



Kingswood Elementary School News

April 2025

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Reminders:

- Apr. 3 PD/PT Day
No School For Students
- Apr. 8 SAC Meeting At 5:30pm
PSA Meeting At 6:30pm
- Apr. 18 Good Friday Holiday
No School
- Apr. 20 Easter
- Apr. 21 Easter Monday Holiday
No School
- Apr. 22 Earth Day
- Apr. 24 Family BINGO
- Apr. 30 PD Day
No School

Principal's Message

Spring is here, and April has arrived, and along with it, muddy season. Please keep sending your children with jackets and boots and make sure there are some extra clothes in their backpacks (or here with their teachers). We really [don't want to bother families during the school day for changes of clothes.

March was a busy month here at Kingswood! We had some special events that the children really seemed to enjoy. We had Mad Science, STOMP (African drumming and dancing) and we have started having some Zumba sessions at lunch time!

The students have been working hard and making lots of progress in all areas of the curriculum. Teachers have been busy assessing students for the report cards that were just sent home. We look forward to seeing families on Thursday April 3rd for Parent Teacher Meetings.

For those of you celebrating in April, Eid Mubarak, Happy Passover Holidays and Happy Easter.

Andrea and Martha

SAC

We will be having our in person SAC Meeting on Tuesday April 8th at 5:30pm.

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

PSA

We will be having our in person PSA Meeting on Tuesday April 8th at 6:30pm.

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Meetings

Report cards were distributed electronically on Thursday March 27th, and the Parent/Teacher Meeting sign up is now open up on that day as well. On Thursday April 3rd teachers will be involved in Professional Development in the morning and be available for Parent/Teacher conferences in the afternoon and evening. You should have received information about the times that are available and the format that they will be following from your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 3rd. **There is No School for students on April 3rd.**

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Family BINGO—Thursday April 24th

Family BINGO - Doors open at 6:00pm and BINGO will begin at 6:30pm. This event was rescheduled from February. Keep your eyes open for more information about this fun event. We look forward to seeing our families there.

Class Trips

It is that time of year. The time of year when classes are planning some trips. We will need lots of chaperones to join us on trips. If you would like to help us out please make sure you send in your Criminal Records Check/Vulnerable Sector Search and Child Abuse Registry documents. If you would like to do part of the process online through mybackcheck please send an email to the school and we will send you an invitation.



World Autism Awareness Day

Recognizing and celebrating World Autism Awareness Day in our schools fosters inclusion, understanding, and support for those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). On April 2 and every day, we strive to raise autism awareness among peers and educators, celebrate accomplishments and promote acceptance for those with ASD. Join us in creating a positive community where all students can thrive and learn about each other's diverse experiences.



Measles Prevention in Nova Scotia

We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health:

Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. **The best way to prevent measles is vaccination.** Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.

Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at vaxrecords.nshealth.ca.

Who should get vaccinated?

Anyone born in or after 1970 should get **two doses** of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.

Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.

Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

Find out more about measles vaccination: www.nshealth.ca/measles.

Provincial Lunch Program in Action

Last month was Nutrition Month, and what better way to celebrate healthy eating than to shine a spotlight on the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! [Click here](#) to see how students at one HRCE school are using the program to dish out some serious leadership skills. It's a feast of learning and fun!

Supporting Literacy at Home

Did you know? Teachers use the [Six Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction \(Français\)](#) to support students' learning.

Reading is best learned when children get clear and structured support in key skills: listening, recognizing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, building vocabulary, reading smoothly and understanding what they read. These skills work together and when you strengthen one, it helps improve the others.

Good reading instruction includes learning how letters and words work and practicing reading in books. The goal is for children to understand what they read, enjoy reading and learn new things from books.

The links below may help you support your children with reading at home:

[Ideas for parents to help children to practice their reading and writing skills](#)

[10 Ideas to Raise A Reader](#)

Purple Tag Program Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that children in Pre-Primary to Grade 2 who use school transportation must have a purple tag on the left side of their backpack. This is to ensure they are not left alone at a bus stop. If your child doesn't have a purple tag or needs a new one, please reach out to the main office. Children who use special needs transportation do not require a purple tag.