



Happy Friday Kingswood Elementary Families!

We are very excited to welcome everyone to the 2026–27 school year! As we prepare for the first day of school and head into the final weekend of the summer break, I wanted to share a few important start-up updates.

Enrollment and Class Organization

Over the summer, Kingswood has experienced a significant increase in enrollment. As a result, it is likely that we will need to reconfigure some of our English classes during the first few weeks of school.

As a school located in a community that continues to experience steady growth from year to year, and with the recent adjustment to our school boundary, some movement in class organization early in the school year is not unexpected. While we recognize that changing classes after the year begins can be an adjustment for students and families, reconfiguration allows us to create smaller, more balanced classes and provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

We will communicate with families as soon as any changes to class organization are confirmed.

PowerSchool and Teacher Welcome Emails

PowerSchool will open to families on September 2. On the afternoon of September 2, you will also receive an email from your child's teacher welcoming them to their class and providing important information for the first day of school.

Lunch ordering

We realize that the turn-around time between PowerSchool going live and the Lunch ordering window closing is tight. That said, families can log on to PowerSchool on the morning of September 2nd, get their child's classroom information and proceed to <https://www.nslunch.ca/> and order lunches before the window closes at 12:00pm (noon) on that day.

School Hours, Morning Drop-Off and Dismissal

Student drop-off begins at 8:25 a.m. The first bell rings at 8:40 a.m., and classes begin at 8:45 a.m. The dismissal bell rings at 2:55 p.m. Your child's teacher will include specific instructions regarding morning arrival/drop-off and afternoon dismissal procedures in their introductory email.

To help us make the first day run as smoothly as possible, it is always a huge help if families provide their child's teacher, in writing, with their child's morning arrival and afternoon dismissal/transportation plan. In particular, please let us know whether your child will be travelling by bus, being dropped off or picked up, walking, or following another arrangement.

Student Transportation

If your child has moved to Kingswood from another school within HRCE, please double-check BusPlanner to ensure that your child's new address is reflected correctly in the transportation system.

If you have questions or concerns regarding bussing, please find contact info for HRCE Student Transportation using the following link: <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-transportation>.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students and families to Kingswood and to a great start to the new school year complete with three new playground spaces that should be ready to go by next Thursday. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through the usual adjustments that come with a growing school community.

Enjoy the final days of summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Yours in Learning,

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