



Kingswood Elementary School News

May 2026

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Reminders:

May 5 SAC/PSA Meetings
May 10 Mother's Day
May 11-22nd Gr. 3 Assessment
May 15 Black Excellence Day
May 18 Victoria Day Holiday
May 21 PSA School Dance
May 29 Primary Orientation



Principal's Message

May is here and we still seem to be looking for some signs of spring. One day seems ok and the next we are back to winter. In hope of better weather, we have started to do some gardening inside and outside of the school and in no time things should be in bloom. A huge shout out to our Learning Center team for their hard work and leadership. Things are already looking so much better outside.

Along with working hard in our classrooms on the curriculum we had lots of special events here at Kingswood. Through the Perform NS program our students had the opportunity to participate in some Line Dancing and they learning some new Hip Hop moves. The PSA Family Bingo was a success and we are already planning for our last two events of the year, a Spring Family Dance on May 21st and our Spring Fair on June 12th. Stay tuned for more information about tickets. Lots of class trips are being planned and the Grade 5's are getting excited about their trip to Bayside at the end of the month. There is a lot going on in our final 2 months of 2025-2026!

Andrea and Sarah

Grade 3 Assessments

Here are the important dates for our Grade 3 Assessments. The assessments take about an hour and start at the beginning of each day.

Monday May 11th— Grade 3 Literacy Assessment (English Students only)

Tuesday May 12th - Grade 3 Literacy Assessment (English Students only)

Tuesday May 19th - Grade 3 Math Assessment (English and French Immersion Students)

Wednesday May 20th - Grade 3 Math Assessment (English and French Immersion Students)

Please make sure that your Grade 3 child is on time and has had a good breakfast and start to their day.

SAC/PSA

Our next SAC Meeting will be on May 5th at 5:30pm and it will be followed by our PSA Meeting at 6:30pm.

Primary Orientation

We will be having a Primary Orientation for all students who will be attending Kingswood in September for Grade Primary. It will be held on Friday May 29th at 9:30—11:00am. All students currently in our Pre-Primary program along with students who have recently registered can attend. All parents are encouraged to come during this time as well. While the children attend class we will be holding an information session for parents in the cafeteria.

Staffing for the 2026-2027 School Year and Class Lists for Kingswood

We have been working on registration and staffing for the 2026-2027 school year since February. A great deal of time and attention is given to creating class lists. Please be assured that all of the classes at Kingswood are great classes with highly qualified teachers. If you have a significant concern about your child's placement, please communicate that concern to the Principal in an email no later than June 1st.

*Class lists will be available to families at the beginning of the new school year. As always, things can change even after school begins if enrollments increase or decrease. September changes happen almost every year due to summer registrations.

Kingswood Bears and Hockey Pucks

If you would like to purchase a Kingswood Bear or Hockey puck we have them for sale here in the office. The Bears are \$25 and the Pucks are \$8. They make nice keepsakes.



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May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves meaningfully reflected in our schools.

We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!



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Tutors available for students in:
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 - Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Access Awareness Week—May 31–June 6

Access Awareness Week in Nova Scotia, taking place May 31–June 6, 2026, is an opportunity to recognize the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and the leadership of people with disabilities. This year's theme, "Disability Justice: Stronger Together, First Voice Leading Change for Collective Action," emphasizes the importance of centering lived experience and working collaboratively to create meaningful, lasting change.

In schools, this week is a powerful reminder that inclusion is everyone's responsibility. Classrooms are where understanding begins — through learning, conversation, and action. By listening to diverse voices, removing barriers, and fostering accessible learning environments, educators and students help build school communities where all learners feel valued and supported.

Free Live Event

**UNPLUGGED
CANADA**



A National Conversation

with Unplugged Canada Ambassadors

*Tania Johnson,
M.C.*

Co-founder of the Institute
of Child Psychology
Award-Winning Author

*Dr. Michele Locke,
Ph.D.*

Clinical Psychologist
Toronto Chapter
Co-founder

*Kirsten Sweet,
M.Ed.*

National Program Director
Alberta Chapter
Co-founder

- ✓ Explore the research: Smartphones and Social Media
- ✓ Review the Unplugged Pledge and Resources
- ✓ Join our National School Champion Program
- ✓ Check out our new resource: Operation Landline
- ✓ Invite all parents and caregivers in your school community

**Wednesday,
May 6th**
5pm PT | 8pm ET