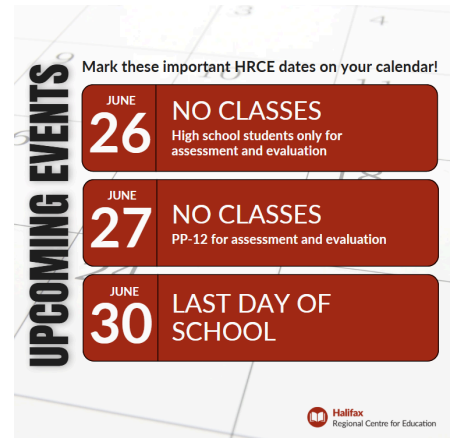




# Nelson Whynder Elementary June 2025 Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 4 - Annual Well Being Day
- June 14 - Spring Fling
- June 18 - Pre-Primary Graduation
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 24 - Afternoon Musical Rehearsal
- June 25 - “I Love My Community” Musical Rehearsal
- June 27 Elementary School Assessment & Evaluation Day
- June 30 Last Day of School/Half Day
- **September 2, 2025 First Day back to school**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear NWES Families,

As we welcome the final month of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible journey this year has been for our students, staff, and families. June is a time of celebration, reflection, and gratitude—and there is so much to be thankful for within our school community.

Our students have grown in so many ways—academically, socially, and emotionally. They have embraced challenges, shown kindness to one another, and engaged deeply in their learning. From classroom projects to school-wide events like Who Am I? Fair, “I love My Community” Musical, Family Bingo Night, and Spring Fling, our students continue to make us proud.

A special thank you to all the families who joined us for our Family Bingo Night—what an incredible turnout! Your presence and participation made the evening fun and memorable for everyone. Events like this remind us of the strength and spirit of the NWES community.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts create nurturing, inclusive spaces where every child feels seen, valued, and supported. And to our families—thank you for your continued partnership, encouragement, and trust. It truly takes a village, and NWES is a strong and united one.

This month, we look forward to many end-of-year activities, including Spring Fling, classroom celebrations, and the upcoming performances of our *I Love My Community* musical. These special moments bring joy and lasting memories for our students.

As we wrap up the year, we encourage everyone to finish strong, take part in the upcoming events, and take pride in all that has been accomplished.

We wish all our students and families a safe, restful, and joyful summer. Thank you for another wonderful year at Nelson Whynder Elementary School!

With gratitude,

*April Desmond*

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**Nelson Whynder Spring Fling**  
**Saturday, June 14th | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The Nelson Whynder Home and School Association, along with the School Advisory Committee, is excited to bring back our Annual Spring Fling! This year’s event will be held on Saturday, June 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we can’t wait to celebrate with all of our students and their families.

Join us, rain or shine, for an afternoon of fun! We’ll have hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, and other treats available for purchase. Enjoy exciting carnival games, including our ever-popular Cake Walk, bouncy castles, and more! Game and activity tickets will be available for purchase at the event. Take a chance on our 50/50 draw or raffle on themed baskets.

To help make this event a success, we need your support! Each grade has been assigned a Theme Basket for our basket raffle. We kindly ask families to donate items related to their child's class theme. If you're short on time, monetary donations or gift cards are also welcome to help us purchase items.

Please send all donations to the school by **June 4, 2025**, so we have time to assemble the baskets. All items must be peanut-free. Thank you!

**Basket Themes by Class:**

- Pre-Primary** (*Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Gray*): A Day at the Beach – Beach towel/blanket, umbrella, sunscreen, bubbles, toys, snacks—anything for a sunny beach day!
- Primary** (*Ms. Cain*): Recess Snacks – Granola bars, gummies, juice boxes, chips, mini cookies, crackers, etc.
- Grade 1/2** (*Mr. LeBlanc*): Craft Basket – Stickers, glue, popsicle sticks, googly eyes, markers, glitter, etc.
- Grade 3/4** (*Ms. Thompson*): Family Road Trip – Travel games, books, snacks, activity books, small toys, neck pillows, etc.
- Grade 4/5** (*Ms. Sparks*): Garden Basket – Seeds, gloves, sun hat, bug spray, tools, sunscreen, gift cards, etc.
- Grade 5/6** (*Ms. Porozov*): SPA Day – Face masks, lotion, nail polish, bath bombs, bubble bath, shower cap, etc.

**Calling All Bakers!**

We’re looking for your delicious baked goods to help make our Cake Walk activity a sweet success!



Can you donate the cake, cupcakes, or cookies you're famous for? We would love to feature your treats as prizes for our Cake Walk event.

If you’re able to contribute, please send in your baked item by **Friday, June 13, by 2:30 PM**. This will help us ensure we have enough goodies for everyone to enjoy!

Thank you for your support and generosity!

**Can You Volunteer?**

We’d love your help! If you're able to volunteer at the event, please call the school so we can add your name to our list and assign you to a station. No amount of time is too small—every bit helps!

We’re looking forward to a fantastic day of fun and community.  
See you at the Spring Fling!

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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 your school. Learn more [here](#).



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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](https://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

Friendly reminder if you have a pre-primary or primary child and have not registered for the 2025-2026 school year see information below

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 3. To ensure we have the right staff and support in place for September, it’s important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):



- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract)

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don’t have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

Nova Scotia's new **Safe Schools Strategy**, including an updated Provincial School Code of Conduct, focuses on creating safer and more supportive learning environments for all students and staff. The strategy includes clearer definitions of unacceptable behaviors, a matrix for consistent responses, and stronger support for students and staff. It also emphasizes the importance of reporting incidents and provides detailed guidance through professional development.

