



Nelson Whynder Elementary May Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **June 9:** Field Day (June 11 Rain date)
- **June 21** is National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **June 23 - 26:** School Spirit Week
- **June 26:** Grade 6 Closing Event
- **June 29:** Assessment & evaluation day - **No Classes ALL SCHOOLS**
- **June 30:** Last day of school
- National Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear NWES Families,

As we enter the final month of the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many successes we have shared as a school community. June is a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration, and we have much to be proud of at Nelson Whynder Elementary School.

Family Bingo Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Bingo Night. It was wonderful to see so many families come together for an evening of fun, laughter, and community. A special thank you goes to our staff and volunteers who helped make the event such a success.

Black Excellence Day

Our Black Excellence Day was a powerful celebration of heritage, leadership, and community. Students participated in collaborative activities, enjoyed an inspiring presentation from guest speaker Thayra Gray, and demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the day. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this meaningful event possible.

Wellness Day

Our annual Wellness Day provided students with opportunities to focus on their spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical well-being. Through engaging activities led by staff and community partners, students explored healthy living, mindfulness, movement, and self-care.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, supportive families, and incredible students for making NWES such a caring and vibrant school community. Your partnership and commitment help ensure that every child feels valued, supported, and successful.

We encourage everyone to finish the year strong and enjoy the many celebrations and activities still to come.

Wishing all our students and families a safe, restful, and joyful summer.

With gratitude,

April Desmond
Principal, Nelson Whynder Elementary School



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.



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.

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. 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!

Access Awareness Week - May 31 to June 6

Access Awareness Week in Nova Scotia, taking place May 31–June 6, 2026, is an opportunity to recognize the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and the leadership of people with disabilities. This year's theme, "Disability Justice: Stronger Together, First Voice Leading Change for Collective Action," emphasizes the importance of centering lived experience and working collaboratively to create meaningful, lasting change.

In schools, this week is a powerful reminder that inclusion is everyone's responsibility. Classrooms are where understanding begins – through learning, conversation, and action. By listening to diverse voices, removing barriers, and fostering accessible learning environments, educators and students help build school communities where all learners feel valued and supported.

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.

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Life-Threatening Allergies

Nelson Whynder Elementary School kindly asks that all families continue to respect our Life-Threatening Allergy Policy. Please note that students and staff have life-threatening allergies, including those to **nuts, fish, shellfish, and various scent sensitivities**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, as it helps us maintain a safer environment for everyone.



Positive Participation Awards For the Month will be announced in the Next Newsletter

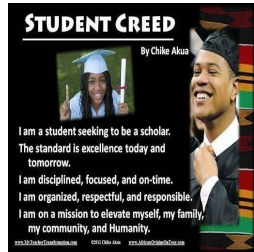


Photo Gallery

Black Excellence Day



Wellness Day May 29th



Safe Arrival

Safe Arrival If your child will not be attending school or will be late, it is imperative that you call the school's safe arrival line at **1-833-582-6940** or visit <https://sishrs.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to record them as absent. The automated system will call out for all unaccounted absences. If your child will be arriving late, please record them as absent, and the office will mark them present once they have arrived at school. The automated system is not set up to account for half day absences. Daily attendance and prompt arrival at school ensure your child(ren) and all other students in the class a successful start to their day. Missing even 10 minutes of a morning routine can interrupt student learning. We encourage parents to call the safe arrival line rather than calling the school.



SAC News

Our next meeting is at **6pm Monday 29th May, 2026.**