



Thank you for a wonderful startup week!

Our theme for the month of September is **Kindness**. Staff are discussing the importance of being kind, especially during this transition time. Everyone is looking for a sense of belonging and security as they enter school. Kindness is a simple act that can make a huge difference!

The staff at Caudle Park (CPES) is looking forward to a wonderful year of collaboration and learning. Teachers reached out last week to introduce themselves and connect with hopes of a happy and safe start.

COMMUNICATION

Although it is a very busy time of year for parents and teachers alike, returning to school is always exciting - full of promise and new beginnings. Ms Sperry and I, along with the teaching staff, believe in keeping the lines of communication open. Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions, concerns or compliments. We look forward to working with all of you as partners to provide the best educational opportunities for all of our students.

Some of the many ways we will communicate with you this year are through school newsletters, email, the CPES parent/guardian handbook, email through School Messenger technology, phone calls, student agenda, twitter, and the school website. We work diligently to keep our website as up to date as possible. Please check it regularly at <https://cap.hrce.ca/>

If you have not received our parent/guardian handbook, let us know and we will email it to you. It is very important that we have the most up-to-date information from you in case of an emergency. Moreover, it facilitates ongoing communication between school and home.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Signs have been posted on the doors as a reminder of entrance and exit doors for each grade level. Please help us by doing the following:

- Dropping off your child anytime between 8:10 am-8:30 am. Students enter the building upon arrival.
- Pick up is 2:30 pm. Students will be dismissed from the same doors they entered in the morning.
- There is no supervision after school.

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. Additionally, 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.

WATER BOTTLES/ CUTLERY

We recommend students bring a no-spill, non-breakable water bottle each day. Bottle filling stations will be available on each floor. In an effort to reduce plastic in our school we are also asking families to be sure to pack their own cutlery in student's lunches. We have a notable amount of students coming to the office looking for cutlery. We do not have any to provide to them. Sending your child with a full water bottle and appropriate cutlery each day is greatly appreciated!

HYGIENE

Frequent hand washing and using hand sanitizer are public health measures we can all practice at home and school. We will be emphasizing the importance of hand hygiene throughout the day, specifically when entering school and classrooms and before and after eating.

FACEMASKS

We will support our students/staff/visitors if they choose to wear a facemask.



The province's Back to School website (<https://novascotia.ca/backtoschool>) contains links to current guidance from Public Health as it relates to COVID-19. Schools will continue to follow this advice. Individuals who test positive will follow the guidance from Public Health. It continues to be the best practice for individuals to stay home when they are feeling unwell.

BUSING

Families who have children that will be bussed to and from school (must live 1.6 km from school to be eligible) this year should have received communication from the HRCE transportation team. If you have not, please call 902 464 2000 to inquire about the transportation parent portal.

PARKING

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. Traffic on McGee Drive is increasing and parents are encouraged to use the side streets for parking and the streets connecting to the pathways. If at all possible, walking your child to school would be appreciated.

We now have a small bike rack! It is located in the front of the building. We will work in the coming weeks to give it a refresh and install it so it doesn't leave the grounds. We will also be installing a scooter shed thanks to the SAC! We hope we can increase the number of students who walk, scoot and bike to school.



ART INSTALLATION

We are excited to share that we will be engaging in a few school wide art installations this year! Next week we will begin the design of a welcome sign that will direct visitors to our front entrance and brighten our exterior. Our Art Specialist will meet with classes to design the sign which will hopefully emulate our positive and caring school culture.

LUNCH MONITOR

We are currently looking for a lunch monitor from 11:30-12:30 daily. It would be a perfect job for someone who might have a flexible schedule or a university student. Anyone interested must have an up to date Police Records Check and Child Abuse Registry. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, Please contact Emilie at the office.

HOPE FOR WILDLIFE

Last year we had some amazing presentations from Hope for Wildlife here at Caudle Park. They shared their knowledge and expertise in Animal care and even brought some animals for us to see live in person. This weekend is their Open House. It's on **September 10th from 12pm-4pm**. Free Admission. Here is the link to their page:

<https://www.hopeforwildlife.net/annual-open-house>

If you are up for the adventure!



IMPORTANT DATES

Stand of Against Bullying (Sept.8th)

Terry Fox Run (Sept 22&23th) *More info to follow*

Picture Day (Sept 22nd)

Curriculum night (Sept 28th)