**We'd love your feedback as we continue to develop our mission statement and matrix of expectations. If you have any suggestions, please contact us at the school.**

**Mission Statement:**

At Nelson Whynder Elementary School, we work together to make our school a safe, kind, and welcoming space for everyone. We believe every student has a voice and can make choices to help them learn and grow. We strive for academic excellence by working hard, believing in ourselves (Kujichagulia), and showing unity and care for one another (Umoja). We celebrate what makes each of us unique—our stories, strengths, and who we are. With Ujima and Ujamaa, we take care of our community, share responsibilities, and lift each other up. We use our creativity (Kuumba) to solve problems, set goals with purpose (Nia), and believe in ourselves, our families, and our future (Imani). Together, we grow, achieve, and keep learning for life.

**Nelson Whynder Elementary Matrix:**

	Respect (Umoja)	Responsibility & Safety (Kujichagulia)	Community (Ujima & Ujamaa)	Striving for Excellence (Nia, Kuumba, Imani)
Classroom	Use kind words and listen to others. Whole body listening.	Focus on your work and follow directions.	Help your classmates and keep your space clean. Take care of your own belongings and school property.	Try your best, be creative, and believe in yourself.
Hallway	Walk quietly and give others space.	Stay in line and go where you're supposed to.	Respect displays, keep belongings tidy, and keep hands to yourself.	Stay focused on where you're going.
Bathrooms	Respect everyone's privacy.	Use time wisely and return quickly.	Keep it clean.	Make healthy choices and do what's right.
Playground	Include others and play fair.	Follow rules and use equipment safely.	Share and help others.	Try new games and show a positive attitude.
Library	Use quiet voices and listen closely.	Choose books and return them on time.	Take care of books and library materials.	Read, explore, and grow your thinking.
Assembly	Listen to the speaker and clap kindly.	Sit still and stay with your class.	Show respect to guests and performers.	Think about what you learn and how it helps you grow.
Bus	Use polite words and voices.	Stay seated and follow directions.	Keep the bus clean and safe for all.	Be patient and responsible on your way to and from school.

**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.

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**Upcoming School Events**

- June 4 - Annual Well Being Day
- June 14 - Spring Fling
- June 18-Pre Primary Graduation
- June 24 -Afternoon Musical Reheasal
- June25 -”I love My Community” Musical Rehearsal
- June 26 - Grade 6 Celebration Ceremony

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**Dental Clinic**

**Important June Update from Your Dental Clinic**

Summer closure dates are approaching! If you have any concerns about your child's dental treatment, please contact the clinic as soon as possible #902-462-2041.

**June 12th** is the last day for our children's clinic. We'll announce our reopening date for children's appointments once the new school year schedule is confirmed in September.

Our adult clinic will reopen on **September 9, 2025**.

**Dental Emergencies During Our Closure**

If you experience a dental emergency while we're closed, please:

- Call **902-494-2101** to have your call directed.
- Contact your family dentist.
- Go to the IWK Health Centre.



School Bus Safety Reminder

More than 33,000 HRCE students take the school bus. Making sure they have a safe and happy trip to and from school is very important to us. Please talk with your child about school bus safety on a regular basis. Students should tell their bus driver and/or school principal if they have any problems.

Here are some important safety tips:

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Positive Participation Awards

Positive Participation Awards for the Month of **May** -Winners Will be given out their awards at the **June Assembly**

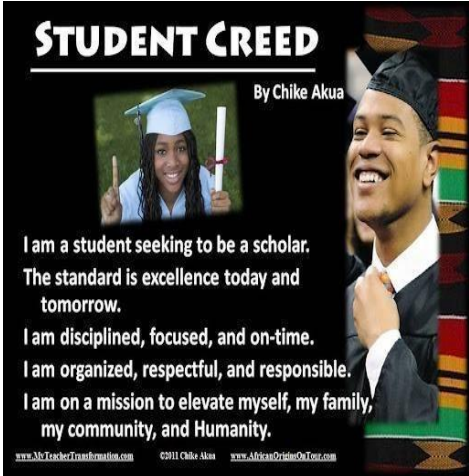
<p><b>Classroom Awards</b></p> <p>Pre Primary: <b>Kalayah Simmonds</b></p> <p>Primary/One: <b>Kehlani Glasgow-Beals</b></p> <p>Grade One/Two: <b>Alijah Smith</b></p> <p>Grade Three/Four: <b>Ni’Kalen Beals</b></p> <p>Grade Four/Five: <b>Shanaea Beals</b></p> <p>Grade Five/Six: <b>Lynaijah Smith</b></p> 	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>Primary/One: <b>Nevaeh Downey</b></p> <p>Grade One/Two: <b>Heaven Downey</b></p> <p>Grade Three/Four: <b>Tyasia Smith-Casey</b></p> <p>Grade Four/Five: <b>Daylon Flint</b></p> <p>Grade Five/Six: <b>Jaylen Lundrigan</b></p> <p><b>Art</b></p> <p>Primary/One: <b>Damaesiah Smith</b></p> <p>Grade One/Two: <b>Nalah Willis-Grant</b></p> <p>Grade Three/Four: <b>TBA</b></p> <p>Grade Four/Five: <b>Tyricco Beals</b></p> <p>Grade Five/Six: <b>Maliki Brownie</b></p>	<p><b>Phys.Ed.</b></p> <p>Primary/One: <b>Damaesiah Smith</b></p> <p>Grade One/Two: <b>Leshae White</b></p> <p>Grade Three/Four: <b>Lavonia Beals</b></p> <p>Grade Four/Five: <b>Ra’Kyien Beals</b></p> <p>Grade Five/Six: <b>Zy’Zayian Provo</b></p> <p><b>French</b></p> <p>Grade Four/Five: <b>Tyvaiah Smith-Casey</b></p> <p>Grade Five/Six: <b>Tyler Cain</b></p>
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