

ISSUE 9

# TBS Updates

April 2026



Our Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser has just begun and finishes with our field day at the Acadia Athletics Complex on May 29!

## Upcoming Dates



**May 13** - Coffee Morning at The Port Pub

**May 18** - School Closed - Victoria Day

**May 19** - School Closed - Teacher Work Day

**May 22** - G6-8 Trip to Halifax

**May 29** - Jump For Heart Field Day - 1-3pm at Acadia

**May 27-June 1** - Apple Blossom Festival

**June 1** - Deposits due for 2026-27 Academic Year

**June 3-5** - Grade 8 Graduation Bike Trip

**June 8-9** - Grade 4-5 Camp at Blomidon

**June 10-12** - Grade 6-8 Camp at Kejimikujik

**June 10** - Coffee Morning at The Port Pub

**June 13** - Spring Fair - Port Williams Days

**June 19** - End of Year Assembly

**June 20 - August 30** - Summer Holidays

**August 31** - First Day of 2026-27 Academic Year

# A busy run-in

*By Mr James Weekes  
Head of School*

May and June are busy (yet fun) months at The Booker School. We have many exciting things going on in the classroom and in the wider community. Classes are finishing projects, going on field trips, and getting ready for their Adventure Week campouts!

It is the time of year where we call on our parent volunteers for a number of events. Our initiatives for Apple Blossom Festival and the Spring Fair at Port Williams Days can be found in the pages below. We also invite students from our Middle School to engage in volunteerism this Spring, with many ways in which they can help out their school.

As a school community, I would like to extend our best wishes to Ms Jamie who is just starting a 6 month medical leave. Ms Jamie has been a crucial member of the TBS team for nine years now and has helped us to grow and connect as a community. We are grateful to many teachers and parents that have volunteered to support with the variety of responsibilities that Ms Jamie has held while she is away.

As we look to next year, we have a couple of positions posted on the Employment page of our website. If you know of any good educators out in the community, please put us in touch. We have started to firm up the plans for teachers and spaces next year and hope to share that soon. Please note that our Draft Master Calendar for 2026-27 is included later in this newsletter. There is a rare occurrence of school starting before Labour Day this year, so please take a look and make your plans. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Mr James



## *Did you know?*

*Grade 1 had a fascinating field trip to Blue Beach!*



*Our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser is already over its original target!*

# TBS Jump Rope For Heart

*Our community is supporting the Heart & Stroke Foundation for the second year running with an impressive fundraising effort. This year, we set our initial goal of \$2000 and kicked off the event on Monday May 4. We hope you can join us on May 29 to conclude this venture with an afternoon of jumping fun.*

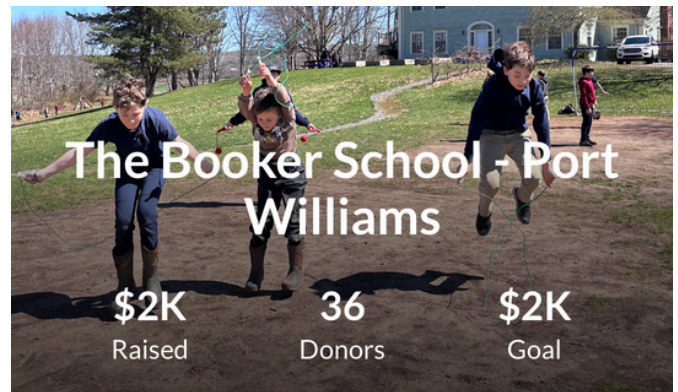
*We have already beaten our first target, so we are now increasing our whole school target to:*

**\$5,000**

*We have agreed some rewards with our students for different milestones along the way. We are excited that they are doing such a great job in their fundraising!*

*Students have been learning about the Heart & Stroke Foundation and their efforts in education. This includes the acronym's EASY and FAST, ask your children about them.*

*We will be asking for drivers to join us for a first Field Day & Jump Rope For Heart Event Day at Acadia Athletics Centre on May 29. This will take place 1-3pm with no ASP that day.*



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**A** **Arms**  
can you raise both?

**S** **Speech**  
is it slurred or jumbled?

**T** **Time**  
to call 9-1-1



# Don't Forget

## **Intentions for 2026–2027 School Year**

As we look ahead at our goals and planning, it would really help us if you could share your intentions for the next Academic Year. Please take a moment to **answer this survey** with your intentions for the September 2026.

