Central Spryfield Elementary

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September 2026 News

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

We are so excited to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year at Central! Our teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing returning students, meeting new faces, and making the year ahead a great one for everyone.

Families can expect to hear from their child's homeroom teacher by **email or phone between September 1st and 2nd**. Teachers will be reaching out to introduce themselves and welcome you to the new school year.

Please mark your calendars for **Curriculum Night** on **September 24th from 5:30–7:00 PM**. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet your child(ren)'s teacher, learn more about the year ahead, and ask any questions you may have.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Central community. Here's to a happy, successful, and exciting year ahead!

Dates to Remember

- **Sept. 3** – First day of classes for students
- **Sept. 7** – Labour Day (no classes)
- **Sept. 10 -** Stand Up to Bullying Day - Wear PINK!
- **Sept. 24** - Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social 5:30-7:00pm
- **Sept. 25 -** PD Day (no classes for students)
- **Sept. 29** - Orange Shirt Day in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day
- **Sept. 30** - Truth and Reconciliation Day observed (no classes)

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival – Classes start at 8:50 am. This includes Music and Phys. Ed.. Please ensure that students arrive to school on time. Students may arrive anytime between 8:35 am-8:45 am. Students enter the building upon arrival. A staff person will greet them at their designated entrance door and additional support staff will ensure that students arrive at their classrooms safely once they enter the school. Children cannot be dropped off or arrive at school before 8:35 am. This is when supervision begins.

Dismissal – At 2:50 pm students will dismiss from the doors they entered in the morning. We kindly ask that families refrain from picking up students early, as it can be very disruptive to the school's operations and valuable instructional time. To ensure that every student benefits from a full day of learning, students will not be called down to the office for dismissal between 2:30 pm – 2:50 pm.

Parking Lot Safety

It is important that we work together to ensure student safety in the parking lot of our school. Please remember that the parking lot of the school is **strictly for staff** during the school day. Please take note of the many no parking signs on the street as staff are trying to safely load or unload bus students before and after school. Student safety is our number one priority.



School Bell Schedule

8:35 - Students start arriving

8:50 - Classes begin

11:50-12:45 - Lunch

2:50 - Dismissal

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a provincially mandated group that acts in an advisory capacity to the school principal. Our SAC is made up of administration, teaching and support staff representatives, parents/guardians and community members. The SAC meets 6 times each year and discusses a variety of topics surrounding student success in our school. If you are interested in being part of our School Advisory Council, please give the main office a call or contact Karen Muldowney-Doran (principal) Kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca

Birthday Treats at School

Please do not send birthday cakes, cupcakes or other treats to school. We have many students with food sensitivities as noted above. The safety of our students is always our priority. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

PEANUT SMART AND "SCENT"SITIVE SCHOOL

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches that are nut-free.
Many of our students have medical conditions that can be triggered by scented products. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

Lunch Monitors and EPA subs

We are in need of substitutes for our Educational Program Assistants and Lunch Monitors. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact us at the school for more information. 902- 479- 4286

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program

Ordering is Now Open!

We're looking forward to the 2026-27 launch of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! Beginning this school year, the program will be available in all public schools across the province.

Start date

Lunches at your school will begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Key dates for the first ordering cycle:

- Ordering opens: Friday, August 28
- Ordering closes: Wednesday, September 2, at noon

Registering and ordering

All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system. To get started, visit www.NSLunch.ca and click "Order Now." Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions on how to create a diner account, is available at www.NSLunch.ca.



Stand Up Against Bullying Day is September 10

On Stand Up Against Bullying Day, we come together to promote kindness, inclusion and respect in our school communities.

Every student deserves to feel safe, supported and welcome at school. On Thursday, September 10, we invite students and staff to wear pink, if they're able, and help show that bullying has no place in our schools.

Together, we can help create school communities where everyone feels they belong.

