



Kingswood Elementary School News

June 2025

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- June 5 Field Day
- June 13 Spring Fair
- June 17 SAC Meeting At 5:30pm
- June 27 Assessment Day No School For Students
- June 30 Last Day Of School Dismissal At 10:55am

Principal's Message

Oh my goodness, it is June! Our year has almost come to an end. 2024-2025 was a wonderful year here at Kingswood with lots of great things happening. We are so proud of our students and all of the academic progress that they made in all areas of the curriculum. Thanks so much to our incredible teachers, support staff and of course all of our families for all that you do to make sure our students are successful at school.

We also had lots of fun events like our Holiday Concert. Holiday Social, Bingo and Dances. We are going to end the year with our Spring Fair during the day of June 13th. Thanks so much to our PSA and all of our volunteers for your support.

We are still working through the staffing process for September. The administration and teachers are busy working on our class lists. As a staff we try hard to balance the classes. Class lists will not be finalized until after the school year begins. It is likely that the lists will change as we continue to see more students register over the summer and into September. We appreciate your patience as we work through all that is involved in starting our new year off on the right note.

We wish all of our Grade 5 students who are heading to MSMS and other schools next year all the best. We will miss your smiling faces and know that you are going to go on and do great things.

Enjoy all that June has to offer, have a wonderful summer and we will see everyone on September 4th!

Andrea and Martha

Field Day for Grade P-5

We will be having Field Day on Thursday June 5th. Mr. Piccott and his students from CPA who will be coming to run the day for us. We are so excited as they did a great job last year and our students loved it!

Spring Fair!

We are so excited to announce that we will be having a fun day during the day on Friday June 13th. Our PSA has been working hard to provide our students with a magnificent day to celebrate the end of the year. All of our students will be able to enjoy bouncy castles, outdoor games and treats for FREE due to the support of our PSA and family participation throughout the year! Thank you so much! If you would like to volunteer please sign up using the Volunteer link that will be sent out soon. Please make sure your children come to school in comfortable clothing and footwear. Students should have a water bottle. It is also suggested that sunscreen be applied in the morning before coming to school.

Lost and Found

We will be putting all of the Lost and Found items on display for the week of June 23-27. Please drop by to find your child's missing belongings. All uncollected items will be donated on the last day of school.

Last Day of School—June 30th—Early Dismissal and Clap Out for Grade 5's

On the last day students will be dismissed 4 hours earlier than usual. This means that dismissal time at Kingswood is 10:55. Our Clap Out for the Grade 5's will take place at 9:30am. All families are welcome to attend.

Last SAC Meeting for the Year

The last SAC Meeting for the year will be on Tuesday June 17th at 5:30pm.



Books

It is that time of year again when we are trying to locate all of the books that belong to the school. We are asking that everyone check their homes carefully for books that may belong to Kingswood and send them in ASAP. This includes classroom, resource and library books. All books are due back by June 20th.

New Students

If your child is going to be a new student at Kingswood Elementary and you would like more information about our school, please go to our school website at www.kwe.hrce.ca.

We have some videos, handbooks and other resources that families will find useful.

School Calendar

The school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year is out! It can be found at www.hrce.ca. We are also attaching a copy with the newsletter. It's always a good idea to print this off to put on the fridge as it contains information about important day and days school will be closed.

School Supplies

School Supply lists for September will be posted on our website by the end of June, www.kwe.hrce.ca.

Class Lists for September 2025-2026

Class lists will be available for parents to see on PowerSchool prior to the start of the school year. It is important that you know that our lists for the first day of school will not be finalized later in September. Often new classes must be added if enrollment numbers increase over the summer. As we continue to register students we continue the work of balancing classes. In some cases significant changes will need to be made.

First Ride Program

Our service providers will host one-hour workshops for new bus families this summer to educate children about school bus safety on and around the vehicle. HRCE Student Transportation will reach out to new bus families over the summer with more information.

In the meantime, [click here](#) to learn more about riding the bus safely. Please contact transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723 if you have any questions.

2025-26 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2025-26 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

- Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.
- Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.

If you can't find the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

Reminder: The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.



SchoolsPlus Supports for Summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus facilitator for your school. Our Facilitator is Megan Tobin megan.tobin@hrce.ca or 902-240-1148. Learn more about SchoolsPlus [here](#).



Be Tick Aware

Sharing on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health

In summer and fall, people spend time at Nova Scotia's many beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. These small insects are found across Nova Scotia and can cause tick-borne diseases (TBDs), including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Ticks like moist and humid environments and can be found in or near woods, shrubs, leaf litter, long grass, urban parks and gardens. They can be very small, which makes them hard to spot and their bites don't hurt, which makes it difficult to know when you've been bitten.

Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety and learn:

- How to protect yourself - especially in grassy, wooded, or shrub-covered areas
- What to do if you find a tick on yourself/your child

The signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses



Tips to Support Reading and Writing at Home

As parents and caregivers, you play one of the most important roles in helping your child become a strong, confident reader and writer. What you do at home can make a big difference in your child's success in school and beyond. When reading and writing become part of family routines — like bedtime stories, writing notes to each other, or making shopping lists together — children see them as enjoyable and meaningful activities.

1. Create a dedicated writing space: Set up a quiet, well-lit area where your child can focus. Stock your writing center with essentials like paper, pencils, crayons, and even fun extras like family photos and old magazines to spark creativity.

2. Read often: Reading is one of the best ways to become a better writer. When children read a variety of books, they naturally absorb vocabulary, grammar, and different writing styles. Encourage daily reading to build their language skills and inspire their own writing.

3. Encourage reflective journaling: A journal is a great outlet for expressing thoughts and feelings. Prompt your child to write about everyday events at home and school. Suggest using sensory details — what they saw, heard, or felt. This helps develop descriptive writing. Provide real-life experiences that they can later write about. Remember, only read their journal if invited — and always respond with encouragement and thoughtful feedback.

4. Offer real-world writing opportunities: Help your child see writing as a practical skill. Let them write thank-you notes, grocery lists, birthday invitations or letters to family. Consider finding a pen pal to make writing feel more authentic and fun.

5. Be a writing role model: Let your child see you writing too! Whether it's a grocery list, an email or a note to a friend, show how writing fits into everyday life. Talk about the purpose of different types of writing and their audiences. Try having a "family writing night" where everyone writes and shares together.