



## **Astral Drive Elementary**

**June 2026**

**Home of the Stars**

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### **Important dates to remember in June**

National Indigenous History Month

Italian Heritage Month

Filipino Heritage Month

Portuguese Heritage Month

Pride Month

**June 15** Junior High Band Performance for Grade 5's

**June 19** Field Day in the morning

**June 21** is National Indigenous Peoples Day

**June 25** Talent Show tentative

**June 26** Grade 6 Closing Celebration

**June 29:** No classes for PP-12 for assessment and evaluation

**June 30:** Last day of school

### **HRCE 2026-2027 School Year Calendar**

### **Supply Lists (This link will be updated end of June)**

### **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.

### **Nova Scotia Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher Program**

Once again this year, students across the province will receive a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal voucher to use at participating farmers' markets. The program encourages young people and families to explore local markets, support Nova Scotian growers and producers, and learn more about where their food comes from. From fresh produce and baked goods to locally made products, the initiative helps connect students with their communities while supporting small businesses and strengthening the local economy. Families are encouraged to visit participating markets over the summer months and discover all that Nova Scotia has to offer through the [Nova Scotia Loyal program](#). Watch for these vouchers coming home soon!

### **Listen to Lead: Year 2**

Listen to Lead, HRCE's annual consultation, is more than just a survey. It is an ongoing commitment to partnership, continuous improvement, and ensuring our schools reflect the voices and experiences of the communities they serve.

Please take the opportunity to share your thoughts, feedback and vision for HRCE anonymously through ThoughtExchange: [Participate here](#) . The consultation will be open until June 4.

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

## **Operation Landline by Unplugged Canada**

[Unplugged Canada](#) has launched a new resource called [Operation Landline](#), designed to help families reconnect kids with safe, healthy communication, without the pressures and distractions of smartphones. The initiative encourages families to bring back the family landline as a simple way for children to build independence, strengthen social skills and stay connected with friends and neighbours in a safer, more intentional way.

Created in partnership with the Institute of Child Psychology, the [complete guide](#) includes practical tips for setting up modern landline options, teaching phone safety and etiquette, and even creating a family phonebook together. Families are also invited to sign the [Unplugged Canada](#) pledge to help create a new community norm around delaying smartphones and supporting connected childhoods.

### **Traffic Circle (Kiss and Go Flow)**

To keep all students safe and traffic moving, families must follow these procedures:

Curbside is for drop-off/pick-up only.

Be quick and safe (no parking, backing up, or extra lanes)

Children exit at curb side.

Keep goodbyes brief; park and walk if needed.

We ask you Turn Right at the top when leaving to keep traffic going.

Thank you for keeping our school safe.

Note: The hill may close without notice if unsafe. [Traffic Loop Directions \(Kiss and Go\)](#)