



Upcoming Events:

July & August

Happy Summer!

Other Notable Dates:

- **September 1** - School Organization Day (no classes)
- **September 2** - Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- **September 2** - Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social (5-6pm)
- **September 3** - First day of classes
- **September 7** - Labor Day (no classes)
- **September 25** - Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- **September 30** - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes)

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A Message from the Principal

Summer is here!

As we wrap up the 2025–26 school year, I want to thank the families and community of Inglis Street for making my first year as principal one I won't forget. From PTO events and the Spring Fair to your flexibility as we navigated building upgrades and restoration work, there is so much to celebrate from the year behind us. It has been a privilege to be part of such a welcoming and supportive school community, and I couldn't be more optimistic about the year ahead.

Our team has spent the last few months carefully building class lists with the goal of setting each child up for success in their new learning community next year. I'm also excited about the incredible team of educators who will be welcoming students back in September.

Have a safe, restful, and happy summer holiday. I'll be in touch again in August with information to help us get ready for another great year.

Chat soon,

Gabe Rose
Principal

Staffing Updates for 2026-27

This time of year always brings a mix of excitement and a bit of sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to some valued members of our team while also welcoming new faces to Inglis Street.

I want to take a moment to thank those who are retiring or moving on to new opportunities. Each has made a meaningful contribution to our school community, and we're grateful for the care, commitment, and support they've shown our students, families, and staff over the years.

Retiring Staff

- ★ David Haikings
- ★ Carol Dodds

Staff Changes

I'd like to share that our administrative assistant, Ms. Jegede (Ms. J), has accepted a position at Halifax Regional Arts. Ms. J has been an important part of the Inglis community, and we're grateful for everything she has contributed to our school. While we will miss her, we're excited for this new opportunity and know she'll be a tremendous asset in her new role. Please join me in wishing her all the best as she begins this next chapter.

Please also join me in congratulating Ms. Smallwood, who has accepted a Vice Principal position at Harrietsfield Elementary School. While we'll certainly miss having Kaitlyn at Inglis next year, this is an exciting next step in her career, and we know she'll be a fantastic addition to the leadership team there.

Leaving Inglis Street	New Roles at Inglis	Joining the 2026-27 Team
Wendy Jegede	Minette D'Cruz (Grade 1/2)	Alex Chisholm (Admin Assistant)
Marlee McKinnon	Shelby Ferris (Grade 4)	Pragya Arora (Primary/One)
Shaeline Stromberg	Fortesa Sahiti (Grade 3)	Shana Graves (Grade 3)
Ellen MacIntyre		Emily Taylor (on leave)
Kaitlyn Smallwood		Chris Rolfe (Resource)

What's New at Inglis for 2026-27?

As we look ahead to the 2026–27 school year, we wanted to share a few updates to our daily routines and schedule. These adjustments will help maximize instructional time while continuing to provide students with opportunities for movement, outdoor play, and social connection throughout the day.

Morning Arrival

Students will remain outdoors upon arrival each morning. Staff will be on duty in the courtyard and basketball court, as well as on the playground. Families may drop off their children in these areas between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m.

At 8:45 a.m., the bell will ring and students will proceed to their designated lineup area to meet their homeroom teacher before entering the building. Instruction will begin at 8:50 a.m.

Recess and Snack

We will be moving to one school-wide recess from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. All students will eat their snack in the classroom from 10:20 to 10:30 a.m. before heading outside for recess. Classes will resume at 10:50 a.m. once students have returned to their classrooms.

Lunch Routine

We will also be moving to one school-wide lunch routine. Like our morning recess structure, all students will eat lunch in their classrooms first before heading outside together for lunch recess.

This change will help create a more consistent daily schedule for students while maximizing outdoor play opportunities and reducing transitions throughout the day. As with any new routine, staff will spend time in September teaching and practicing expectations to ensure students understand the lunch and recess procedures and can enjoy this time safely and successfully.

Field Use

Students will now have access to the field during both morning and lunch recess. As this will be a new play space for many of our learners, classes will spend the month of September learning and practicing our expectations for using the area safely and respectfully. We encourage families to chat with their children about these expectations as they begin exploring this new part of our outdoor learning environment.

Supply Lists for September

Supply lists for September can be found on the school website here: <https://ise.hrce.ca/ise/useful-links/school-supplies-2026-2027>