

CRICHTON PARK CHRONICLE

September 2026

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WELCOME BACK!

Dear Families,

We are excited to begin the 2026-27 school year and look forward to reconnecting with our students and families, new and returning! As we get started, please take a few minutes to read through our first newsletter. It is a bit longer than usual, but includes important information for the start of the school year.

We are also pleased to welcome our new staff members to Crichton Park:

- Ms. Margeson – Pre-Primary Lead
- Ms. Scoville – Grade Primary/One
- Ms. Burke – Grade One/Two
- Ms. Gelineau – Grade Three/Four
- Ms. Deveaux – Grade Five

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year together. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Yours in education,

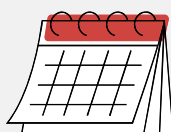
Suzanne Hawkes and Tracy MacDonald



UPCOMING DATES

- Sept. 8 - School Lunch begins
- Sept. 9 - Home & School Meeting 6:00 in person
- Sept. 10 - Stand Up Against Bullying (invited to wear pink)
- Sept. 17 - Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social 6-7pm
- Sept. 22 - Terry Fox Walk 1:15
- Sept. 24 - Picture Day (individual and classes)
- Sept. 25 - PD Day, no school for students
- Sept. 29 - Observe Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 30 - Truth and Reconciliation Day, no school

HRCE calendar for 2026-27
<https://www.hrce.ca/calendars>



Friendly Reminders – please read 🐾

- **Dogs at School:** Please keep dogs off school property when students are present including arrival and dismissal. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Office Protocol:** Please check in at the office if entering the school for any reason during the school day.
- **Parking lot:** Staff parking only from 8am-4pm. Please use street parking for drop-offs and pick-ups, including Excel.
- **Front of school:** This is for accessible parking, deliveries and prearranged pick ups/drop offs.
- **Student Safety:** Students may be out front during recess and lunch, so avoid driving and parking in front of the building.
- **No Stopping Zone:** The area in front of the school is a no stopping zone (refer to HRM signage).
- **Address Updates:** Inform the office of any changes to your address currently in PowerSchool.
- **Serious allergies:** These include sesame, peanuts and tree nuts. There are sensitivities to scents.



At Crichton Park, we spark curiosity, build resilience, foster respectful relationships, and create lasting memories in a safe, caring space where every child belongs.

Nova Scotia schools have developed a matrix highlighting school-wide expectations that promote a positive, respectful and safe learning environment for all. This aligns with the revised Provincial Code of Conduct. Please see the last page of the newsletter to access the matrix for you to view and also review with your child(ren). We look forward to continuing to work with you! <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/school-safety>

We often use School Cash for purchasing tickets, school clothing and fundraising items. Please consider signing up! To get started, please register for SchoolCash Online. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click Register to get started. Need support? [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support)



WE HONOUR NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Today we honour the history, resilience, and rich cultures of our Indigenous communities. May we continue to learn, respect, and uplift their voices.

Support the Crichton Park Home & School Association!

We're excited to kick off another year of fun events that bring our school community together while raising funds to support our students!

Last year, we hosted the Ice Cream Social, Halloween Howl, Movie Night, Chocolate Bar Bingo, and our biggest event of the year, the Spring Fair. Funds raised helped support field trips, including costly bus fees, and provided classroom supplies and resources requested by teachers, helping ensure they don't have to pay out of pocket. Altogether, we contributed approximately \$11000 in support of our school.

Looking for a way to get involved and make a difference for Crichton Park students? The Home & School Association meets once a month on Wednesday evenings at the school, with a virtual attendance option available. It's a great way to learn more about the school, help plan community events, and contribute to an even better school experience for our students. Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.! Whether you can attend regularly, lend a hand at an event, or, if you have the means, make a financial donation, every contribution helps make Crichton Park an even better place for our students.

We're starting a fresh email list this year, so whether you're new to the HSA or returning to lend a hand, please fill out our [contact information form](#).

Questions, interested in joining, or want to be added to our mailing list?

Contact us at CrichtonParkHSA@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at "CPS Home and School Association."

Please read about our School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) will hold its first meeting of the year on September 24.

At its June meeting, the SAC agreed to support Releasing Writers, an evidence-based writing instruction program. This program will help strengthen writing instruction and support student success in writing across the school. We are excited that teacher training will begin this fall. Learn more at www.thinkSRSD.com. Do you have a suggestion or concern – let us know!

