



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Principal's Message

Welcome and Welcome Back!!!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break and that you are now looking forward to school. We are excited to see all of our new and returning students.

Mr. Alguire and his team have done it again! The school has been cleaned from top to bottom and it is shining. The admin team and staff members have been in getting everything ready for our students to start on Thursday September 5th.

With all of the new construction in our catchment Kingswood is starting to grow, just a bit. We will have one additional class this year over last year. This was just announced last week so we are busy reconfiguring the classes and are in the process of hiring an additional teacher. Be patient as we work through all of the challenges that occur at the beginning of the school year.

To alleviate any traffic or parking problems we do recommend that you send your children to school by bus if possible. My staff and I are outside every morning to greet the students and make sure they make it safely to class. Teachers will make sure that they are on the correct bus in the afternoon. No matter the size of the school, drop-off and pick-up times can be extremely busy. You can find information about bussing by contacting transportation@hrce.ca. We will be using the Purple Dismissal Tags again this year for Grades PP-2, so please make sure you let your child's teacher know where they go after school and what bus they will be taking. Please make sure to leave this Tag attached to your child's backpack.

A list of all Kingswood staff members can be found on our website.

Along with this newsletter we will be sending home several important emails this week. Please read them carefully.

You will be receiving information about our First Day Procedures, Medical Forms, teacher introductions, the New Cell Phone Policy, and more. Many of the answers to questions that you may have will be answered in these emails or on our website.

School Hours

Our school hours are 8:40am to 2:55pm. Students coming by bus arrive between 8:25 am and 8:40am and students arriving by car should also come for the same time. We ask that all students arrive no later than 8:40am. All students should be in their classrooms and ready to start their day at 8:45am. We will be going outside a lot so students should be dressed for the weather.

*At Kingswood we have several students with nut allergies. **Kingswood is a nut smart** school which means that parents should not knowingly send their child to school with any nut products. If you send your child with a Wow butter sandwich you might want to label it, so that we know it is not peanut butter and is safe for consumption at school. Just a reminder Nutella contains hazelnuts so it is not permitted at school.*

2024-2025 is going to be another great year here at Kingswood! We will see all of our students bright and early on Thursday September 5th!

Andrea and Martha

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Important Dates to Remember in September:

- Thursday, Sept. 5: First Day!
- Sunday Sept. 8: Grandparents Day
- Thursday Sept. 12: Stand Up Against Bullying Day - Pink Shirt Day
- Tuesday Sept. 17: SAC and PSA Meetings in the Library at 5:30 and 6:30pm respectively—More info to follow.
- Thursday Sept. 25: Curriculum Night—Open House 6:30-7:30pm
- Fourth week of September: [Gender Equality Week](#)
- Friday Sept. 27: Orange Shirt Day
- Monday, Sept. 30: [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) - **NO School for Students**

Stand Up Against Bullying Day is September 12

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day. This day, happening on September 12 this year, is an opportunity for us to start the school year off right – by celebrating inclusivity, kindness and friendship.

All schools in HRCE are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive.

Please join us and wear pink if you're able on September 12 to take a stand against bullying.



Join us in observing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement.

As there are no classes on Monday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 27.



Using BusPlanner

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you may also receive email notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.