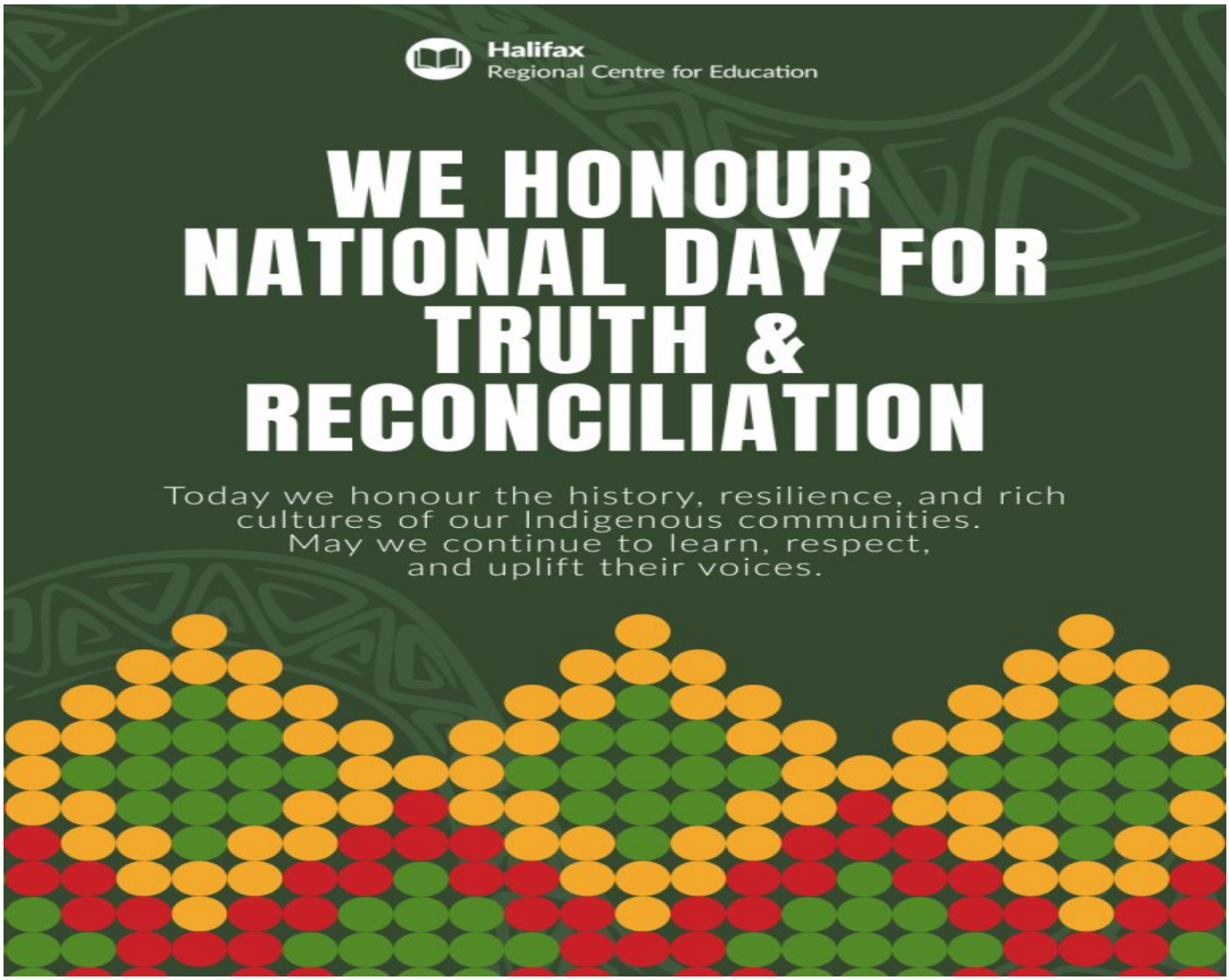


Join us in observing National Day For Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, we honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, and the survivors, families and communities who continue to live with their lasting impacts.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led movement that reminds us that Every Child Matters and encourages all of us to learn, reflect and support truth and reconciliation.

As there are no classes on Wednesday, September 30, we invite students and staff to wear orange, if they're able, on Tuesday, September 29.

