



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Reminders:

- Apr. 2 World Autism Awareness Day
Apr. 2 PD/Parent/Teacher Afternoon No School For Students
Apr. 3 Good Friday Holiday No School
Apr. 6 Easter Monday Holiday No School
Apr. 9 Parent/Teacher Evening
Apr. 14 SAC Meeting At 5:30pm PSA Meeting At 6:30pm
Apr. 22 Earth Day
Apr. 23 Family BINGO
Apr. 29 PD Day No School

Principal's Message

Spring is here, and April has arrived, and the snow is still melting. Next it will be muddy season. Please keep sending your children with jackets and boots and make sure there are some extra clothes in their backpacks (or here with their teachers). We really don't want to bother families during the school day for changes of clothes.

March felt like a very quick but busy month here at Kingswood! As a special treat for the students the Earth Rangers visited our school. The focus of their presentation was the environment and conservation. The presentation was very engaging and interactive. The children loved it, particularly enjoying seeing the animals that were showcased.

The students have been working hard and making lots of progress in all areas of the curriculum. Teachers have been busy assessing students for the report cards that were just sent home. We look forward to seeing families later this week and next for Parent/Teacher Meetings here at the school.

Wishing a joyful Passover and a happy Easter to all who celebrate.

Andrea and Sarah

SAC

We will be having our in person SAC Meeting on Tuesday April 14th at 5:30pm.

PSA

We will be having our in person PSA Meeting on Tuesday April 14th at 6:30pm.

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Meetings

Report cards were distributed electronically on Tuesday March 31st. Parent/Teacher Meeting sign up is now open. On Thursday April 2nd teachers will be involved in Professional Development in the morning and be available for Parent/Teacher conferences in the afternoon from 1-3pm. Our evening session will be held on Thursday April 9th from 5:30-7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you on the afternoon of Thursday April 2nd or the evening of Thursday April 9th here at the school. **There is No School for students on April 2nd.**

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

Family BINGO—Thursday April 23rd

Family BINGO - Doors open at 6:00pm and BINGO will begin at 6:30pm. This event was rescheduled from February. Keep your eyes open for more information about this fun event. We look forward to seeing our families there.

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Class Trips

It is that time of year. The time of year when classes are planning some trips. We will need lots of chaperones to join us on trips. If you would like to help us out please make sure you send in your Criminal Records Check/Vulnerable Sector Search and Child Abuse Registry documents. If you would like to do part of the process online through mybackcheck please send an email to the school and we will send you an invitation.



April 2nd is Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many strengths and experiences of autistic children and youth in our school communities. For families, it's a moment to reflect on the importance of feeling seen, heard, and supported — not just today, but every day.

In our schools, awareness is only the beginning. True inclusion comes from acceptance, understanding, and a commitment to meeting each student where they are. When educators, students, and families work together to build empathy and reduce barriers, we create environments where every child can thrive.

Recognized globally on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, led by the United Nations, highlights the importance of improving quality of life and upholding the rights of autistic individuals. This year's theme, "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," reminds us that every person deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive, both in school and beyond.



Try Carpool Conversations with your Kids

Looking for an easy way to talk with your child about their digital world? Carpool Conversations from Common Sense Media offers short, engaging prompts and mini podcasts designed to spark family discussions about technology, media use, and online behaviour. Many episodes are only a couple of minutes long, perfect for a car ride or while waiting for practice to start. Explore the conversation starters [here](#).

The “Amazing” Adventure Guide

[Unplugged Canada](#) encourages families to reclaim childhood by creating more opportunities for outdoor adventure, independence, and real-world responsibility. Research shows that children thrive when they spend more time exploring their neighbourhoods, solving problems with friends, and contributing meaningfully at home and in their communities. Simple steps like walking to a neighbour's house, biking to a local park, helping plan a family meal or running small errands help kids build confidence, resilience and practical life skills.

Families can support this shift by intentionally creating space for free, unsupervised play and increasing responsibility over time. That might mean designating “no-adult” play zones, encouraging kids to gather in groups of three or more for creative play, or giving them meaningful household roles such as helping with groceries, cooking or caring for pets.

It can feel challenging to step back, but children build independence by practicing it. Families can make it easier by teaming up with other parents in their neighbourhood to create shared boundaries for safe roaming and outdoor play. For more ideas and practical steps, see the full guide: [The “Amazing” Adventure Guide](#) from Unplugged Canada.