Families are encouraged to share issues or concerns they would like the SAC to bring forward to HRCE. The SAC communicates regularly with HRCE and follows up. Last spring, the SAC raised concerns about heating and cooling, pavement conditions, and the school lunch program.

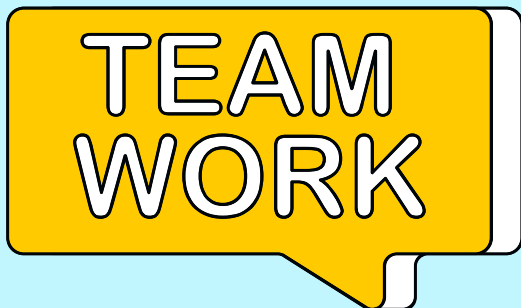
Want to get involved?

SAC meetings are virtual and open to the public. The SAC is also seeking an additional community member. To attend a meeting, raise an issue, or learn more about membership, please contact Nancy Bray, SAC Chair at hrce-sac-crp@gnspe.ca or Principal Hawkes.

We look forward to hearing from families and working together to support students this year!

More information is available at [School Advisory Councils](#) | Education and Early Childhood Development.

Nancy Bray
SAC Chair



☀️ COUNSELLOR'S CORNER ☀️

Welcome back to a wonderful new school year!

My name is Jennifer Adams, and I am excited to continue supporting our students and families as your School Counsellor.

How I Support Our Students: I work directly with students to help them navigate everyday challenges, build resilience, and thrive at school.

- **Individual Counselling:** Providing one-on-one support for anxiety, grief, anger, low mood, parental separation or divorce, body image, self-esteem, friendship difficulties, family stress, and peer conflict.
- **Small Group Sessions:** Bringing together students who share similar experiences or concerns to support one another.
- **Classroom Lessons:** Teaming up with teachers to deliver full-class lessons focused on healthy relationships and positive social skills.
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🎉 **Exciting News:** I am thrilled to introduce my Counselling Practicum Student, Ms. Michelle Foster, to the Crichton Park Elementary community. Ms. Foster is currently completing her Master's in Counselling at Acadia University and will be working alongside me through December.

✉️ **How to Connect & Access Services:** Parent and guardian referrals are always welcome.

- **Direct Email:** jadams@hrce.ca
- **Consent Process:** Please note that a new consent form is required for every school year. Once you reach out, I will generate the form and send it home with your child. Simply sign and return it to your child's classroom teacher!

Welcome back to Phys Ed.

I'm so excited to be back for another year at Crichton Park, there will be a lot of news coming from the gym this year so keep an eye out in the newsletters. Starting off are two great events: Terry Fox (see the section on that) and Cross-Country Running Meet for grades 4-6 information will be out soon about practices and meets. This will be combined with our Dr. of NS Run Club this year!

Along with fun extra events, Physical Education classes will be working on so many different things, including of course MOVEMENT, therefore can you please ensure your child(ren) have proper indoor sneakers. If you need help acquiring these please let Ms. Hudson know. Crocs, yes even in sport mode, are not safe. Thank you in advance for helping your child(ren) be prepared for fun and learning in PE this year.

-Ms. Hudson

Terry Fox Walk/Run at Crichton Park School

September 22nd at 1:15 (rain date 23rd)

More info to follow!

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue.

It's got to keep going without me"- Terry Fox



School Area	S Show Respect	T Take Responsibility	A Act with Accountability *make something right	R Reach for Your Best
Classrooms	I listen when others are talking and <i>consider</i> their ideas. I wait my turn to talk.	I keep my area clean and stay organized.	I own up to mistakes and ask for help when needed.	I focus and always try my best in every task.
Hallway	I walk quietly and respect others' personal space and items on the walls or on hooks.	I move safely to my destination and stay on task.	I apologize right away if I accidentally bump into someone.	I stay to the right side of the hallway and avoid distractions.
Playground	I take turns and try to include others in games.	I take turns on equipment and in games.	I tell the truth if I make a mistake or hurt someone.	I play fairly and show good sportsmanship.
Bathroom	I give others privacy and keep the space clean.	I wash my hands and take care of the space.	I tell an adult if there's an issue or if something's broken.	I use the bathroom quickly and responsibly.

I Always try to

- Respect the identity of others (don't comment on anything that cannot be changed in 30 seconds)
- Show respect to adults in school
- Listen in class and use my voice when it's time
- Use my hands and feet safely
- Respect others' personal space bubbles
- Use manners and a kind tone of voice
- Be kind and helpful to my peers and adults with my words and actions
- Be a responsible digital citizen when working online