



Kingswood Elementary School News

October 2025

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Reminders:

- Oct. 1 Treaty Day
Oct. 2/3 Picture Days
Oct. 7 SAC Meeting at 5:30 pm
PSA Meeting at 6:30pm
Oct. 13 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
No School for Students
Oct. 20 Diwali Begins
Oct. 23 Halloween Dance
Oct. 24 Conference Day
No School for Students
Oct. 31 Halloween Day

Principal's Message

September has just flown by. The weather has been great, our students are now all settled in their classes and everyone is enjoying being back with their friends. The Breakfast Program and the Lunch Program are both up and running. The students are really enjoying some of the new choices on the lunch menu. We are so fortunate to have a cafeteria here, where food is cooked on site and is delivered to students while it is still warm.

We would like to thank all families for a great start to school. Our Kiss and Go is moving smoothly and our busses are arriving and leaving on time. Just a reminder that students being dropped off at school should be here before 8:45am. We really don't want them missing out on instructional time in their classrooms and specialist time in Music or Physical Education.

On Sept. 25th we held our Curriculum Night/Open House for families here at Kingswood. It was wonderful to see so many people. Thanks to our PSA for supplying and serving ice cream and popsicles to everyone.

Andrea and Martha

Kiss and Go

We would like to thank families for doing such a great job in the Kiss and Go! Thank you for having your children ready to hop out. Thank you for not passing other cars and for having lots of patience. We really appreciate starting our day off so positively!

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

SAC (School Advisory Council)

We held our first SAC meeting on September 16th. Nicole Strum is our SAC Chair person, she can be reached by emailing hrce-sac-kwe@gnsps.ca. Our next meeting will be on October 7th at 5:30pm. We still have an opening on the committee for community members. For more information on the role of the SAC, our Bylaws and Agreements please visit our website.

Kingswood Guardian

Did you know that Kingswood Elementary has a points account at the Kingswood Guardian? If you purchase something there and would like to donate your points to us please let the cashier know.

Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please do not send your child with snacks and lunches that contain peanuts or nut products. This includes Nutella.

From Your PSA (Parent/Staff Association)

Hello Kingswood families!

We hope you enjoyed the Ice Cream Social during Curriculum Night. This was the first of many fun events that the PSA has organized for this year. Fundraising throughout the year allows us to support these events, so stay tuned for more information about upcoming fundraising opportunities as well as information about our next event - the Halloween Dance! (October 23) Our next PSA meeting is October 7th at 6:30PM, and we hope you can join us to help make this an amazing school year for our students.

To contact the PSA please email kingswoodpsa@gmail.com.

School Pictures

School Pictures will be taken on Thursday Oct. 2nd for all students in P-5 English classes, and Friday October 3rd for our Pre-Primary and French Immersion students,

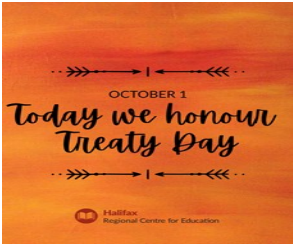
October is Canadian Library Month

October is Canadian Library Month, a time to celebrate our wonderful libraries and the Library Support Specialists who support our students. The third Friday of the month is Canadian Library Workers Day and the fourth Monday is Canadian School Library Day. Please join us in thanking our school library workers for all they do every day in creating safe and welcoming spaces, encouraging a love of reading and helping students succeed in school and beyond.



October 1st is Treaty Day

Celebrating and recognizing Treaty Day is an important way we can strengthen understanding and respect for Indigenous cultures and histories. It highlights the significance of treaties as living agreements that shape relationships between Indigenous peoples and the government. By educating students about Treaty Day, we promote awareness of Indigenous rights and contributions and encourage reconciliation. This celebration helps build a more inclusive and respectful society, where students learn the importance of honouring commitments and working together for a better future.



October is Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Mi'kmaq people. In our schools, we can honour this month by incorporating Mi'kmaq stories, traditions and teachings into our curriculum. Activities such as guest speakers, art projects and cultural events can help students appreciate and understand the significance of Mi'kmaq heritage. Please join us in offering our respect, awareness and appreciation for the Mi'kmaq community and their enduring legacy.

October 20-24 is School Bus Safety Week

Student safety is a shared responsibility! During School Bus Safety Week, everyone can work together to ensure the safety of students on and around the school bus.

Did you know that HRCE has more than 33,000 students who ride the school bus every day?

School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools, of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.



Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three meters(10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the center of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

Remember: In Nova Scotia, it's illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

You can find out more information about riding the school bus in HRCE at www.hrce.ca.



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