

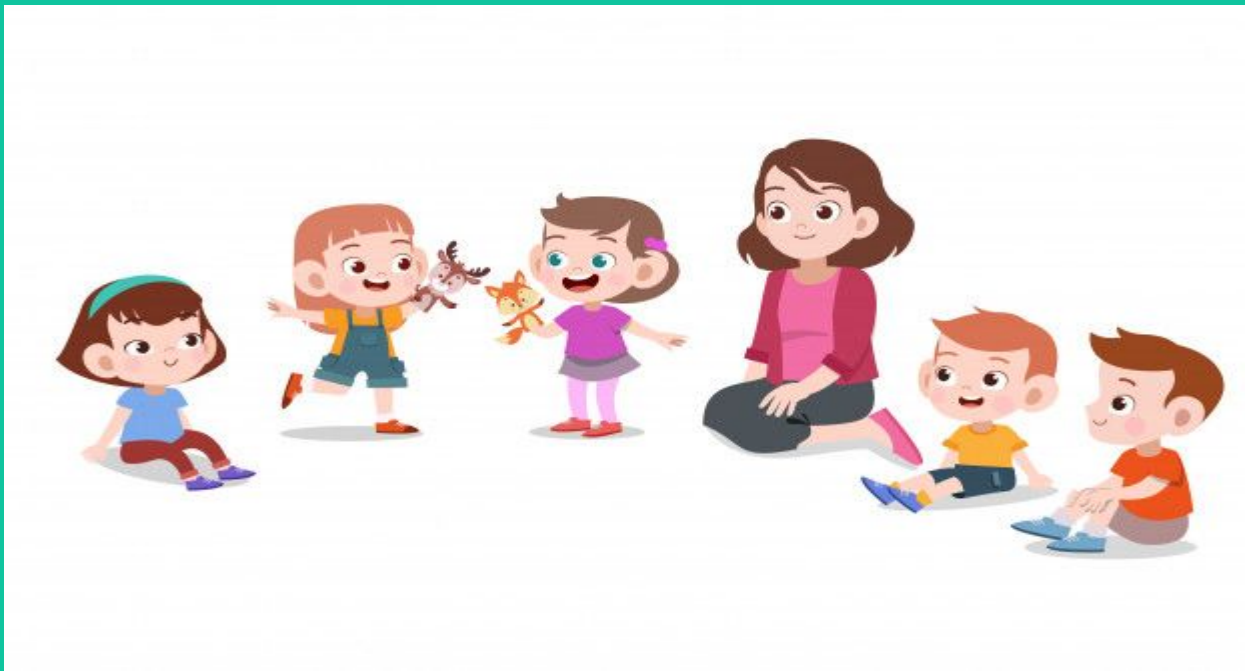
# Welcome to Primary!

**Class of 2035**

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.



There are many people at Ash Lee Jefferson who can help you. Here are a few of the many people that will help each day.



Mrs. Eisenhauer is our school secretary and will be the first face to greet you when you come into the office.



Ms. Mills is the Principal. You will see her outside, in your classroom, hallways, cafeteria and office. She is always able to help you.



Mr. Starratt is our Vice Principal. You will see him outside, in your classroom, hallways, cafeteria and office. He is also always able to help.



Ms. Richardson is our Guidance Counsellor. You will see her outside, in your classroom, hallways, cafeteria and office. She is also always able to help.



Some days, you will go to Music, to Gym, or to the Library. Here is where you will have Music Class. Our Music Teacher is Ms. Vinson!



This is Mr. MacDonald. He is one of our phys.ed teachers.





This is Madame Walsh. She teaches grade primary French Immersion.



This is Mme van Wageningen. She teaches grade Primary/One French Immersion.



This is Ms. Smith Philips she teaches grade Primary/One English.



We will see you on our First day! An adult will help you find us by our chairs. Look for the right colour balloon.



This is the playground. Students can play outside with their friends at recess and after they eat their lunch.



# SCHOOL CALENDARS

- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Halifax Regional Centre for Education publish the school calendar each year. Here you will find important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.
- HRCE 2023 2024 calendar link:

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjPh4X85Pn-AhXtjYkEHdpNBIwQFnoECA8QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hrce.ca%2Fcalendars&usg=AOvVaw1AiJ65ApDvL4FCgbP-dx9F>

# Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School

Grades Pre- Primary to Five  
20 Classes – 2 Pre Primary, **10 French  
Immersion**, and **8 English**

School population 507 (2023-2024)

## Supports:

1.0 English Resource

0.5 French Immersion Resource

2.0 Learning Centre teachers

0.5 Reading Recovery English

0.5 Reading Recovery French Immersion

0.5 APL (Literacy support for French Immersion grade 1)

# 2 week 5 day Schedule

- **Music**      2 X 30 minute periods/week
- **Phys Ed.**    3 X 30 minute periods/week
- **Library**     1 X 30 minute period/week



# Bell Schedule

|                            |                         |              |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 7:55                       | First Bell              | Duties Begin |
| 8:10                       | Students enter building |              |
| 11:15- 12:00/ 12:05- 12:50 | 2 lunches               |              |
| 2:05                       | Dismissal               |              |

- Please ensure that your child arrives between 7:55 and 8:05 am.
- If you have to drive your child to school please do not enter the parking lot.
- During the first week buses may be late as they help our new students adjust to the change. **Parents must be present at all stops for primary-2 students.**

# Safe Arrival



Click on the following link for information on reporting an Absence: <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival>

- If there is a change in dismissal routine, please let the classroom teacher know ASAP. If there is a change the day of, please make voice contact as early as possible so we can deliver the message in time. Sending an email or leaving messages on answering machines at the last minute cannot guarantee that your message will reach its destination.

# HRCE Student Transportation

HRCE is here to support families.

You can contact the HRCE Transportation Team via email **transportation@hrce.ca** or leave a voicemail at 902-431-4723.

HRCE will be sending out an email, letting you know how and when to sign up for bus planner. *Keep checking twitter over the summer for the most up to date information.*

You can also access important information regarding bussing at

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation>

# THE PRIMARY PROGRAM

- Students in primary experience math, language arts, social studies, science, health, visual arts, music and physical education through the following medium:
  - **Creative play**
  - **Active, hands-on learning (learning zones)**
  - **Talk**
  - **Whole-group, small-group, and independent learning**
  - **Questioning, observing, exploring, and responding**

# INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

- The P-6 curriculum is integrated. Core subject outcomes such as Social Studies, Science, Health, ICT, and Visual Arts are integrated with Language Arts and Mathematics.

Teachers will review information on your child's literacy and math classroom practices and routines during curriculum night on September 6, 2023.

# What Can Parents Do

- Make sure to sign up for the Bus and practice after school plans and expectations with your child.
- Please communicate with the classroom teacher if there is a change in this routine as soon as you know there will be a change.
- Please label everything especially outdoor wear, indoor shoes, backpack, and lunch box
- Keep all contact information current – in the event of an emergency
- Communicate any health or medical concerns to the administration prior to the first day

# Where to get information

- School website: <http://www.aljs.ednet.ns.ca/WP/>
- Twitter @ALJ\_official
- [HRCE](#) website
- [Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development](#)
- Classroom Seesaw accounts
- School and class newsletters
- Message bags
- Call 902-860-4163