



# Kingswood Elementary School News

## March 2025

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### Reminders:

- Mar. 7 Assessment  
And  
Evaluation  
Day  
No school for  
Students
- Mar. 10-14  
March Break  
No School
- Mar. 21 International  
Day for the  
Elimination  
of  
Racial  
Discrimina-  
tion
- Mar. 27 Report Card  
Day
- April 3 PD Morning  
Parent/  
Teacher  
Afternoon  
No School  
for  
Students

### Principal's Message

We have made it through February! It seemed like the cold and ice were here to stay but the temperatures are rising and the days are getting longer. February was an exciting month with a lot going on here at Kingswood. Throughout the school year we enjoy learning about and celebrating the contributions of African Nova Scotians. During the month of February, African Heritage Month, we enjoyed exploring this year's theme of "Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance". The students especially enjoyed the African Drumming workshops presented to us by Goatworks.

We also celebrated Valentine's Day and Flag Day.

This year, we honoured and learned about Mi'kmaw activist Nora Bernard, who was the Honouree of Heritage Day this year. We remember and honour her as a brave champion for her community and Indigenous people across Canada.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the PSA Bingo. It is rescheduled for Thursday April 24th. With Spring right around the corner please keep sending your children with lots of warm and extra clothes incase they get wet.

We are glad that March is finally here and we hope to see some signs of spring soon.

Andrea and Martha

### Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards will be going home on Thursday March 27. Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held the following week, Thursday April 3rd. There will be No School for Students on April 3rd.

### March is Nutrition Month

Did you know? March is Nutrition Month! This year's theme, Nourish to Flourish, highlights the important role that food has on our physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.

Whether it's planting an indoor or outdoor garden, cooking together with family, or enjoying a meal with friends, food provides opportunities for building social connections that can support improved feelings of belonging and overall well-being. This is a great time to explore and learn about food. An important part of this is food literacy, which includes having the knowledge and skills to grow, choose, prepare, and talk about food.



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### **March Break**

Reminder that March Break is March 10-14 and schools will be closed.

For Elementary and Junior high: Friday March 7th is an Assessment & Evaluation Day so there are no classes for students on that day.

Classes will resume on March 17.

### **Are you looking for some March Break fun?**

There are all kinds of wonderful things to do if you happen to be staying here for March Break. Here is a website that has lots of ideas for families who want to keep busy.

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/halifax/march-break-events/>

### **School Bus Safety Reminder**

More than 33,000 HRCE students take the school bus. Making sure they have a safe and happy trip to and from school is very important to us. Please talk with your child about school bus safety on a regular basis. Students should tell their bus driver and/or school principal if they have any problems.

Here are some important safety tips:

#### **Bus Stop Safety**


- Be on time for the bus. Don't run to or from the bus.
- Stand back when the bus arrives and give everyone space. Get on or off the bus one at a time.
- Always cross the road in front of the bus. Walk to a spot where you can see the driver. When they signal it's safe, walk to the middle of the road. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, then cross when it's safe. Never crawl under the bus or cross the road from behind it.

#### **School Bus Safety**

- Respect and listen to the driver. Their job is to focus on the road, so avoid distracting them.
  - Respect others and your space.
  - Keep noise levels down.
  - Stay seated while the bus is moving.
  - Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the bus.
  - Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- Keep the aisle clear.

***Did you know: It's illegal for drivers to pass a school bus when it has stopped with its red lights flashing. Bus drivers will activate their amber lights 150m before they stop as a warning to motorists.***


More information about HRCE student transportation and school bus safety can be found [here](#).



**School Bus Safety Tips**

A few bus safety reminders for all riders:

- 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.

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