

# Welcome to the Class of 2039!



We are so excited to welcome our new primaries to Ash Lee Jefferson! This is a very exciting time for everyone, especially our primary students.





# Meet our team




<b>Principal</b>	Lisa Taylor
<b>Vice Principal</b>	Jacklyn O'Leary
<b>Admin Assistants</b>	Helen Eisenhauer and Sheena McConnell
<b>School Counsellor</b>	Sue Richardson
<b>Primary English</b>	Jodi Badcock
<b>Primary French</b>	Heidi Elson
<b>Primary French</b>	Deanne van Wageningen
<b>Learning Centre</b>	Jennifer McMillian, Dawn Currie and Trish Strooband



Our school goes from Pre-Primary to Grade 5. We have 19 classes.

- 2 Pre-Primary
- 10 French Immersion
- 7 English

Supports:  
Resource, Learning Centre  
and Early Literacy Support



# Our Vision and Value Statement

At Ash Lee Jefferson we celebrate diverse identities, cultures, and abilities. We believe all children thrive when strengths are recognized, voices are heard, and needs are met with compassion and equity. Through mutual respect and shared responsibility, we foster curiosity, resilience, and confidence to empower learners to grow academically, socially, and emotionally in a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment.



# A Sample Day in Primary

**7:40–7:55 – Arrival Time**

8:00 – Language Arts

**9:30 – Recess/Snack**

10:00 – Math

**11:00–11:45 – Lunch**

11:50–12:20 – Gym or Music

12:20–1:50 – Literacy/Math/Science

**1:50 – Dismissal**

\*This is 5 minutes earlier!

Music – 2 times a week,  
Physical Education – 3 times a week  
Library – once a week



# Arrival and Dismissal

Please ensure your child arrives between  
7:40–7:55 am

If you have to drive your child to school please do  
not enter the parking lot.

The first week buses may be late as they help our  
new students adjust to the change.

Parents must be present at all bus stops for P-2  
students.



# Safe Arrival

SchoolMessenger's Safe Arrival 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.

If your child is going to be absent there are 3 ways to report their absence.

- Call the toll-free number: 1-833-582-6940
- SchoolMessenger Through PowerSchool
- SchoolMessenger App

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you.

**If there is a change in dismissal routine, please let the classroom teacher know ASAP.**

Sending an email or leaving messages on answering machines at the last minute cannot guarantee that your message will reach its destination.

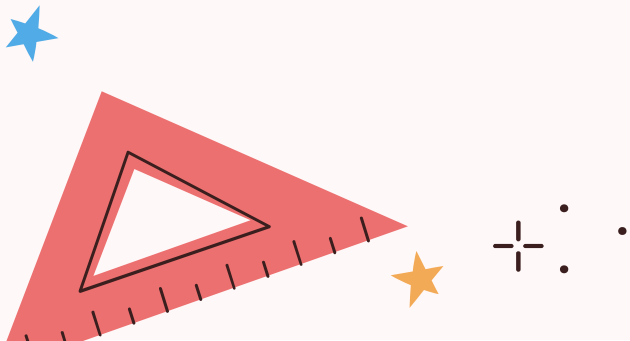


# Student Transportation

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 Parent Portal account and create a password.

If you can't find the email, please contact 902-431-4723 or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) for assistance.



# Demographics

Every September, the person who is Contact 1 on PowerSchool will be sent an email to update demographic information on PowerSchool. **This is very important!**

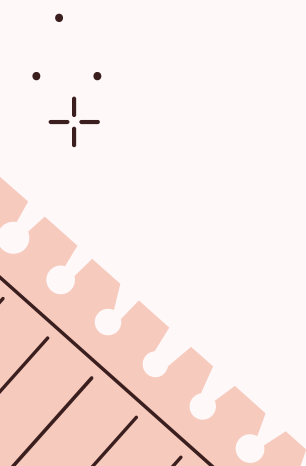
## Updates include:

