



Kingswood Elementary School News

May 2025

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Reminders:

May 6 SAC/PSA Meetings
May 11 Mother's Day
May 12-23rd Gr. 3 Assessment
May 15 PSA School Dance
May 19 Victoria Day Holiday
May 30 Primary Orientation



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School**

Principal's Message

May is here and the signs of Spring are everywhere. We have started to do some gardening inside and outside of the school and in no time things should be in bloom. We would like to thank Herman and Sons for their generous donation of mulch. The front of the school is looking better already!

Along with working hard in our classrooms on the curriculum we have lots of special events taking place in May for students and families. During the day we will be having special guests and performances from Neptune Theatre, Acadian Musicians, HipHop in PE Classes, and even a Magician. On Thursday May 15th we will be having a School Dance in the evening. Stay tuned for more information about tickets. The big Grade 5 trip to Bayside will also take place at the end of the month. Kingswood is definitely the place to be!

Andrea and Martha

Grade 3 Assessments

Here are the important dates for our Grade 3 Assessments. The assessments take about an hour and start at the beginning of each day.

Monday May 12th— Grade 3 Literacy Assessment
Tuesday May 13th - Grade 3 Literacy Assessment
Tuesday May 20th - Grade 3 Math Assessment
Thursday May 21st - Grade 3 Math Assessment

Please make sure that your Grade 3 child is on time and has had a good breakfast and start to their day.

SAC/PSA

Our next SAC Meeting will be on May 6th at 5:30pm and it will be followed by our PSA Meeting at 6:30pm.

Primary Orientation

We will be having a Primary Orientation for all students who will be attending Kingswood in September for Grade Primary. It will be held on May 30th at 9:30—11:00am. All students currently in our Pre-Primary program along with students who have recently registered can attend. All parents are encouraged to come during this time as well. We will be holding an information session in the cafeteria.

Staffing for the 2025-2026 School Year and Class Lists for Kingswood

We have been working on registration and staffing for the 2025-2026 school year since February. It looks like Kingswood will continue to have a small enrollment next year. As a result there may be very few options to which class a child will be placed in. Please be assured that all of the classes at Kingswood are great classes with highly qualified teachers. If you have a significant concern about your child's placement, please communicate that concern to the Principal no later than June 1st.

*Class lists will be available to families at the beginning of the new school year. As always, things can change even after school begins if enrollments increase or decrease. We do expect that this will happen with all of the growth in the area.

Kingswood Bears and Hockey Pucks

If you would like to purchase a Kingswood Bear or Hockey puck we have them for sale here in the office. The Bears are \$25 and the Pucks are \$8. They make nice keepsakes



May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence Day? In essence Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. The following are ways you celebrate the fourth annual Black Excellence Day:

Celebrating achievements: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the education system.

Promoting equity and inclusion: Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

Education and awareness: Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

Empowerment and inspiration: By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.

Community engagement: Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding.

Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.



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2025-26 EXCEL Registration

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

For more information about registration, fees and programing, please [click here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar’s Office: Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787 or excelregistrar@hrce.ca and Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236 or excel@hrce.ca.