



Kingswood Elementary School News

January 2026

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Reminders:

Jan. 5 First Day Back To school
Jan. 13 PSA Meeting (Virtual)
Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 27 Family Literacy Day

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February Is Registration Month

If you have a child who was born in 2022 they can register for Pre-Primary for next year (2026-2027)

If you have a child who was born in 2021, who is not already attending school can register for Grade Primary for next year (2026-2027).

Please see registration info at www.hrce.ca.

Principal's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday break.

December was an especially busy and exciting month at Kingswood. Our special events—Kingswood Cares, the PSA Holiday Social, and the Holiday Concert—were all a huge successes. Thank you for your generosity in donating items for Kingswood Cares and the Holiday Social. The children were thrilled to see the Stuff-A-Bus arrive with Santa, and our Grade 5 students did an outstanding job delivering the donations.

At the Holiday Social, the children had a great time shopping at the Kids-Only Store, playing games, and of course, visiting with Santa. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Events like these require a great deal of teamwork, and we truly appreciate all the support that makes them possible.

Mr. Campbell and the students put on a fantastic Holiday Concert. It's amazing to witness so much talent, and we're so fortunate to enjoy such a wonderful performance. It was also lovely to see so many families throughout the month.

2026 is here! We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and successful year.

Please continue to read our newsletters and check your emails for updates on special events, important dates, and school reminders.

All the best,

Andrea and Sarah

Delayed Start to School due to Weather

When school is delayed by 2 hours due to weather, drop off for students is also delayed by 2 hours. **Normally children can arrive at 8:25 am so on a 2 hour delay the time would be 10:25.** Children cannot be dropped off before this time. That is when staff will be in the building and ready to supervise students.

Literacy Week at Kingswood Elementary – January 26-30

Family Literacy Day is Tuesday January 27th. At Kingswood we celebrate Literacy Week in January during the week that includes Family Literacy Day, which takes place each year on January 27. We do this to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy related activities as a school and as a family. This year's Family Literacy Day 2026 Theme: Make Mealtime Family Learning Time. We will be having some fun events here at school and we encourage families to have some fun too. For more information and ideas for activities visit, <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/programs/family-literacy-day/>

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 Teams 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.

Important Weather Reminders—Kingswood is in the West Bedford Family of Schools

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school busses 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:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and

Non-bused 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 [our website](#)

On [Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

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

Power Outage Information for Families.

As we move into the winter months, we want to share how decisions are made when a school experiences a power outage.

Our priority is always to keep schools open safely when possible. A power outage does **not** automatically mean classes are cancelled – even if it happens during the school day. The decision depends on when power is expected to be restored.

Here's what happens:

- When a school loses power, HRCE's Operations Team contacts Nova Scotia Power to gather available details on the cause and an estimated restoration time.
- Once we have this information, we consider:
- **Before school starts:** Have buses begun their routes? If so, we wait until students arrive before making a decision. If classes are cancelled, elementary families will be contacted before dismissal.
- **During the school day:** How close is dismissal? What is the temperature in the building? Does the school rely on power for water or septic systems? These factors, among others, help us decide whether to stay open or close. Often, power returns faster than we could safely send students home.

If classes are cancelled:

- HRCE will notify families by email and text
- Families of elementary students will also receive a phone call before dismissal.

Deciding to close schools during a power outage is never simple, but safety is always our top priority.

Learn About the Influenza Vaccine on behalf of the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness.

Fast Facts about the Flu Vaccine

- Influenza (the flu) is virus that peaks in transmission in the fall and winter months
- Most people are mildly ill when they contract the flu but sometimes the flu can be serious and require admission to the hospital
- Children under 6 years are at the highest risk of serious complications from the flu
- The flu and RSV can occur at the same time making children more at risk of needing hospitalization
- The flu vaccine is recommended yearly for children 6 months and older to protect against serious complications of the flu. For more information, [click here](#).