



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Principal's Message

Well we made it through a snowy and cold January. The days are at least getting longer which makes one hopeful for Spring. On Monday we will be anxiously waiting to hear from Shubenacadie Sam to see just how long winter is going to stick around, that is if she dares to come out of her den! January was a great month for learning here at Kingswood. Literacy week was interrupted by a storm but we still managed to do some fun things including our popular Book Exchange.

Reminders:

- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3 SAC Meeting at 5:30
PSA meeting At 6:30pm (Virtual)
- Feb.11 French Immersion Information Session for Parents with Children Starting Gr.P In September
- Feb. 12 PSA Bingo
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 Flag Day
- Feb. 16 Heritage Day Holiday—No School
- Feb. 17 Lunar New Year

March Break
March 16-20

Assessment and Evaluation Day
March 13
No School for Students



February will be an exciting month for us here at Kingswood. February is African Heritage Month. All of our students will be involved in learning more about African Nova Scotians and their contributions to Nova Scotia's unique and wonderful culture. The children also like celebrating Valentines Day and the PSA has a BINGO planned for families. We will be busy, learning and having some fun too!

We are very fortunate here at Kingswood to have such a supportive community. Without the help of the following companies our Holiday Social would not have been such a big success!

Thanks so much to Panada Pizza, Tim Hortons Kingswood Drive, Levantic Bakery and Café, Mavericks Donuts, Adams Photography, Joyful Kidsland, Wonder World, Suburban Football Club, Blisstini Spa, Bedford South Dentistry, Leisure Days RV Truro, CRC RV Truro, BLOOM, Re:form Pilates and Lighthouse Liquidation Limited.

Andrea and Sarah

February is Registration Month

Do you have or know a child who will be starting Pre Primary or Primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins on Monday, February 2. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers if you are new to the HRCE
- Proof of home address with one of the following: a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment, a mortgage contract or a residential lease agreement

Visit the [HRCE website](http://www.hrce.ca) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

Students who are already enrolled in Pre-Primary do not have to register for Primary as you are already in our system.



Grade Primary French Immersion in September

Are you considering enrolling your child in French Immersion for Grade Primary? The French Immersion Schools of Kingswood, Hammonds Plains and West Bedford will be holding an information night for parents/guardians here at Kingswood on Wednesday February 11th at 6:30pm. We will go over the French Immersion program and answer any questions that you may have. **We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday February 11th at 6:30pm.**

From Your PSA

We are having a family BINGO night! On February 12th at 6:30-8 pm come out for a fun night of bingo and prizes! Doors will open at 6pm. We will have our canteen and a 50/50. We are also selling Kingswood stuffed bears for \$25 and Kingswood hockey pucks for \$8. It's sure to be a good time for all! An email was sent looking for volunteers. Stay tuned for more information on how to register to attend.



February is African Heritage Month

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, vibrant culture, and lasting contributions of people of African descent in our province. This year's theme, **“Strength in Unity – Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power and Progress,”** reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community, learning from one another, and moving forward with shared purpose.

In our schools, African Heritage Month provides meaningful opportunities for students to explore African Nova Scotian histories and experiences, deepen their understanding of our shared past, and reflect on the values of respect, inclusion, and belonging. Through classroom learning, discussions, and activities connected to this year's theme, students are encouraged to appreciate diversity, build empathy, and recognize the strength that comes from unity. These experiences help foster welcoming school communities and inspire students to contribute positively to a more inclusive and equitable future for all.



February 16th is Heritage Day

Nova Scotia Heritage Day is celebrated on Monday, February 16, and provides an opportunity for students and families to learn more about the people, stories, and events that have shaped our province. Each year, Heritage Day honours a notable Nova Scotian, and in 2026 we recognize Joseph William Comeau, an important Acadian poet, writer, and cultural leader.

Joseph William Comeau is remembered for his contributions to Acadian literature and for helping to preserve and promote Acadian language, identity, and culture in Nova Scotia. His work reflected the everyday lives, resilience, and traditions of Acadian communities, and his legacy continues to influence Acadian culture today.

Heritage Day provides us with an opportunity to explore Nova Scotia's diverse history and to better understand how individuals from different backgrounds have contributed to our shared story. Learning about Joseph William Comeau helps students appreciate the richness of Acadian heritage and the importance of preserving culture, language, and community.



Two Truths and AI

Two Truths & AI is a free, interactive activity from Common Sense Education that helps students learn how to tell the difference between real and AI-generated content. Through guided examples, students practice asking good questions and thinking critically about what they see online. This resource can also be a helpful way for parents and caregivers to build their own understanding of AI and media literacy alongside their children. Learn more [here](#).