

June  
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# Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary

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## Upcoming Dates

**June is Pride and  
Indigenous Heritage  
Month!**

### June 11

Spring Social  
5pm-6:30pm  
(Bring your supper and a  
blanket/lawn chairs. We  
will have lawn games  
and more.)

### June 23

Field Day

### June 24

Field Day (rain date)

### June 26

Grade 5 Closing at  
9:30am

### June 29

Assessment and  
Evaluation Day  
(no classes)

### June 30

Last Day (early dismissal  
at 11am)

**First Day Back to school  
is Thursday, September  
3rd.**

### School Calendar:

The school calendar for  
the 2026-2027 school  
year is now available at  
[www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca).

### School Hours P-5

8:40 Playground  
Supervision Begins  
8:55 Students enter  
9:00 Classes Begin  
10:35-10:50 Recess  
12:00-12:55 Lunch  
3:00 Dismissal

## Message to Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Families:

Well, we have made it to the last month of the school year! The end of the year is always bittersweet. While we are excited that summer has almost arrived and our students will get to enjoy a well-deserved break, it is also a time to reflect on the many accomplishments, memories, and experiences that have made this year so special. We have been incredibly proud to watch our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally, and to see the kindness, resilience, and enthusiasm they bring to our school each day.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, supportive families, volunteers, and community partners for your ongoing support throughout the year. Together, we have created a caring and positive learning environment where students can thrive. The success of our school is truly the result of the strong partnerships we share, and we are grateful for the role each of you plays in our school community.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside such an amazing group of students, staff, and families this year. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable upcoming summer break filled with fun, laughter, and time with loved ones. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and growth.

See you on **Thursday, September 3rd.**

Carrie McBay      Nancy Smith  
Principal            Vice Principal



### School Supplies:

We will be providing school supplies lists for grades P-5 on the school website <https://amc.hrce.ca/> by July 1st. Please don't hesitate in September to reach out to the school if you require financial assistance. We are happy to help out.



**Last day of school:**

Tuesday, June 30th is the last day of school. We will begin dismissing students at 11am. Don't forget to check BusPlanner for the arrival times.

**Library Books:**

It is that time of year again when we are trying to locate all of the books that belong to the school. We are asking that everyone check their homes carefully for books that may belong to AMTB and send them in ASAP. This includes classroom, resource and library books.

**SchoolsPlus Support for the 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 Bonnie Pero at [BPero@hrce.ca](mailto:BPero@hrce.ca). Learn more [here](#).

**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 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.



## 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.

## 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](https://NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety) to learn more.