## **Kentville Home Show**

***April 24–26***

The Kentville Home Show was a big success this year! Thank you to all of the volunteers who put the time and effort in to help.

## **Teacher Work Day & PYP Student-led Conferences**

***May 1***

Our Student-Led Conferences were a great success this year. Our students took on the role of the teacher and shared their learning environment with their families. As teachers, it was so great to see our students taking ownership and pride in their learning.

## **Coffee Mornings at The Port Pub**

***May 13, June 10***

Our Coffee Mornings will continue in Term 3. These mornings offer a great opportunity for families to build community connections.

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# SPRING EVENTS



## Apple Blossom Festival – Saturday May 30

We are looking for volunteers to help us decorate the Float for this year's Apple Blossom and PW Days Parade.

The theme this year is 'Fabric of the Valley'.

For the Children's Parade, Booker students must gather at 8am. Students can walk, ride the float, or bike through the parade.

## PW Spring Fair – Saturday June 13

8am – 2pm Yard Sale – We are having a themed 'Car Boot Sale' We are looking for 6-8 families to run a British Styled 'Car Boot Sale' where you would sell unwanted items, plants, clothes etc out of the trunk of your car along our driveway. Proceeds would go to our annual fundraising efforts,

9am – 2pm Spring Fair – Every year we host a very popular spring fair with bouncy castles, face painting, the dunk tank and more. Volunteers are needed on the sign up sheet.

Volunteers

Sign-Up



# GRADE 1 TRIP TO BLUE BEACH

## BEACH

### Grade 1's Field Trip to The Blue Beach Fossil Museum

The Grade 1 field trip to the Blue Beach Fossil Museum was led by the museum curator Mr. Chris, who first shared invaluable knowledge about the different types of fossils that exist, from worn tunnels, tree bark, plant stems, mud tracks, bug imprints and tetrapod prints!

Next, the students walked down to the beach where they became active inquirers using their observation skills to search for and discover the different types of fossils which had earlier been explained and presented to them. Upon finding a fossil, they excitedly tried to classify each one correctly before checking in with Mr. Chris to see if they had made the right guess!

This amazing real-world learning opportunity allowed fossil hunting to become both a tangible and enjoyable experience for the students, in which they gained invaluable first-hand knowledge through experiential learning on the beach!





## Volunteering & the Parent Participation Program

Our school community thrives when families get involved! Volunteering is a great way to meet others and support the experiences that make our school special. Whether you can help in the classroom, at events, or by sharing a skill, every contribution makes a difference. If you can give some time this year, we'd love to hear from you.

### **Parent Participation Program**

If you would like to sign up for our Parent Participation Program, please email: [admin@bookerschool.com](mailto:admin@bookerschool.com)

## Tuition Payments for 2026-27



Mr James is setting up the invoices and payment schedules for the next academic year. Invoices will be sent out soon, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

[treasurer@bookerschool.com](mailto:treasurer@bookerschool.com)

*Please note that we can also take Visa payments in the office with a 3% charge.*





**Scholastic Canada Book Clubs**

**School Code: RC791340**

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## Seasonal Notes

**Clothing** - Students of all ages should make sure they have spare clothes in their bags or cubbies. We love to head outside in all weather, so let's make sure our students are ready for it!

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## Ambassador Discount

We have been busy this term showing new families around the school. Admissions for 2026-27 are looking very positives and next year's Grade 5 shall be developing a wait-list. If you know of any families that may be interested in joining the school, connect us soon and earn 10% off tuition for one of your children next year!

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**Follow us online!**



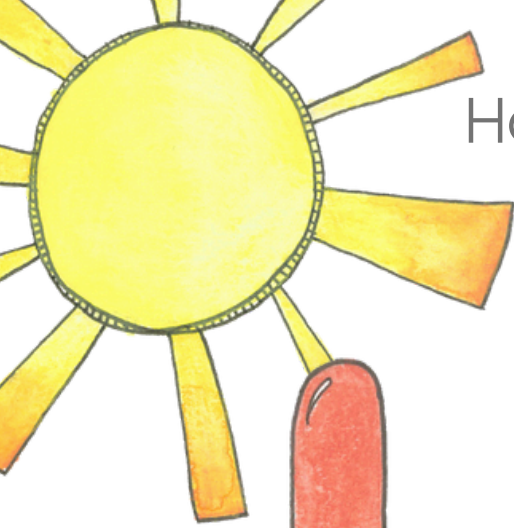
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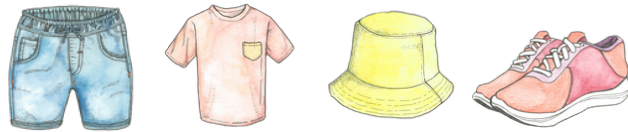
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# How to Dress for the Weather Guide

*Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!*

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## Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



[www.getoutsideandplay.ca](http://www.getoutsideandplay.ca)



[www.befitforlife.ca](http://www.befitforlife.ca)



## The Booker Fund

This year, we have been rolling out a new fundraising initiative called The Booker Fund. The Booker Fund is the backbone of The Booker School's fundraising program. This annual fund provides vital support that allows us to hire the best teachers, give them the resources they need, offer financial assistance to amazing students, and give our students the chance to go beyond. Most of our donors choose to make unrestricted gifts, allowing the school the greatest flexibility to deploy funds where they are most needed. Some of our donors prefer to direct their gifts specifically to financial assistance to ensure that the school can offer sustainable support to families who enrich our community in every way.

### 2025-2026 Goals

In the 2025-2026 school year we aim to raise \$50,000 and hope that 100% of our families will join in this effort. A gift of any size makes a difference to how we can help our students flourish this year.

The Booker School is a charitable organization and gifts to the Booker Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law. Make your gift today!

### Ways to Donate

You can easily donate and receive a tax receipt through Canada Helps by using this [link](#).

We also accept cheques and e-transfer. Cheques can be made out to The Booker School and e-transfers can be sent to [treasurer@bookerschool.com](mailto:treasurer@bookerschool.com).

# Forms



An important part of The Booker School experience is having opportunities to explore our local community. We also benefit greatly from the volunteer efforts of our friends and family. The forms below enable us to provide safe programming for all students. Please fill them out at your earliest convenience.

## 8.5 Activity Waiver

### 9.5a Volunteer Driver

*Please note that The Booker School will now hold volunteer record checks for two years. If you submitted these documents in 2024-25, you do not need to do so this year.*





# COME JOIN OUR STUDY!



## About the study

We are exploring the different ways that autistic and non-autistic children focus, think, and solve problems!

## Who can participate?

- Autistic or non-autistic children ages 6-11 yrs
- English speaking
- Normal hearing and vision (glasses are fine)

## What will you do?

- Child and parent will visit the Visual Attention Lab at Acadia University 2 times (~1 hour each)
- Children will answer questions and complete game-like computer tasks
- Parents will fill out some questionnaires




## Compensation

Participants will be compensated with \$20 per session (\$40 total)

## To learn more or sign up, contact:

Eva Lipton, BScH  
evaliptonlab@gmail.com



This study has been approved by the Acadia University Research Ethics Board (#24-07)



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# 2025-2026 Master Calendar

## The Booker School Master Calendar 2025-2026

Week	TBS 2025-26	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Whole School Events
							1	2	School Closed
	August	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Teacher Work Day
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Event
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<i>Tentative Dates are italicised</i>
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Labour Day Sep 1 - Classes begin Sep 2
2	September	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Hopes & Dreams Conferences
3		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
4		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Adventure Week - Sep 28 Orange Shirt Day
5		29	30	1	2	3	4	5	Truth & Reconciliation Sep 30
6		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	October	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Thanksgiving Break
7		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Teacher Work Day Oct 24 - School Closed
8		27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
9		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	November	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Remembrance Day Observation Nov 11
11		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
12		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
13		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
14	December	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Teacher Work Day Dec 19 - School closed
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	December Break
		29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
16	January	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Teacher Work Day Jan 5 - School closed
17		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Conf. Three Way Conferences Jan 12-23
18		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
19		26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
20		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
21	February	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Teacher Work Day - Feb 13 - School Closed
22		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Heritage Day Feb 16
23		23	24	25	26	27	28	1	
24		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Grade 4-8 Musical Production
	March	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	March Break
25		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
26		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
27		30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Easter Weekend April 3-6
28	April	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
29		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
30		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
31		27	28	29	30	1	2	3	TWD & Student-Led Conference day
32		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
33	May	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
34		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Victoria Day May 18 & Teacher Work Day May 19
35		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
36	June	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Port Williams Days
37		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Adventure Week
38		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	End of Year Assembly Jun 19
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