



# Kingswood Elementary School News

## September 2019

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### Reminders:

- Sept. 2 Labour Day
- Sept. 3 Organization Day
- Sept. 4 PD Day for Staff
- Sept. 5 First Day of School
- Sept. 12 Stand Up to Bullying Day wear pink
- Sept. 17 SAC Meeting at 5:30pm
- Sept. 17 PSA Meeting at 6:30pm
- Sept. 26 Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social 6:7:30pm
- Sept. 26 Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 27 PD Day  
No School

### Back to School



### School Hours

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

**Monthly calendars can be found on our website. Events will be added as they are scheduled. Please check the website calendar regularly.**

**For more detailed information about KWE please read your Parent Handbook.**

### Principal's Message

Welcome and welcome back to school everyone! Mrs. Webster and I are very excited to be back at Kingswood and we are looking forward to seeing everyone! We have had a beautiful summer and now it is time to get back into the routine of school. We hope that everyone had the chance to enjoy the wonderful weather that we have been having and that you are rested and ready to start a new school year. There will be many opportunities for students and families to get involved here at Kingswood and we look forward to working with all of you.

Over the summer our school has been cleaned from top to bottom! Everything shines. Our caretakers have worked hard in the heat and they have done a wonderful job. Thank you so much to Mr. Alguire, Ms. Pottie, Ms. MacKinnon and Mr. MacAulay.

A new school year is very exciting for everyone, especially our new Primaries. We look forward to working with you as partners to ensure that all of our students are happy and successful. We encourage open communication between home and school and hope you'll find opportunities to volunteer. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school's administration with any concerns or questions. We invite everyone to come out to the school on Thursday September 26th at 6:00pm for our Ice Cream Social and Curriculum Night. It is a great time to visit your child's class, meet the teacher and hear about all of the exciting things your children will be learning this year.

Have a wonderful year from your administrative team,

*Andrea Briand*  
*Rachael Webster*  
*Rhonda Izzard*  
*Jennifer Kennedy*

### Important Information

#### Class Lists

In the spring of each year we start planning for the start of the new school year in September. The staff and administration spend a considerable amount of time developing class lists that follow the class cap guidelines as set by the EECD and that are in the best interests of all students. These numbers are then sent into the HRCE and we are given the correct number of teachers in order to meet the schools' needs. Over the summer and on late registration day more students registered for school. Once again we have had a large number of new registrants and as a result the class lists that will be posted at 4pm on Wednesday September 4th may change after the school year has begun. We ask for your patience and understanding as we try to work through the first few days and weeks of the school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

#### Morning Supervision

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

Being on time for school is very important. All students are expected to be at school and ready to get in their line up at 8:40am. When students are late they miss valuable instructional time and this time adds up quickly. It is also an interruption to the class that is already in session. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

#### Lunch Monitors

We are looking for lunch monitors. If you are interested in working from 11:30am-1:00pm each day please drop in to see us. This is a paid position. If you are not looking for a job but would like to volunteer over the lunch hour we would love to have you!

#### School Advisory Council

The SAC is a committee of parents, school staff and community members who meet a minimum of six times per year to discuss educational issues and their impact on learning at KWE. We are looking for some new members. If you are interested in joining us please come to our meeting at 5:30pm on September 17th. A light supper will be provided.

### **Lighthouse Boys Choir**

Lighthouse Boys Choir will be having auditions on Monday, September 9, 2019 at Five Bridges Junior High in room 145 between 6:00 - 7:30 pm. If you are a boy in grades 3 - 9 and are interested in singing in this choir please email their director, Katrina Mills Pecknold, at [choir@gnspe.ca](mailto:choir@gnspe.ca) for more information and an audition time.

### **Ice Cream Social and Curriculum Evening**

We will be holding an Ice Cream Social and Curriculum Evening on Thursday September 26th starting at 6:00pm. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, visit their child's classroom and get valuable information on the Curriculum and Programming.

### **Nourish Your Roots**

The Nourish Your Roots Farm Box program will be returning again this year to KWE. The campaign will run from Oct. 11 - Oct. 24. More information will be sent home closer to the dates.

### **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 – <https://www.halifax.ca/CriminalRecordCheck.php>

Vulnerable Sector Check – as above

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

Many people are using [www.mybackcheck.com](http://www.mybackcheck.com) to have their criminal record and vulnerable sector searches completed.

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.

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

We have several students and staff 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 nuts. Additionally, many of our students and staff have medical conditions which can be worsened by scented products. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

### **Message from your PSA**

Our Parent School Association is thrilled to be welcoming our families back to school for a fresh start, and we look forward to working with you to continue building a community of which we are all proud.

We're a group of parent volunteers with differing skills and great intentions who share a common goal - to ensure our children's school experience is as positive as it can be. Throughout the year, we support the school in various ways - run events that generate funds, manage lunchtime programs, and work with the admin and faculty to implement improvements and programs. We host several events each year, with the first being an Ice Cream Social for our families on Curriculum Night in September. We'd also love for you to come out and learn about some of the plans we have in store for this year at our first meeting in our school library on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30.

We'd love to see you there!

You can find us easily online - either by dropping us an email at [kingswoodpsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingswoodpsa@gmail.com) or by joining our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/KingswoodPSA/>. Our meetings will be held at 6:30 on the second Tuesday of every month in the Kingswood library - we can't wait for you to join us!

