



# Kingswood Elementary School News

## January 2025

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### Reminders:

- Jan. 2 Professional Development Day for Staff  
**No School For Students**
- Jan. 3 First Day Back To school
- Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 21 PSA Meeting (Virtual)
- Jan. 27 Family Literacy Day
- Jan. 29 Lunar New Year

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### Principal's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a lovely break. Christmas seemed to be extra nice with the snow.

December was a very busy month here. Our special events; Kingswood Cares, PSA Holiday Social, and, Holiday Concert were a huge success. Thank you for all of your generosity in sending items in for Kingswood Cares. The children love it. They especially like seeing the Stuff-A-Bus pull up with Santa. Our Grade 5's did a great job delivering the goods. It was great to see so many of our families and watch our students have so much fun at the Holiday Social and Concert. Thanks to all of our families for the wonderful Holiday Greetings and treats. It is so nice to have so many positive wishes and great support from our school community.

2025 is here and we wish all of our students and families a very healthy, happy and successful year.

Please keep reading our newsletters and checking your emails for information from the school about all of the special events, important dates and reminders that you need to know about.

Andrea and Martha

### Literacy Week at Kingswood Elementary – January 27-31

Family Literacy Day is Monday January 27th. At Kingswood we celebrate Literacy in January during the week that includes Family Literacy Day, which takes place each year on January 27. We do this to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy related activities as a school and as a family. This year's Family Literacy Day 2025 Theme: Learn to be Green, Together. We will be having some fun events here at school and we encourage families to have some fun too. For more information and ideas for activities visit, <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/programs/family-literacy-day/>

### Lunch Monitors Needed !

We are looking for a few people who love spending time with children who have about an hour a day (11:30– 12:45) to join our Lunch Monitor Team. We are looking for people to work everyday and we are also looking for a few casuals who would be available to fill vacancies when needed. This is a paid position which is excellent for someone looking for a part-time job. If you would like more information on how to apply please reach out to us at [kwe@hrce.ca](mailto:kwe@hrce.ca).

### Dressing for the Weather

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children are dressed for the weather. It is important that children have snow pants to play in the snow, stay warm, or slide on the hills. As always, it is a good idea to have additional dry clothing in your child's backpack.

### School Advisory Council

The SAC will not be meeting in January. The next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday February 4th. This will be a virtual meeting and members will be sent a Zoom link in advance.

### PSA

The PSA meeting will be on Tuesday January 21st at 6:30pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting. If you would like the link to the meeting please email [kwe@hrce.ca](mailto:kwe@hrce.ca) and we will put your name on the list.

## Important Weather Reminders

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school busses 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:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bused 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 [our 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 [www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations](http://www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations).



## **Lunar New Year**

Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, will be celebrated on January 29.

It marks the beginning of the Year of the Snake, an animal sign that symbolizes wisdom, intuition, and renewal. It's a time for families to come together, honour their ancestors, and welcome the new year with hopes of prosperity and happiness.

