



# Kingswood Elementary School News

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### Principal's Message

*Well we have made it to the end of the 2019-2020 school year and what a year it was! We started off the year like every other year but it certainly ended like no other. Thank you so much to all of the teachers, parents and students who quickly moved from in-class learning to on-line learning and did their best to keep up with everything! Summer is here and we are all ready to shift gears for a little while. We have no idea what September will look like but I know that we have learned a lot this year and whatever happens we will work together to make sure it all goes smoothly. We will be able to take what we have learned from this experience and build upon it. We now know what worked well and what didn't and we will be able to make the necessary changes. I am sure that any decisions about September will be communicated to everyone from the EECD and the HRCE and we will be sure to keep our Kingswood families up to date as we learn things as well.*

*The end of each school year is always bittersweet. It is a time when we have to say goodbye to our Grade 6's as they move on to Jr. High and to students who move away. We wish them all the best in their new schools and we are sorry that we were not able to give them all a proper send off. Staff also change at the end of each year and although we do not have many changes this year we do have a few. Mrs. Webster is leaving us. She was here in an acting position and Ms. McBay is expected to return sometime next year. Mrs. Webster is now the Vice-Principal at Duc d'Anville Elementary School in Halifax. I want to thank Rachael for all that she has done to support students, staff and families during her time here. I am really going to miss her! Other staff who will be moving on to other positions are Kaleigh Denton (LC), Kendra MacMillan (Gr. 5), Paola Bartolacci, James Snider (PE), Morgan Banfield (Music), Jessica Waye (Core French), Carol Anne James (Band) and Emily Ruitter (EPA). We wish them all the best in their new endeavours!*

*As recently announced Pre-Primary for Kingswood will be off site at 128 Apaloosa Way. Kingswood continues to grow and even with Pre-Primary off-site we will be getting portables next year. This will continue to be the way it is until the new schools are built and are ready for students. We expect the school to be ready for the 2023-2024 school year. Each year we take a lot of time to develop class lists that are well balanced and meet the guidelines that are set by the EECD. Each year some combined classes are formed. Combined classes are created when we do not have enough students to make a full class or when we have too many students for one class but not enough for two. All classes have students at various levels of learning. The teachers at Kingswood do an excellent job of teaching all of the students in their class no matter the grade or level so there is no need to be concerned if your child is in a combined class. It is very important that parents understand that our class lists may change as we continue to register new students. Classes can even change after the school year starts.*

*Do you have new neighbours? If you do please reach out to them and let them know that if they have school age children they should register ASAP. Registration will go on all through the summer and as our numbers change we will be updating lists and the HRCE will provide us with additional teachers if necessary.*

*Report Cards will be sent out on Thursday, June 25, 2020*

*School supply lists for September are on our website. You will find them listed by grade.*

*In September we will have a new school bus transportation provider. If you were already registered on MyBusPlanner then you do not have to do anything as your information will be rolled into the new system. If you are not yet registered or if there are changes to your address etc. we recommend that you register. For any questions or issues please contact **HRCE's Transportation Team at 902-431-4723 (HRCE) or via email [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca).***

*Since we are now communicating with parents predominantly through email it is very important that the email addresses that we have on file for you are up to date. Please email any changes to us so that our records are current.*

*Please follow us on Twitter @Kingswood2 and the HRCE at @HRCE\_NS*

