

SEPTEMBER 2025

# SYCAMORE LANE

## NEWSLETTER



Welcome to a new school year! We are thrilled to see our classrooms and hallways filled with excitement, curiosity, and smiling faces once again. At Sycamore Lane, we believe every child has special strengths, and we are committed to helping each one grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our dedicated teachers and staff are ready to guide, support, and inspire students each day. Together, we will create a safe, caring, and positive environment where kindness, respect, and learning thrive.

We look forward to a wonderful year filled with learning.

S. Boudreau and L. Spence

## BUS PLANNER

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](https://hrce.mybusplanner.ca) and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

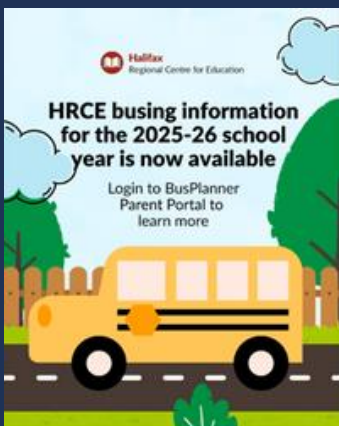
Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or call 902-431-4723.

## STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

On Thursday, September 11, we will celebrate inclusivity, kindness and friendship. All HRCE school teams are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive.

Please join us and wear pink if you're able on September 11 to take a stand against bullying.



[HTTPS://SLE.HRCE.CA](https://sle.hrce.ca)

# POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool Opens for Families on September 3

PowerSchool will open to families on Wednesday, September 3 at 3 p.m. In PowerSchool, you'll be able to view you child's teacher(s) and/or class schedule.



# TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

Join us in observing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement.

As there are no classes on Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 26.



# SCHOOL CASH

Paying for school items just got easier!  
Sign up to get started today.

## What is SchoolCash Online?

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.  
[Learn more](#)



Register

Sign In

SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently.

register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms. [Click here](#) for more information.

# SAFE ARRIVAL

SchoolMessenger's SafeArrival is an absence-management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

## Interactive Toll-Free Phone

- Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system at 1-833-582-6940
- Follow the instructions to report an absence

## SchoolMessenger Through PowerSchool

- Log into the [Parent Portal](#) of PowerSchool
- If signing in for the first time, follow the instructions at the bottom of the page
- Select the SchoolMessenger link from the left-hand menu
- Select Attendance from the menu, then select Report an Absence

## App

- Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices
- Sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address) that the school has on record for you
- Click on Attendance

Absences can be reported in advance, up to the start of the school day on the date of your child's absence:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week



A new way to report student absences

[hrce.ca/SafeArrival](http://hrce.ca/SafeArrival)



# SCHOOL CALENDAR



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Meet the Teacher 6:00 - 7:00	2 Professional Learning Day No School	3 Professional Learning Day No School	4 First Day of School for Students	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Stand Up for Bullying Wear Pink	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Orange Shirt Day Popcorn Day	27
28 Professional Learning Day No School	29 Professional Learning Day No School	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day No School				

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

- Thursday Sept. 4: First day of school for students!
- Thursday Sept. 11: Stand Up Against Bullying Day
- Fourth week of September: [Gender Equality Week](#)
- Friday Sept. 26: Observe Orange Shirt Day
- Monday Sept. 29: Professional Development Day – No classes PP-12
- Tuesday Sept. 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation