



Kingswood Elementary School News

December 2025

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Reminders:

- Dec. 4 Professional Development And Parent/Teacher Day
No School For Students
- Dec. 5 Stuff-A-Bus Day
- Dec. 11 Holiday Social Set Up in the Evening
- Dec. 12 Kid's Only Store (daytime)
- Dec. 12 Holiday Social 6:30-8pm
- Dec. 14 First Day of Hanukkah
- Dec. 16 Holiday Concert 7pm
- Dec. 17 Holiday Concert (Storm Date)
- Dec. 19 Last Day of School before The Christmas Break for Students
- Dec. 22 PD Day for Staff
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 Kwanzaa

- Jan. 5 Back to School For students

Kingswood is a Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School

Kingswood Pharmasave

We have an account at the Kingswood Pharmasave for people to donate points. Please consider us when shopping at our local store.

Principal's Message

Time is just flying by! December is upon us and there is a lot going on. This week is Book Fair Week and we are collecting food for the Stuff-A-Bus that will be coming on Friday. On December 12th we will be having our Holiday Social. Families will have the opportunity to get together, play some games, make some crafts and win some prizes. If we are lucky we might even have a visit from Santa.

We are also going to have a Holiday Concert for our P-5 students on Tuesday December 16th. Keep an eye out for emails from the school and make sure you follow the Kingswood PSA Facebook page for updates and reminders.

The holiday season is a great time for family and friends to take a break, reconnect, share some fun and some good food. We wish all of our families a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and all the best of health, happiness and peace in the New Year!

We will see you all back on Friday, January 5th.

Andrea, Sarah, Jennifer and the Staff of Kingswood Elementary

Kingswood Cares

This week is Kingswood Cares week. We will be collecting donations all week. We hope to have lots of items before the stuff-a-bus arrives on Friday.

Holiday Social

We are getting very excited about our Holiday Social! Thank you to those who have sent in items for the baskets and Kids Only Store. At the **Kids Only Store** which will take place during the day on December 12th, the children go shopping for their family members (not themselves) so we need a lot of items for them to choose from. For each child to be able to have 2 or 3 items we would need about 1000 things! So please check your house for new or gently used items that you would like to donate and send them in. Your regifted item could be someone else's favourite present.

Holiday Concerts Grades P-5

We will be holding our Holiday Concert on December 16th with a storm date of the 17th. The daytime concert will begin at 1pm and the evening concert will begin at 7pm with the doors opening at 6:30pm. **Tickets are required for the evening concert.** We will be sending these home on the day of the concert. Each family will receive 2 tickets for the evening concert so if you have additional family members that would like to attend let them know that they are welcome to join us for the 1pm performance. **No tickets are necessary for the afternoon performance.**

Dressing for the Weather

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children are dressed for the weather. It is important that children have snow pants to play in the snow, stay warm, or slide on the hills. As always, it is a good idea to have additional dry clothing in your child's backpack.

School Advisory Council

The SAC will not be meeting in January. The next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday February 3rd. This will be a virtual meeting and members will be sent a Zoom link in advance.

PSA

The PSA meeting will be on Tuesday January 13th at 6:30pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting. If you would like the link to the meeting please email kwe@hrce.ca and we will put your name on the list.

Kingswood Learning Centre Fundraiser

Our LC students are raising and learning about money by collecting the recycling at the school. They also have an account at the Bluewater Recycling Depot where you can donate your refundables to support them, the account is **Cash Pandas.**

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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](#)

[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. For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.



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