

BLT Sr. Elementary School

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Principal's Message

June is here and summer vacation is just a few weeks away.

Teachers are busy teaching, assessing, preparing for report cards, planning year end trips, and other special events.

With that said, please relay the message to your children that I give to my staff, "we are not counting down to summer break, we are counting up to September! Every Minute Counts!"

On that note, I am excited to inform you I will be back in September to support your children. It has been a long six months away with my own health and family, but the fall should bring back some normalcy in my life and enable me to come back to work!

Have a great summer & be safe!!

Mr. Myra



June 2025

Dates to Remember:

June 19—FIELD DAY

June 24 —Grade 5 Closing 10:30am

June 27 — Assessment and Evaluation Day—NO SCHOOL

June 30— Last Day (Early Dismissal)

Sept 3— Curriculum Night 5pm

Sept 4 —First Day Back for Students!

Have a great summer!

Important Dates for June

- National Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month
- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

Configuration for 25-26 School Year

Listed below is the configuration with teacher assignments that we know of at this time. We are still in the process of staffing for the 2025-2026 school year. ***YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IN SEPTEMBER WILL CONTACT YOU VIA EMAIL ON SEPTEMBER 2ND, PRIOR TO CURRICULUM NIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 3RD.*** I would like to remind all of you that staffing and grade configuration is not complete in any given school year until the final numbers are submitted at the end of September. Our current configuration for September 2025 is as follows:

English Classes	French Immersion Classes	Support Teachers
2 Blandford	2 Shillington	<u>Early Literacy</u>
2 Ogilvie	2 Notman	<u>Support Teacher—</u>
2 Gong	2/3 K. Webb (Mat	Gray
2 Sargent	Leave)	<u>Learning Centre—</u>
2/3 Ball	3 Stokes	Clothier, Wheaton,
3 Porozov	3/4 Betts	Draband, Smith-
3 Taylor	3/4 McEachern	Rizzato, Murphy
3 Doxtater	4 Andrade	<u>Resource—</u> MacInnis,
4 D. Webb	4/5 Urquhart	Aucoin-Titus, Murphy
4 Bharti	5 Ferguson	<u>Relief Support—</u>
4 Rhyno (Mat Leave)	<u>Specialist Classes</u>	Pelley
4 Blackmore	Core French Cann	<u>Guidance—</u>
5 MacPherson	Music— Pottier Jones	Raymakers, TBD
5 McKearney	and TBD	<u>Support Staff</u>
5 Smith	Phys. Ed—Carrigan	<u>African NS Support—</u>
5 Carnes Arsenault	and Grant	TBD
	Library—Gillam	<u>Child and Youthcare</u>
		<u>Pracitioner—</u>
		Eaglespeaker
		<u>SchoolsPlus—</u>
		Windover

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. Learn more [here](#).



Connect with us!

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services.

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Phone: 902-464-2041
Email: schoolsplus@hrce.ca

2025-26 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2025-26 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.



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 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

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School Supplies for Next Year

Supply lists for the 2025-2026 school year will be posted to the school website before the end of June. Supply lists will be set up by grade level. I will also email the supply lists out to parents before the end of June as well!

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.



Lost and Found

Last call for the many items in our Lost and Found, you are welcome to visit the school during school hours as it will be packed up and donated on June 30th

School Spring Fair Items

Please contact the school 902-876-3230 if you have any Silent Auction, Art Auction or Spring air baskets to pick up

Student Medication

Please come and pick up any medications that the school may have for your child

Late Registration is done online through the HRCE website <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration-updates>

