address you have provided to the school.

## Transportation

If you are eligible for transportation, please remember to activate your BusPlanner account. You will have received an email from BusPlanner to do this. If you cannot find it, check your junk folder or reach out to the transportation department of the HRCE (902-464-2000).

# First Day of School

On the first day of school, we invite students to arrive between 8:50 and 9:05 and for them to come directly into the school. Students at the Eaglewood site will enter by the front door upon their arrival. Students at the Fort Sackville site will receive more details specific to their class from their teacher prior to the first day of school. Staff will be available to help students find their classroom where their teacher will be waiting for them.

Upon dismissal, at Eaglewood, walkers will be dismissed out the back door. Caregivers meeting their students, should wait there. Primary and grade 1 teachers will be sending out additional information to their families prior to Sept. 7th to give details about arrival and dismissal.

Please remember to send a full water bottle to school with your child and have them dress for the weather.

If you are dropping your student off, please respect all “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs to help ensure that all students arrive safely.

