



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Principal's Message

The New Year is shaping up to be one filled with opportunities and possibilities. We're off to a great start for a new year with many success stories that include students meeting reading benchmarks, improving the organization and ideas in their writing to being able to confidently and accurately solve mathematical problems.

We ended the month with our Literacy Week activities all last week. It was wonderful to see all the activities taking place throughout the school. Thank you to all those who came as guest readers, it was certainly a highlight of the week along with our book swap.

Sunday was Groundhog Day, and Shubenacadie Sam saw his shadow so all things point to more winter for us. Let's hope that he is wrong!

February is already looking really busy with the start of Primary registration month, Parent French Immersion Information evening, and a Sock Hop.

Registration for next year begins on Monday. Please register your child for school if he/she will be 5 years old before December 31st, 2020. Your early registration is important to us – next year's staffing depends on our numbers early in the year. It could mean an additional teacher.

We have been doing our best to get the children outside as much as possible. Thank you so much for sending your children to school dressed for the weather! Not only do they look lovely in their wonderful snowsuits but they are also so nice and warm. Don't forget your extra mitts and socks. It is nice to see that the days are already starting to get longer and that the sun is still out when we head home at the end of the day. It makes us hopeful that spring will eventually come.

We have also noted an improvement in the number of students arriving late for school but we still have work to do in this area. **All students should be on the school grounds before 8:40am.** All of our busses are arriving on time so now we just need parents who drop their children off to plan their morning so that children are here before 8:40am. It is important for both the teachers and the students that everyone is in class and ready to start their day all at the same time.

Andrea and Rachael

Pre-Primary and Primary Registration

The registration process for the 2020-2021 school year starts next week.

This year, we will also be registering children for the provincial Pre-Primary program. We're excited to be introducing Pre-Primary to our school community and we hope you can help spread the word to families.

To register for **Pre-Primary a child must turn four on or before December 31, 2020** and live within our catchment area.

To register for **Primary a child must turn five on or before December 31, 2020** and live within our catchment area.

Parents/guardians must present their child's proof of age, legal name (as listed on birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, legal name change certificate or adoption documents), proof of residency (such as a current utility bill), Nova Scotia Health Card (MSI) number and expiry date at the time of registration.

To learn more about Pre-Primary in the HRCE, visit the website at: www.hrce.ca/pre-primary.

We are very excited to see Pre-Primary starting in our community and we would encourage families to register as soon as possible.

Primary French Immersion Information Session

On Thursday, February 6th, we will be holding a French Immersion information session for interested parents of children who will be starting Primary in September 2020. We will be meeting in the Primary Classroom at 6:30pm. The session will provide information to parents regarding the early French Immersion program offered here at Kingswood. If you are not familiar with the program and/or you are not sure whether it is a program suited to your child, then it is important for you to attend. Parents who wish to enroll their child in this program must do so in February. Parents are not expected to bring their children with them to the meeting.

African Heritage Month

During African Heritage Month we will be learning about and celebrating the history, contributions and culture of Canadians of African descent. Classes will be involved in many educational activities and Mrs. Aucoin's and Mme. Cyr's classes will be providing everyone with interesting and noteworthy facts each morning on the announcements.

Reminders:

- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 6 Primary French Immersion info session for students starting Primary in 2020
- Feb. 6 Gr. 6 Parent Meeting at MSMS for Late Immersion
- Feb. 11 SAC / PSA Meeting at 5:30 and 6:30
- Feb. 5, 12 & 19 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive
- Feb. 13 Sock Hop 6:30-8pm
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17 Heritage Day Holiday—No School
- Feb. 18 Gr. 2 English & Gr. 6 English Trip
- Feb. 26 Gr. 5/6M, 4/5F 6C & 6M Trip

March Break
March 16-20



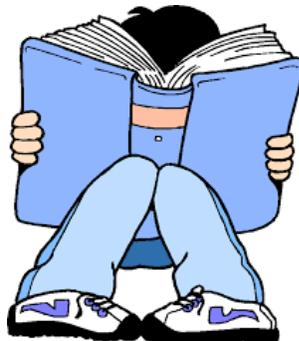
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Loonies for Literacy

During the month of February we will be participating in "Tattletales Loonies for Literacy Campaign." Tattletales is a bookstore in Dartmouth. They work with corporate sponsors and each year we raise money and that money gets added to by the sponsors. Last year we raised about \$1000 and we received more than \$1500 in book credits which we spent on books for our library or classrooms.

This year we will be trying a few new things in an effort to raise some money for books.

- Mrs. Bent our librarian has a large assortment of bookmarks and pencils for sale. She will be selling them for 50 cents each.
- During the week of February 10-14 any students who wish to stay in at recess to read in the library may do so for a toonie.
- Students can just throw in loose change in the bottle in the library as a donation. It will be there all month.



Grade 6 Parent Meeting—For French Immersion Starting in Grade 7

There will be an information meeting for parents of our Grade 6 English students who are interested in French Immersion starting in Grade 7 (Late Immersion) on Thursday, February 6th at 6:00pm at Madeline Symonds Middle School. This meeting is not for parents whose children started French Immersion in Grade Primary (Early Immersion).

Office Sign-in

All visitors must sign in at the office. We are noticing that some parents are forgetting to sign in in the office when they come into the school. Even parents who are just dropping off their little ones in the morning need to drop in, sign in and get a tag if they want to go down the hall. Once the bell has rung teachers come and get their students. They are not able to meet with parents as they are actively supervising and teaching their students. If you would like to meet with a teacher just send them an email and they will set something up.

Picking up Children

The end of the day can be very hectic. We are asking for your help. We would appreciate it, if at all possible, that parents wait until dismissal at 2:55pm to pick up their children. Calling into classrooms causes a disruption and interrupts instructional time for all.

PSA

We would like to thank our PSA for holding a successful Family Games Night. Many families came out and had some fun playing some very interesting games. Several of our students went home with some beautiful brand new games. Our next PSA event is our Valentine's Sock Hop. More information on this event will be sent home soon. The students and teachers also want to thank the PSA for helping the school purchase another Chromebook Cart with 25 Chromebooks. We now have enough carts to allow all classes to have an opportunity to use them each week.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 11th at 6:30pm. Come on out and join us!

SAC

Our next SAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 11th at 5:30pm.

Out of Area Requests

Forms are available at your (neighbourhood) school. These forms will be accepted at the receiving school on or after April 1, 2020. You can also find an on-line option at www.hrce.ca. The principal of the school where the placement is requested will respond to out-of-area requests based on the order in which they are received. A response to all requests will be made late June. Since Kingswood school has a very high population Out of Area requests are often not granted.

Snow pants

We had a few pairs of snow pants here in the office to lend to students who had forgotten them. It seems that our snow pants have all gone missing. If you have any snow pants at home that you would like to donate to the school we would gladly take them. We also take mittens and gloves.

