



Kingswood Elementary School News

October 2024

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Reminders:

- Oct. 7/8 Picture Days
- Oct. 8 SAC Meeting at 5:30 pm
PSA Meeting At 6:30pm
- Oct. 9 International Walk to School Day
- Oct. 11 PD Day
No School for Students
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
No School for Students
- Oct. 24 Halloween Dance
- Oct. 25 Conference Day
No School for Students
- Oct. 31 Halloween Day

Principal's Message

We have had a wonderful and smooth start to the school year! The students have settled in nicely in their new classes and are enjoying being back with their friends. The breakfast program continues to be a huge hit with lots of happy children enjoying our healthy options. We are looking forward to the start of the School Lunch Program later in October.

We would like to thank all families for a great start to school. Our Kiss and Go is moving smoothly and most of our busses are now arriving and leaving on time. For the most part, students being dropped off have been on time for school as well (8:25 - 8:40am), which allows them to be present for instruction as we begin teaching at 8:45am.

On Sept. 25th we held our Curriculum Night/Open House for families here at Kingswood. It was wonderful to see so many people.

Andrea and Martha

Kiss and Go

We would like to thank families for doing such a great job in the Kiss and Go! Thank you for having your children ready to hop out. Thank you for not passing other cars and for having lots of patience. We really appreciate starting our day off so positively!

International Walk to School Day— Wednesday October 9, 2024

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October. We are encouraging all of our students who can walk or bike to school safely on **Wednesday** to do so.

SAC (School Advisory Council)

We held our first SAC meeting on September 17th. Nicole Strum is our new SAC Chair person, she can be reached by emailing hrce-sac-kwe@gnsps.ca. Thanks to Alexis Lister who has been or SAC Chair for the past few years. We are thrilled that she will be staying on the committee as a parent member.

Our next meeting will be on October 8th at 5:30pm. We still have two openings on the committee for community members. For more information on the role of the SAC, our Bylaws and Agreements please visit our website.

Kingswood Guardian

Did you know that Kingswood Elementary has a points account at the Kingswood Guardian? If you purchase something there and would like to donate your points to us please let the cashier know.

From Your PSA (Parent/Staff Association)

Save The Date! Kingswood is having a Family Halloween Dance on Thursday October 24th. More details to follow.

Thanks to everyone who came out to our September meeting. Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 8th at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. We will be working out all of the details for the dance. To contact the PSA please email kingswoodpsa@gmail.com.

School Pictures

School Pictures will be taken on Monday Oct. 7th for all students in P-5 English classes, and Tuesday October 8th for our Pre-Primary and French Immersion students,

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



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Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please do not send your child with snacks and

Dressing for the Weather

At Kingswood we try to get our students outside as much as possible. They are outside for a minimum of 45 minutes per day (recess and lunch). That means that students need to be dressed for fall, (chilly), winter (cold and snowy) and spring (wet and muddy). Having some spare socks or mittens in the bottom of their backpacks is also a good idea.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found seems to always be full. Parents are welcome to come into the building and go through the Lost and Found to search for missing items. Just ring the doorbell when you arrive and let us know that you are here to take a look.

School Bus Safety Week

October 21-25, 2024 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia!

Did you know that more than 30,000 HRCE students ride the school bus every day?

School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

You can find out more information about School Bus Safety Week, including more safety tips, [here](#).



What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals. SchoolsPlus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school to make a referral. You can find additional information [here](#).

A promotional graphic for SchoolsPlus. It features a circular inset showing a diverse group of smiling children. To the right of the circle, the text 'Connect with us!' is written in white on a dark blue background. Below the graphic, the SchoolsPlus logo is displayed, along with contact information: Phone: 902-464-2041, Email: schoolsplus@hrce.ca, and Twitter: @HRCESchoolsPlus.

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