



Kingswood Elementary School News

June 2026

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Principal's Message

June 12 Spring Fair

June 16 SAC
Meeting
At 5:30pm

June 29 Assessment
Day
No School
For
Students

June 30 Last Day
Of School
Dismissal
At 10:55am

Oh my goodness, it is June! Our year has almost come to an end. 2025-2026 was a wonderful and busy year here at Kingswood with lots of great things happening. We are so proud of our students and all of the academic progress that they made in all areas of the curriculum. Thanks so much to our incredible teachers, support staff and of course all of our families for all that you do to make sure our students are successful at school.

We are still working through the staffing process for September. The administration and teachers are busy working on our class lists. As a staff we try hard to balance the classes. Class lists will not be finalized until after the school year begins. It is likely that the lists will change as we continue to see more students register over the summer and into September. We appreciate your patience as we work through all that is involved in starting our new year off on the right note.

Next year there will be some changes at Kingswood. I will be retiring at the end of the month and the new Principal Dave Madgett will be taking over. Ms. Reid who has been doing a wonderful job as our Acting Vice-Principal will be going back to being our Elementary Literacy Support Teacher and Joanne Treen will be returning to Kingswood as our new Vice-Principal.



After eight very enjoyable years as Principal at Kingswood, and 38 years as an educator, it's time for me to say goodbye and begin a new chapter. I'm so grateful to have been part of such a caring and supportive school community. Every day, I've been inspired by the students, staff, and families who make this place feel special. We've shared a lot over the years—hard work, big celebrations, and plenty of memorable moments including a pandemic—and I'll carry those with me long after I leave. Thank you so much for your support over the years.

June is going to be a great month. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and I wish you all the best.

Andrea



Field Day for Grade P-5

We will be having Field Day on Wednesday June 10th. Mr. Piccott and his students from CPA who will be coming to run the day for us. We are so excited as they did a great job last year and our students loved it!

Spring Fair!

We are so excited to announce that we will be having a fun day during the day on Friday June 12th. Our PSA has been working hard to provide our students with a magnificent day to celebrate the end of the year. All of our students will be able to enjoy bouncy castles, outdoor games and treats for FREE due to the support of our PSA and family participation throughout the year! Thank you so much! If you would like to volunteer please sign up using the Volunteer link that will be sent out soon. Please make sure your children come to school in comfortable clothing and footwear. Sunscreen be applied in the morning before coming to school.

Lost and Found

We will be putting all of the Lost and Found items on display for the week of June 22-26. Please drop by to find your child's missing belongings. All uncollected items will be donated on the last day of school.

Last Day of School—June 30th—Early Dismissal

On the last day students will be dismissed 4 hours earlier than usual. This means that dismissal time at Kingswood is 10:55.

Books

It is that time of year again when we are trying to locate all of the books that belong to the school. We are asking that everyone check their homes carefully for books that may belong to Kingswood and send them in ASAP. This includes classroom, resource and library books. All books are due back by June 19th.

New Students

If your child is going to be a new student at Kingswood Elementary and you would like more information about our school, please go to our school website at www.kwe.hrce.ca.

School Calendar

The school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year is out! It can be found at www.hrce.ca. We are also attaching a copy with the newsletter. It's always a good idea to print this off to put on the fridge as it contains information about important day and days school will be closed.

School Supplies

School Supply lists for September will be posted on our website by the end of June, www.kwe.hrce.ca.

Class Lists for September 2026-2027

Class lists will be available for parents to see on PowerSchool prior to the start of the school year. It is important that you know that our lists for the first day of school will not be finalized until later in September. Often new classes must be added if enrollment numbers increase over the summer. As we continue to register students we continue the work of balancing classes. In some cases significant changes will need to be made.

First Ride Program

Our service providers will host one-hour workshops for new bus families this summer to educate children about school bus safety on and around the vehicle. HRCE Student Transportation will reach out to new bus families over the summer with more information.

In the meantime, [click here](#) to learn more about riding the bus safely. Please contact transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723 if you have any questions.

2026-2027 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2026-27 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.

Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.

If you can't find the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

Reminder: The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.



Be Tick Aware

Sharing on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health

After a long and snow-filled winter, we're finally headed toward summer – a season when many people spend time at Nova Scotia's beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. Nova Scotia is home to several kinds of ticks, but only blacklegged tick bites can cause illnesses like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Powassan virus. Tick-borne diseases can lead to serious illness, especially if they are not noticed and treated quickly.

It's important that we all know what to do about ticks, so if you've asked yourself any of these questions lately:

- What does a tick look like?
- What do I do if I find a tick on me or my child?
- What symptoms should I be aware of?
- How can I prevent ticks?
- Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety to learn more.



Tips to Support Reading and Writing at Home

As parents and caregivers, you play one of the most important roles in helping your child become a strong, confident reader and writer. What you do at home can make a big difference in your child's success in school and beyond. When reading and writing become part of family routines — like bedtime stories, writing notes to each other, or making shopping lists together — children see them as enjoyable and meaningful activities.

1. Create a dedicated writing space: Set up a quiet, well-lit area where your child can focus. Stock your writing center with essentials like paper, pencils, crayons, and even fun extras like family photos and old magazines to spark creativity.

2. Read often: Reading is one of the best ways to become a better writer. When children read a variety of books, they naturally absorb vocabulary, grammar, and different writing styles. Encourage daily reading to build their language skills and inspire their own writing.

3. Encourage reflective journaling: A journal is a great outlet for expressing thoughts and feelings. Prompt your child to write about everyday events at home and school. Suggest using sensory details — what they saw, heard, or felt. This helps develop descriptive writing. Provide real-life experiences that they can later write about. Remember, only read their journal if invited — and always respond with encouragement and thoughtful feedback.

4. Offer real-world writing opportunities: Help your child see writing as a practical skill. Let them write thank-you notes, grocery lists, birthday invitations or letters to family. Consider finding a pen pal to make writing feel more authentic and fun.

5. Be a writing role model: Let your child see you writing too! Whether it's a grocery list, an email or a note to a friend, show how writing fits into everyday life. Talk about the purpose of different types of writing and their audiences. Try having a "family writing night" where everyone writes and shares together.

6. Start a vocabulary notebook

Introduce a few new words each week and encourage your child to use them in writing and conversation. Turn it into a game for using words creatively.