- Medical Information
- Phone Numbers and Addresses
- Emergency Contacts
- Self-Identification



# Lunch

- Allergies – Peanut Free and Fish Free
- Provincial Lunch Program
- Cafeteria
- Lunch Monitors

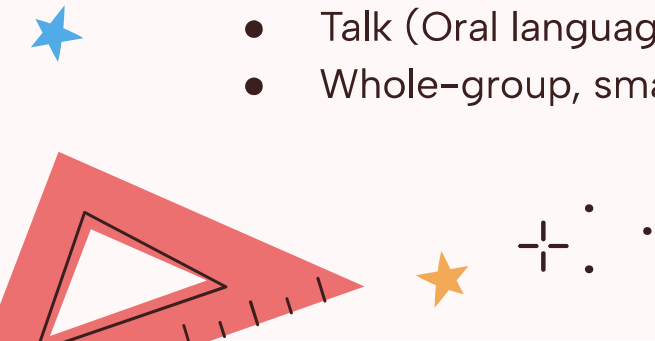


# What we learn

- Language & Literacy (letters, sounds, beginning reading, writing)
- Math (numbers, counting, patterns)
- Well-Being: Social-Emotional Learning (self-regulation)
- Science, Social Studies and Art is integrated into curriculum

# How we learn

- Instruction is appropriate to the learners' needs
- Creative play
- Active, hands-on learning (learning zones)
- Talk (Oral language, vocabulary development)
- Whole-group, small-group, and independent learning opportunities



# Get involved!

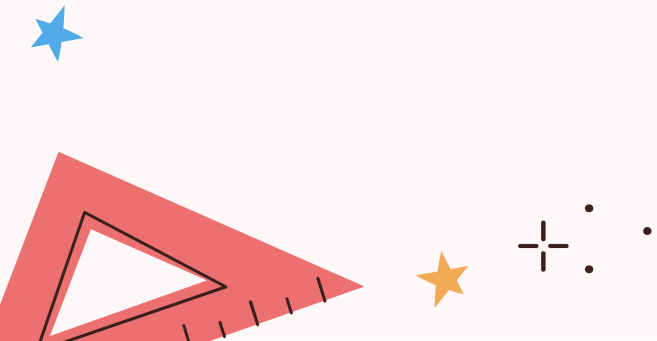
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Lunch Monitor

Volunteer – Field Trips

- Criminal Record Checks with a vulnerable sector check
- Child Abuse Registry



# First Day of School – September 3rd



Teachers will send an email the day before school starts with this information!

- 01** All students will come in following our regular morning routine.
- 02** Each class will have a balloon colour. Please practice this colour with your child.
- 03** Purple Tags/Bus information



Curriculum Night will be the night before school starts on **September 2nd!** Families will be invited to come in, meet their teacher, drop off school supplies and socialize with their soon to be friends!





# What can you do to help?

01

## Getting dressed

Practice zipping jackets and putting on shoes

02

## Lunch boxes

Practice opening containers and packaging.

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## Label

Label everything! Coats, indoor shoes, backpack and lunch box!

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## Bus

Sign up for BusPlanner and practice after school plans and expectations with your child.

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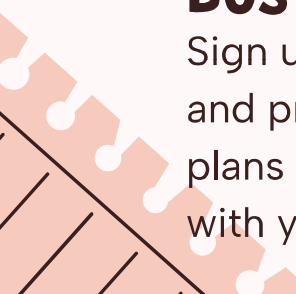
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Always keep contact information updated.

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## Communication

Communicate any health or medical concerns to the administration prior to the first day.





# Where to get information

**01**

**ALJ Website**

**02**

**HRCE Website**

**03**

**Nova Scotia Department  
of Education and Early  
Childhood Development**

**04**

**Classroom  
SeeSaw**

**05**

**Newsletters**

**06**

**Call us!  
902-860-4163**

