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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first few weeks of the school year! Our students have settled into their routines, classrooms are busy with learning, and it has been wonderful to see our school community reconnect and welcome new families.

We value the strong partnership between home and school and encourage families to reach out whenever they have questions or concerns. The first point of contact should always be your child's classroom teacher or support teachers such as Learning Centre, Resource or Junior High Intervention, as they are best positioned to provide information and support regarding your child's learning and school experience.

As we look ahead, please note that there will be no school on Friday, September 25 as staff participate in a Professional Learning Day. There will also be no school on Wednesday, September 30 as we recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, an important opportunity to reflect, learn, and honour the experiences of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

We are pleased to share that our school lunch program has started once again, with updated menu options available for students. We encourage parents and guardians to register for an account and take advantage of this convenient service by ordering lunches for their children.

On September 24, our school will be participating in the Terry Fox Walk. This annual event provides an opportunity for students to learn about Terry Fox's legacy of courage, determination, and hope. We encourage families to consider making a donation in support of this important cause. Permission slips to follow.

As a follow-up to previous communication, our Lockdown Drill will take place on September 17. The drill is an important part of our school safety procedures and helps ensure that students and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency. Our RCMP Community Officers will be on site to assist and support us during the drill.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a successful and rewarding year of learning together. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Michelle Kavanaugh
Principal

Important Dates

- **Friday, Sept. 25: Professional Development Day – No classes PP-12**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 29: Observe Orange Shirt Day**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No classes PP-12**
- **School Pictures: October 15th-all Grade 6s, 701, 702, 703**
- **School Pictures: October 16th- all grade 8s, 704, 705, 706**

National Day For Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, we honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, and the survivors, families and communities who continue to live with their lasting impacts. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led movement that reminds us that Every Child Matters and encourages all of us to learn, reflect and support truth and reconciliation.

As there are no classes on Wednesday, September 30, we invite students and staff to wear orange, if they're able, on Tuesday, September 29.

Using Bus Planner

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you can choose to receive email and/or text message notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team through the Transportation Inquiry Form [here](#).

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program

We're looking forward to the 2026-27 launch of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! Beginning this school year, the program will be available in all public schools across the province.

Registering and ordering All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system. To get started, visit www.NSLunch.ca and click "Order Now." Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions on how to create a diner account, is available at www.NSLunch.ca.