



# Kingswood Elementary School News

## September 2019

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### Reminders:

- Oct. 7-11 Grade 6 Assessments
- Oct. 7 Picture Day P-3
- Oct. 8 Picture Day 4-6
- Oct. 11 Nourish Your Roots Starts
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Oct. 15 SAC Meeting at 5:30pm
- Oct. 15 PSA Meeting at 6:30pm
- Oct. 17 PSA BINGO
- Oct. 24 Nourish Your Roots Ends
- Oct. 25 Conference Day No School



### 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.*

### Important Information

#### Principal's Message

September was a very busy month at Kingswood Elementary School! We have had a very smooth start to the school year. As of the last day in September we have 633 students registered in 27 classrooms. Our students and teachers are already hard at work and we have already had the opportunity to see great progress being made. It was nice to see so many parents at our Ice Cream Social/Curriculum Night. Thank you so much for coming out to see us. Thanks also for the positive feedback. Kingswood is an excellent place to go to school and work! Mrs. Webster and I feel very fortunate to be here again this year.

#### Morning Supervision

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

#### Kiss and Go/Traffic Safety

The "Kiss and Go" area is just that. It is an idle free zone where parents/guardians may stop, give a quick kiss and send their child off to school. While we encourage parents to have children take the bus (if eligible), we realize that some mornings require a drive to school. Here are our Kiss and Go procedures:

- Pull your car up as far into the zone as possible to allow for smooth traffic flow.
- Turn off your engine.
- **Do not get out of your car.**
- Students get out of the car on the curb side, for safety reasons.
- If you must get out of your car to help your child, **please park at the top of the parking lot** to avoid obstructing traffic, and potential accidents/injuries.
- Once your child is safely on her/his way, pull out safely, as traffic allows.

#### Registration Forms

You have received your child's registration form for you to update. It is very important that we have your up to date address, phone numbers and emails so that we can contact you, especially in the case of an emergency. Please go through the form and make any necessary changes. If there are no changes needed please put a check where indicated, on the top of the first page.

#### Symphony Nova Scotia

We are thrilled to be hosting Symphony Nova Scotia here at Kingswood on October 11th. Our students will have the opportunity to listen to a wide range of music from talented professionals.

#### PSA News!

The PSA is hosting our first fundraiser—**BINGO**— Thursday October 17th. Doors will open at 6pm and we will start the games at 6:30pm.

#### Santa Social

Our Santa Social will be on Friday December 6th and we need some help. We need a small group of volunteers who would be willing to work with the event co-ordinator to get everything organized. After that we will need volunteers to help us out on that day. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and it is also an event that all families really enjoy. If you are able to help us out please let us know ASAP.

#### Next PSA Meeting

The next PSA meeting is on Tuesday October 15th at 6:30pm. All parents/guardians of KWE students are automatically members of the PSA and are invited to attend our monthly meetings. We had a great turn out in September and we are hoping to see everyone back.

#### Picture Days

Our photographer will be at the school on Monday October 7th and Tuesday October 8th. Students in Grades P-3 will have their pictures taken on the first day and students in Grades 4 to 6 will be on the second day.

#### Dressing for the Weather

Just to let you know that students will be going outside to play as often as possible. Students should be dressed for our ever-changing Canadian weather.

### **School Advisory Council**

Our next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15th at 5:30pm. We had a great turn out for new members last month. Thanks to the parents, staff and community members who have volunteered to work with us. Throughout the year we will be looking at and providing feedback on EECD and HRCE policies and we will have a small budget to administer as well.

### **Nourish Your Roots**

The Nourish Your Roots Farm Box program will be returning again this year to KWE. The campaign will run Oct. 11-24 and pick-up of the boxes will be on Nov. 5. More information will be sent home soon.



### **Cafeteria**

Our cafeteria is getting busier every day! We are looking to hire someone to come in for 1.5 hours a day to help with lunch. If you are interested in this please let us know.

### **Safety Drills**

During the school year we are required to hold several different Safety Drills. We have already held a successful fire drill, lockdown drill and a hold and secure drill. We will be having two more fire drills this fall. Your child's safety is very important to us.

### **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](http://www.hrce.ca)

### **School Visitors and Volunteers**

Schools benefit greatly from the support of parents and the community. We encourage you to become an active participant in your child's education at school whenever possible. We appreciate any time you are able to contribute to being a class parent, helping out at lunch or chaperoning class trips. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer. In the interest of student safety we request all parents, visitors and volunteers stop by the office to sign in and pick up a visitor ID tag when arriving at our school.

The *HRCE Student Protection Policy* requires that all volunteers must have completed the following before being able to volunteer with children. This includes being able to accompany students on class trips.

Criminal Record Check – [www.mybackcheck.com](http://www.mybackcheck.com)

Vulnerable Sector Check - [www.mybackcheck.com](http://www.mybackcheck.com)

Child Abuse Register - <http://www.gov.ns.ca/coms/families/abuse/ChildAbuseRegister.html>

The forms that you submit to us must be less than 3 months old. Once we have received them they are valid for 3 years.

It is highly recommended you submit the forms well in advance of a school trip, as it can take several weeks to have the checks completed. Parent volunteers play a crucial role as chaperones on trips. It is quite possible that students will not be able to benefit from such valuable learning experiences if adequate parent support is not available.

### **Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School**

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches which do not contain peanuts. 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.