



Kingswood Elementary School News

November 2025

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Reminders:

- Nov. 4 SAC Meeting
at 5:30 pm
PSA Meeting
at 6:30pm
- Nov. 6 Picture
Retake
Day
- Nov. 10 Remem -
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Day
Ceremony
- Nov. 11 Remembrance
Day
Holiday
- Nov. 21 Assessment
& Evaluation
Day
No School

Principal's Message

November is here and the weather has definitely changed. Mornings are quite cold and we are finally getting some rain. Please make sure that your children are dressed for the weather. Layers are always a great idea. We will be going outside to get fresh air whenever we can.

There have been lots of great things going on at Kingswood. The students are actively engaged in learning lots of new things every day. It is wonderful to see the students making great progress, showing their creativity and being proud of their accomplishments. Our Halloween Dance was a huge success! It is one of most popular events and everyone had a great time. Thanks to our PSA for organizing it and all of the lovely decorations.

November is going to be a busy month too. We are currently planning our Remembrance Day ceremony. Soon we will be getting ready for a Book Fair during the first week of December and we are already planning for December's Holiday Social. The end of the term is coming so teachers will be busy preparing report cards and on Dec. 4th we will be holding our Parent/Teacher meetings. Stay tuned for more information on all of these events.

Andrea and Martha

Remembrance Day

This year we will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10 at 11am in the gym for all Kingswood students and staff. Don't forget to submit your pictures for our Wall of Honor.



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

Holiday Concert—Save the Date

We will be holding our Holiday Concert for Grades P-5 on **Wednesday December 17th**. There will be an afternoon and evening concert.

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Meetings

Report cards will be distributed electronically on Tuesday December 2nd and Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday December 4th. We will be sending out information later in the month on how to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

School Picture Retake Day—Pre-Primary to Grade 5

We will be having retake day on Thursday November 6th. Any students who were absent on their original picture day or who require a retake will have their picture taken on this day.

Important—School Hours

Our school hours are 8:40am to 2:55pm. Students coming by bus arrive between 8:25am and 8:40am and students arriving by car should also come for the same time. We ask that all parents try to have children at school on time as instruction begins right away.

Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School

Kingswood is a Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School Please help us keep our students healthy by sending your child with snacks and lunches which do not contain nuts. (No Nutella) Additionally, we ask that you refrain from wearing scented products.

Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day is an important occasion to honour the sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Recognizing this day in schools is especially significant, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about the often-overlooked histories and experiences of Indigenous veterans. By commemorating Indigenous Veterans Day in our schools, we ensure that younger generations understand the vital role Indigenous peoples have played in defending Canada, while also promoting respect, reconciliation, and a more inclusive understanding of Canadian history. This recognition helps strengthen empathy, respect for diversity and a greater appreciation for the many ways in which Indigenous peoples have shaped our country.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada’s history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.



Planning For Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather. It is HRCE’s goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool , by text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren’t sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338** - [On the HRCE website](#) or [On Instagram](#)

It’s important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.



Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

Did you know? [The Student Attendance and Engagement Policy](#) guides our approach to attendance and is in place to support all students.

The policy states that regular, punctual attendance supports academic success, responsibility, and preparation for the future.

Ensuring regular attendance is a joint effort between students, families and schools. As a parent/ guardian, you play an important role by monitoring attendance, communicating with the school when your child is absent, and supporting your child’s regular attendance.

What Should You Know?

- Schools will monitor attendance and lateness.
- All absences must be communicated to the school, following the school’s procedure.
- If absenteeism or lateness reaches 10% of class time, the school will begin to engage more actively with the student and family.
- If it goes beyond 15%, more targeted supports may be used (counselling, referrals, community sup- ports).

What Can You Do?

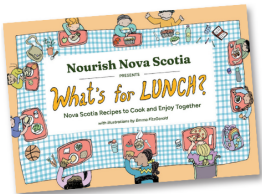
- Monitor and encourage punctual, consistent attendance
 - Maintain open communication with the school when absences or challenges arise
 - Work with school staff to understand supports or accommodations for your child
 - Be aware of the thresholds (10%, 15%) and possible consequences (intervention, loss of credit in high school)
- Remember: the policy allows flexibility. If your child has a legitimate reason for missing school (health, family issue, etc.), schools are encouraged to take a supportive approach.



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