



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Reminders:

- Nov. 1 Flu Shot Clinic 5-8pm
- Nov. 4 Book Fair Starts
- Nov. 5 Nourish Your Roots Pick-up
- Nov. 8 Book Fair Ends
- Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12 SAC Meeting at 5:30pm
PSA Meeting At 6:30pm
- Nov. 13 Picture Retakes
- Nov. 14 Movie Night
- Nov. 22 Assessment & Evaluation Day
No School
- Nov. 27 Report Card Day
- Nov. 28 PD/PT Day
No School
- Nov. 29 6C/6M Trip

Principal's Message

The year seems to be going by so quickly! There are lots of wonderful things happening here at Kingswood. Ms. Webster and I have been visiting classes and so proud of the work that our teachers and students are doing. It is great to see such a wide variety of teaching strategies, materials and technology being used to ensure that all of our students are actively involved in their learning. We also had some special events as well. We had African drumming presentations and workshops as well as Symphony Nova Scotia! Everyone had a great time at BINGO and of course there were all sorts of Halloween activities to make the day lots of fun.

Morning Supervision

Morning Supervision begins at 8:25am -students should not be dropped off at school before this time.

Remembrance Day Celebration

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Nov.8th at 10:45am. Parents or grandparents who served or are currently serving in the military are welcome to join us and wear their uniforms. Students in Cubs, Beavers, Sparks, Brownies etc. are also encouraged to wear their uniforms on that day.

PSA News!

Our BINGO evening was a huge success. The gym was full of families having a great time playing Bingo together. We raised more than \$4000 which was used to help the school purchase an additional Chromebook Cart and 25 additional Chromebooks. This will give the school four carts which will allow all classes to have some more time using them. Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way to make this event such a success. Congratulations to all of our lucky winners!

PSA—Next Meeting

The next PSA meeting is on Tuesday November 12th at 6:30pm. All parents/guardians of KWE students are automatically members of the PSA and are invited to attend our monthly meetings. Please join us for Family Movie Night on Thursday, November 14th, and Santa Social on Friday, December 6th. We're busy getting ready for the Santa Social, and will give you a heads-up that we'll be looking to fill our nice (aka volunteer) list soon. We would also appreciate it if you could bring any Christmas gift bags you'd like to unload to Movie Night as we are preparing for the always-popular Kids Only Store.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our library will be hosting a Book Fair during the week of November 4th to 8th. Students will have the opportunity to visit and purchase books at the Book Fair with their class. Parents/families are welcome to drop into the fair to shop as well. Books make wonderful gifts!

Picture Retakes

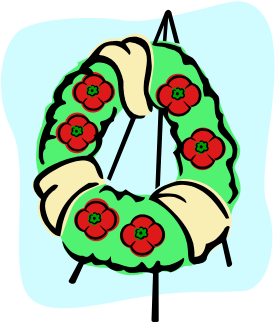
Our photographer will be at the school on Wednesday November 13 to take pictures of any students who were absent on our picture days in October as well as any children who require a retake. Please make sure that your child's teacher knows that you would like a retake.

Parent Teacher Interviews

There is no school for students on Thursday, November 28th. In the morning there is professional development for staff. Parent teacher interviews will take place in the afternoon and evening of that day. Parent teacher interviews will take place from 1:00-3:30 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm.

Kingswood is once again using PTCFast.com to schedule interviews as convenient as possible. To access the online schedule for your child's teacher, enter the following web address into your browser window:

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Kingswood_Elementary_School
If you do not have internet access, please contact us via phone at 902-832-5522 and we will help you schedule an interview time.



School Hours

- 8:25 Playground Supervision Begins
- 8:40 Line Up/Entry Bell
- 8:45 **Classes begin**
- 10:20- Recess
- 10:35
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:50 Line Up/Entry Bell
- 12:55 **Classes begin**
- 2:55 Dismissal P-6

Please check our website and calendar regularly for important dates and events.

Holiday Concert—Wednesday December 11th

Students in Grades Primary to Grade 3 will be performing in our Holiday Concert. There will be both an afternoon and evening performance. The evening performance will be at 6:30pm and each family has two seats available for them. Our afternoon performance will be at 1pm and is open to all. Thanks so much to our music teachers, Ms. Banfield and Ms. Vincent for taking this huge project on. Also thanks to so many of our teachers who are supporting this event by helping the students practice their songs as well as by supervising students during the evening concert.

Dressing for the Weather

The weather has changed. Please make sure your children are dressed for the weather. Having some extra clothes in your child's backpack is always a great idea. Don't forget some socks!



Lost and Found

Our lost and found items are increasing by the day. Please come in and see if you can find some of your missing items. Items not collected by the Christmas Holidays will be donated.

School Advisory Council

The SAC at Kingswood is made up of parents, school staff and community members who meet at least six times per year to discuss educational issues and their impact on learning at KWE. This year we also have a small budget to administer. The SAC Chair and the Principal will be participating in some professional development next week. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 12th at 5:30pm.

Head Lice

Parents are reminded and encouraged to make checking your child(ren) for head lice a part of your regular routine. In following the HRCE policy on Head Lice we no longer send notices home to classes when a case of head lice is reported but that does not mean that parents should stop checking their children. For more information on how to prevent, find and treat head lice please go to the following link:

<http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

Early Dismissal/Storm Closure

We all know that there are times when schools get closed even half way through the day. This could happen as the result of bad weather or it could happen for other reasons as well, such as loss of power, flooding or lack of water. It is important for all families to be prepared for school cancellations and mid-day school closures. For your information our school is Bus Cluster 1, Unit 1 and part of the Charles P. Allen family of schools. Decisions regarding midday closures are typically made by 11:00am. A great idea for parents is to sign up for a text from the HRCE to let you know of early dismissals or school closures. You can do this by visiting the HRCE website at www.hrce.ca



Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and other various nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches which do not contain nuts. Additionally, many of our students have medical conditions which can be worsened by scented products. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

