



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Principal's Message

Well we made it through January and the days are already getting longer. January was a great month for learning here at Kingswood. Unfortunately Shubenacadie Sam saw her shadow and we are in for six more weeks of winter. We had an excellent Literacy Week that was full of special activities. The students loved going to the book exchange to get some new books to read. Thank you to the community for supporting KWE! We had enough books for everyone to get at least 2 books! Thanks to our wonderful Librarian, Mrs. Bent for making this event a success.

Reminders:

- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 4 SAC Meeting at 5:30
PSA meeting At 6:30pm (Virtual)
- Feb. 12 French Immersion Information Session for Parents with Children Starting Gr.P In September
- Feb. 13 PSA Bingo
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 Flag Day
- Feb. 17 Heritage Day Holiday—No School

March Break
March 10-14

Assessment and Evaluation Day
March 7
No School for Students

February is a busy month for us here at Kingswood. February is African Heritage Month. All of our students will be involved in learning more about African Nova Scotians and their contributions to Nova Scotia's unique and wonderful culture. The children also like celebrating Valentines Day and the PSA has a BINGO planned for families. We will be busy, learning and having some fun too!

We have the Kiss and Go moving quite smoothly in the morning. Thanks for having your children all ready to jump out of the car and for not passing other cars in the lane. We do have a number of cars arriving after the bell causing students to be late for class. **Please make sure your children are arriving by 8:40am at the latest. You can drop them off as early as 8:25am.**

Andrea and Martha

February is Registration Month

Do you have a child or do you know someone with a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrollment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the [HRCE website](http://hrce.ca) for more information and to enrol your child today through Power School Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.



Grade Primary French Immersion in September

Are you considering enrolling your child in French Immersion for Grade Primary? The French Immersion Schools of Kingswood, Hammonds Plains and West Bedford will be holding an information night for parents/guardians at West Bedford School on Wednesday February at 6:30pm. We will go over the French Immersion program and answer any questions that you may have. **We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday February 12th at 6:30pm at West Bedford School.**

From Your PSA

We are having a family BINGO night! On February 13th at 6:30-8 pm come out for a fun night of bingo and prizes! Doors will open at 6pm. We will have our canteen and a 50/50. We are also selling Kingswood stuffed bears for \$25 and Kingswood hockey pucks for \$8. It's sure to be a good time for all! An email was sent with a link to sign-up to say you are coming and there will also be a volunteer sign-up too.

We are always on the hunt for new volunteers to join our association. If you want to help enrich your children's school experience let us know and we will send you the link for the next meeting or sign up to volunteer at an event ! We can't do these events without your help! Thank you!



Celebrate African Heritage Month 2025

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, celebrated each February, honours the contributions of African Nova Scotians.

This year's theme, Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance, highlights the achievements and resilience of African Nova Scotians, who have shaped the province's history for more than 400 years.

In schools, recognizing African Heritage Month is crucial for promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. It fosters understanding of the diverse cultural landscape of Nova Scotia, empowering African Nova Scotian students by reflecting their history and heritage in their classrooms. Highlighting their achievements serves as a source of inspiration.

African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.



Reminder: February 17 is Heritage Day

Heritage Day 2025 honours the late Nora Madeline Bernard. From Millbrook First Nation, she was a Mi'kmaq activist who fought for her community and First Nations people across Canada.

Ms. Bernard played a key role in getting justice, recognition, and compensation for survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system. As a survivor of the system herself, she founded and became president of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association in 1987. She then started a class-action lawsuit for the survivors, which inspired others across the country to do the same, leading to the largest class-action lawsuit in Canadian history.

