

Welcome to Primary!

Class of 2037

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.



Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School

Grades Pre- Primary to Five

19 Classes – 1 Pre Primary, **12 French Immersion**, and **7 English**

School population 500 (2024-2025)

Supports:

1.0 English Resource

0.5 French Immersion Resource

2.0 Learning Centre teachers

0.5 Reading Recovery/ ELST

0.5 Reading Recovery French Immersion

0.5 APL (Literacy support for French Immersion grade 1)

Bell Schedule

7:45	First Bell Duties Begin
7:55	Attendance Bell
8:05	Class Begins
9:35-9:50	Recess
11:05- 11:50/ 11:55- 12:40	2 Lunches
1:55	Dismissal

- Please ensure that your child arrives between 7:45 and 7:55 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

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.*

My Bus Planner



You can also access important information regarding bussing at <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation>

Demographics

Every September **Contact 1** on Powerschool will be sent an email to sign in and update demographics. *This is very important*

Updates include:

Medical information

phone numbers, addresses

Emergency contacts

Please fill out identification and Health information

THE PRIMARY PROGRAM

- Students in primary experience math, language arts, social studies, science, health, visual arts, music and physical education through the following medium:
 - **Integrated Curriculum: Instruction grounded in curriculum and is purposeful and planned.**
 - **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**
 - **Questioning, observing, exploring, and responding**

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

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.

Learning Supports

- Students from grades primary to grade three will be eligible for Early Literacy Support in English and French Immersion.

As is the case for all students...

- The Teacher Support Team/Program Planning Team (TST/PPT) will explore supports and make decisions about the student's program.
- If a student is having difficulty meeting program expectations, English and French Immersion students can be placed on Adaptations and or Individual Program Plans (IPP).

What Can Parents Do

- Make sure to sign up for the Bus and practice after school plans and expectations with your child.
- Complete Demographics. (Keep all contact information current – in the event of an emergency)
- 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
- Communicate any health or medical concerns to the administration prior to the first day

On the First Day

Primary teachers will email in August with the following information:

- All students will come in following our regular morning routine. (Bus and walkers)
- Practice the balloon colours with your children
- purple tags/ bus information

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