The Harbour Seal Herald

September 2026



Principal's Message

Dear BHS Seals,

Welcome back to another exciting year at **Blacks Harbour School**! Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we are thrilled to have you as part of our school community.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, friendships, and new opportunities. Our staff has been busy preparing classrooms and planning engaging learning experiences, and we can't wait to welcome students back on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**.

Before school begins, we hope you'll join us for our **Open House on Friday, September 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, visit classrooms, reconnect with friends, and kick off the school year together.

As you prepare for September, here are a few important reminders:

- **Attendance Matters:** Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in student success. When possible, please schedule appointments and family vacations outside of school hours and school days.
- **Keep Contact Information Current:** Please ensure the school has your most up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses so we can reach you when needed.
- **Stay Connected:** We use SchoolMessenger, Facebook, and X to share important announcements, celebrations, and school updates. Please note that email or telephone remain the best ways to contact school staff regarding your child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will make this a fantastic year for our students. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tammy Surette
Principal
Blacks Harbour School

Quick Family Checklist

- ☐ Use the entrance assigned to your child's grade level.
- ☐ Do not drop students off before 7:35 a.m.
- ☐ If arriving after 8:00 a.m., report to the office first.
- ☐ Keep the bus loading zone clear at arrival and dismissal.
- ☐ Label all personal belongings.
- ☐ Primary families: pack an extra change of clothing.
- ☐ Kindergarten families: follow the staggered-entry schedule.





T-shirts and hoodies are available at the main office, while quantities last!



T-shirts		Hoodies	
Youth	**Adult**	**Youth**	**Adult**
$15.00	$20.00	$35.00	$40.00





Thank you for having after school travel plans made early in the day.

Please notify us of ***changes to after-school travel plans by 12:00 pm.***



Provincial School Lunch Program Update

Many families have been asking about the Provincial School Lunch Program. Over the summer, maintenance crews have been working hard to complete infrastructure upgrades needed to support the program at BHS. At this time, the work is not yet complete, and we are still waiting for information regarding our official start date and the online ordering process for families.

Until further notice, **please continue to send a lunch with your child each day**. We will share more information as soon as it becomes available. Please note that even if the lunch program has begun at another school, it does not mean that cafeteria service is ready to launch at Blacks Harbour School. We appreciate your patience as we work through this transition.

Arrival, Entrances, and Safety

Doors open at 7:35 a.m. daily. Please do not drop students off before the doors open.

- New signs are posted at each entrance.
- Students in Grades 3-5 use the Intermediate Entrance.
- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 2 use the Primary Entrance.
- Student entrance doors will be locked at 8:00 a.m.
- Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. must report to the office before going to class.
- For everyone's safety, families must stay out of the bus loading zone during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

Primary Student Reminder

Families of primary students are encouraged to send an extra change of clothing in their child's backpack for spills or bathroom accidents. Please label clothing with your child's name and replace items as needed.

Get Involved at BHS

Family involvement helps strengthen our school community. Parents and guardians are encouraged to get involved with Home and School and the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC). Watch for information about meeting dates and ways to participate.





We are a PBIS school! This means we are intentional about teaching pro-social behaviours and encouraging students to engage positively with others every day. Be watching for positive office referrals (POR's)!

SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE INFORMATION



At Blacks Harbour School, we use a **cost-sharing model** for school supplies.



Rather than sending home a lengthy school supply list, the school purchases the majority of supplies needed for all students and families contribute a

$65 SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE

This fee covers all consumable school supplies for the entire school year, including items such as pencils, crayons, markers, paper, notebooks, glue, and other classroom materials used throughout the year.

THIS APPROACH OFFERS SEVERAL BENEFITS:

CONVENIENCE FOR FAMILIES
Parents do not need to spend time shopping for specific items or visiting multiple stores to find supplies.

COST SAVINGS
By purchasing supplies in bulk, the school is often able to obtain better pricing than individual families can access.

EQUITY FOR STUDENTS
Every student has the same quality supplies and the materials they need from the first day of school.

CONSISTENCY FOR CLASSROOMS
Teachers can purchase supplies that best meet classroom needs and curriculum requirements.

REDUCED WASTE
Bulk purchasing allows us to buy only what is needed and avoid unnecessary duplication of supplies.

School supply fees can be paid conveniently through **SchoolCash Online** or in person at the school office.

WHILE THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FEE COVERS CLASSROOM CONSUMABLES, FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PERSONAL ITEMS SUCH AS:

- Indoor and outdoor shoes
- Appropriate clothing for the season
- Lunch boxes
- Water bottles
- Book bags/ backpacks

We recognize that purchasing these items can sometimes be a challenge for families.
If you require assistance, please reach out to the school.
We will be happy to connect you with our Community Schools Coordinator, who can help identify available resources and supports.



Our goal is to make the start of the school year easier for families while ensuring that all students are equipped for learning. We appreciate your support of this program and the positive impact it has on our school community.

Thank you

FOR HELPING US PROVIDE A SMOOTH AND SUCCESSFUL START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR EVERY STUDENT.