

## **Bedford South School: June Family Newsletter**

### **A Message from Ms. Foster**

Happy June, Bedford South families!

It is hard to believe that we have reached the final month of the school year. June is always a busy and exciting time at Bedford South School as we celebrate student learning, growth and accomplishments.

Our students and staff are looking forward to many field trips, special activities and year-end celebrations throughout the month. These experiences provide wonderful opportunities for students to connect their learning to the world around them while creating lasting memories with classmates and staff.

We recently welcomed our newest students and families during our Primary Orientation, which was a tremendous success. It was wonderful to meet our future Bedford South students and begin building relationships with the families who will be joining our school community in September.

We are also very excited for our upcoming Spring Fair on June 13. This event is always a highlight of the school year and provides a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together. Tickets are available through SchoolCash Online, and we encourage families to purchase them in advance.

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support, partnership and commitment to making Bedford South School a welcoming and inclusive place to learn.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warmly,

**BSS Admin Team**

### **Important Dates to Remember**

#### **June Important Dates**

- June 13 – Spring Fair
- June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 26 – No Classes for High School Students (Assessment and Evaluation Day)

- June 29 – No Classes for PP-12 Students (Assessment and Evaluation Day)
- June 30 – Last Day of School

### **Important Weeks & Recognitions**

- National Indigenous History Month
- Pride Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month

### **Spring Fair**

Our Spring Fair is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to a fun-filled evening for students and families on June 13. 10:30-1:30pm

There will be games, activities, prizes and opportunities for our school community to come together and celebrate another successful school year.

Tickets are available through SchoolCash Online. We thank our Home & School Association and volunteers for helping make this event possible.

### **Nova Scotia Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher Program**

Once again this year, students across Nova Scotia 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. 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!

### **Thank You to Our Home & School Association**

A huge thank you to our amazing Home & School Association for their ongoing fundraising efforts and support throughout the year.

Their dedication and generosity have a direct impact on our students and school community. Because of their support, Bedford South School has been able to provide exciting field trips, special events, school resources and enriching learning opportunities for students.

We truly appreciate all that they do for our school.

### **Safety Reminder**

As we move into the busy final weeks of school, please remember that the upper parking lot remains a Drop-Off Only Zone.

Families are asked not to park or leave vehicles unattended in the circle to help ensure student safety during arrival and dismissal.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

### **2026–27 Bus Information**

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 with instructions for accessing the Parent Portal and viewing their child's transportation information.

Please note that previous Parent Portal login information will not work. Families will need to activate their new account and create a password using the instructions provided.

If you require assistance, please contact Student Transportation at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or 902-431-4723.

### **Be Tick Aware in Nova Scotia**

Ticks continue to be active throughout Nova Scotia during the spring and summer months. While Nova Scotia is home to several kinds of ticks, only blacklegged ticks can transmit illnesses such as Lyme disease.

Families are encouraged to take precautions when spending time outdoors by:

- Wearing light-coloured clothing
- Using insect repellent when appropriate

- Checking clothing, backpacks and pets for ticks
- Performing daily tick checks, especially around the scalp, behind the ears, under the arms and behind the knees

For more information about tick safety, please visit [NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety](https://NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety).

## **Listen to Lead: Year 2**

Listen to Lead, HRCE's annual consultation process, is more than just a survey. It is an ongoing commitment to partnership, continuous improvement and ensuring schools reflect the voices and experiences of the communities they serve.

Thank you to the many families who participated in this year's consultation and shared their thoughts, feedback and vision for public education.

## **Operation Landline by Unplugged Canada**

Unplugged Canada has launched a new resource called Operation Landline to help families reconnect children with safe and healthy communication opportunities without the distractions of smartphones.

The initiative encourages families to consider landline options as a way to support independence, strengthen social skills and foster meaningful connections with friends and neighbours.

Families interested in learning more can explore resources available through Unplugged Canada.

## **Sun Safety & Outdoor Reminders**

As we spend more time outdoors during the warmer weather, families are encouraged to apply sunscreen to children before they come to school.

Please do not send aerosol or spray sunscreen products to school. Families are also encouraged to apply insect repellent before students arrive at school. Please do not send bug spray with students.

We also ask that toys remain at home unless specifically requested by the classroom teacher. Toys brought to school can easily become lost, damaged or create distractions during the school day. Thank you for your support and understanding.

**Last Day of School**

The last day of school for students is June 30.

On behalf of the staff of Bedford South School, thank you for a wonderful school year. We wish all of our students and families a safe, happy and relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.