



# Kingswood Elementary School News

## November 2024

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### Reminders:

- Nov. 5 SAC Meeting at 5:30 pm  
PSA Meeting at 6:30pm
- Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Holiday
- Nov. 18 Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 22 Assessment & Evaluation Day  
No School
- Nov. 28 Report Card Day

### Principal's Message

*It's hard to believe that November is already here! October had been beautiful. It would be lovely if November could be as nice, but we expect things to change any day. Please make sure that your children are dressed for the weather as we will continue to be going outside to get lots of fresh air.*

*There has been lots of great things going on at Kingswood. The students are actively engaged in learning lots of new things every day. It is wonderful to see the students making great progress, showing their creativity and being proud of their accomplishments. Our Halloween Dance was a huge success! It is one of most popular events and everyone has a great time. Thanks to our PSA for organizing it and all of the lovely decorations. We managed to save them so that we could reuse them at our Halloween Day Assembly.*

*November is going to be a busy month too. We are currently planning our Remembrance Day ceremony. The Book Fair is next week and the PSA has some things going on too. Soon we will be meeting and starting to get ready for December's Holiday Social. The end of the term is coming so teachers will be busy preparing report cards and on Dec. 5th we will be holding our Parent/Teacher meetings. Stay tuned for more information on all of these events.*

### Remembrance Day

This year we will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 8 at 11am in the gym for all Kingswood students and staff. Don't forget to submit your pictures for our Wall of Honor.



Students who arrive at school after 8:40am are late and miss important learning time.

### Holiday Concert—Save the Date

We will be holding our Holiday Concert for Grades P-5 on **Wednesday December 18th**. There will be an afternoon and evening concert.

### Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Meetings

Report cards will be distributed electronically on Thursday November 28th and Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday December 5th. We will be sending out information later in the month on how to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

### School Picture Retake Day—Pre-Primary to Grade 5

We will be having retake day on Monday November 18th. Any students who were absent on their original picture day or who require a retake will have their picture taken on this day.

### Lunch Program

The Provincial Lunch Program began this week. At Kingswood, we are very fortunate to have a cafeteria where all of the meals are prepared. The food is delivered to the students at the beginning of lunch, on time. All schools have roughly the same menu and the food providers have been given recipes to follow. So far the reviews from students have been mixed. While some students have told us it was the best meal ever others have said they did not like it. All of this is to be expected as the program is just being rolled out to thousands of children and children have definite opinions about what they like and don't like. Our regional centers are collecting feedback about how things are going and will make adjustments as needed. The next ordering window is from Friday Nov. 1—Wednesday Nov. 6 at noon for the weeks of Nov. 11-15, Nov. 18-22. Reminder that there is no school on Nov. 11 and Nov. 22.

### Important—School Hours

Our school hours are 8:40am to 2:55pm. Students coming by bus arrive between 8:25am and 8:40am and students arriving by car should also come for the same time. We ask that all parents try to have children at school on time as instruction begins right away.

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## Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

### How will I find out?

By email to the addresses in PowerSchool

By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**

[On the HRCE website](#)

[On X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)

[On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [hrce.ca/weather](http://hrce.ca/weather).



## Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.



## Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.

