

September 2024 Joseph Howe Elementary "Building on Brilliance!"

Bell and Lunch Schedule

8:20 am - Arrival

8:30 am - First Bell

8:40 am - Learning Begins

12:10 pm -1:10 pm - Lunch

2:40 pm - Dismissal

Note:

If your child is arriving after 8:40 they are missing out on teacher instructions.

School News

This year is going to be great. We have many new students and staff at Joseph Howe School.

We were excited to welcome everyone to the school today, we saw so many smiling faces!



Communication between home and school is an essential element leading to students' success. Please notify your child's teacher promptly if you have any changes to your email or contact numbers. We will be sharing school information via email often during the school year.

Your can find your child's teacher email via the school website:

https://jsh.hrce.ca/

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Calendar Highlights

Sept. 5 - First Day of School

Sept. 12 - Stand Up to Bullying Day - We will be wearing Pink!

Sept. 26 - Picture Day

Sept. 30 - Observation of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - **No School**

Lunch Hour - September 2024

The lunch period at our school is from 12:10 pm - 1:10 pm. Your child will be eating at either 12:10 pm or 12:40 pm. The children have a 30 minute eating time and a 30 minute play time..

We will not be able to have students leaving the school without parent supervision during the lunch period, unless the students regularly go home for the entire lunch period.

Please do not send money with your child to school in hopes that an adult will take them to the pizza store. We are not able to take children out of the school at lunch.

Please send your child's lunch at the beginning of the day, as lunch is a busy time and we do not have extra staff to deliver lunches.

Teachers will let you know when your child(ren) will be eating lunch and playing outside.

Reminders

Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle as the new fountains in the school are set-up to only dispense water into water bottles.



School Supplies

Our school supplies have arrived!

We would like to once again thank our PALS partners, Irving Ship Building and The Halifax Harbour Rotary Club who helped ensure each student has the school supplies they will need to be successful at school.

If you have supplies that you have purchased feel free to store them at home as they can be used next year.



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Safe Arrival Program

1-833-582-6940

If you have a new phone number or email address please contact the school so that we can ensure that you are getting the latest information from the school and your child's teacher.

It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to identify if their child/ren will be absent.

You are now able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

For more information please follow the link below:

https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival

Lunch Program

We will be sending out information to families around the new provincial lunch program soon.

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	September 2024					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 First Day of School	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Stand Up to Bullying Day - Wear Pink!	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Wear Orange	28
29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation					



National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Lunch Monitors

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Our school is continually looking for lunch monitors. If you are interested in being a lunch monitor at Joseph Howe School please feel free to reach out to Mr. Thomas at:

pthomas@hrce.ca

The day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led, grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and support the "Every Child Matters" movement. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

As September 30 falls on a Saturday this year, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 27. All classes will be canceled on Monday, September 30th, 2024 in recognition of this day.

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