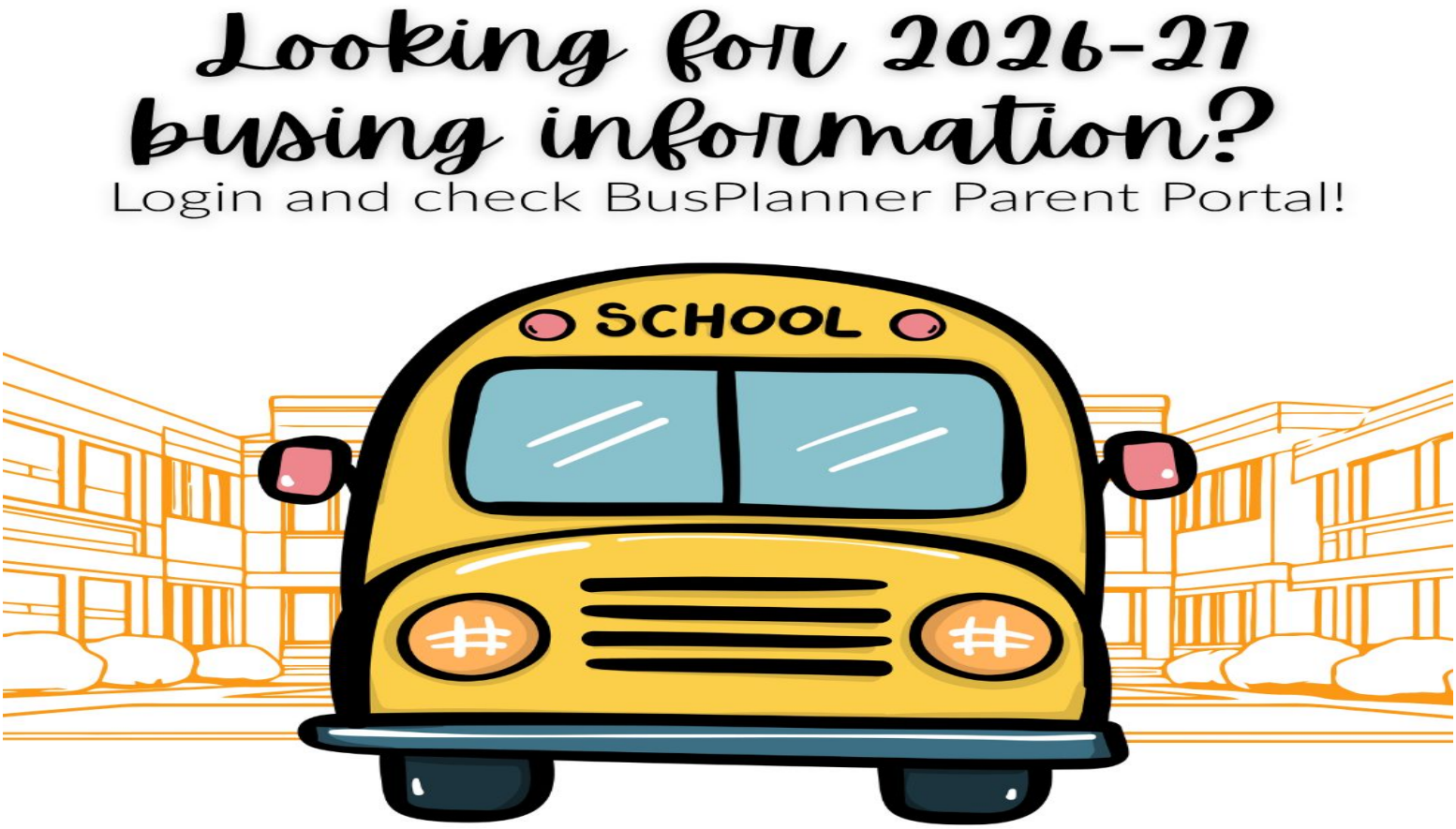


Using BusPlanner

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you can choose to receive email and/or text message notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team though the Transportation Inquiry Form here.



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