



Kingswood Elementary School News

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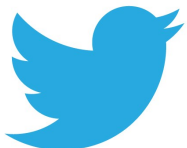
Principal: Mrs. Andrea Briand
Vice Principal: Ms. Carrie McBay
Vice Principal: Ms. Martha Walsh
Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Rhonda Izzard
Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Jennifer Kennedy

Reminders:

Apr. 7 Good Friday
Holiday
Apr. 10 Easter
Monday
Holiday
Apr. 18 SAC
Meeting
At 5:30pm
PSA Meeting
At 6:30pm
Apr. 22 Earth Day
Apr. 26 Family Game
Night at 6pm

Students who
arrive at school
after 8:40am are
late and miss
important
learning time.

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Principal's Message

Spring is here and we couldn't be happier! Now if it would only warm up!!! We hope that everyone enjoyed March Break. It was great to hear about all of the different activities and adventures that our students were involved in.

We have managed to get outside all winter long but it is so much more fun to go out in the sun. Spring in Nova Scotia is traditionally very rainy and little children love puddles and always seem to find mud somewhere, so it's time to get out the splash pants and rubber boots!

March was another busy month here at Kingswood! It was nutrition month. We participated in the Big Crunch again, so the students were able to enjoy delicious, healthy apples from The Vegetorium. The students have been working hard and making lots of progress in all areas of the curriculum. It is wonderful to see and listen to students reading, explaining their math solutions, presenting projects in front of the class and using technology in many different ways.

Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Easter, and Happy Passover Holidays to all of our families who will be celebrating.

Andrea, Carrie and Martha

SAC

We will be having our in person SAC Meeting on Tuesday April 18th at 5:30pm

PSA

We will be having our in person PSA Meeting on Tuesday April 18th at 6:30pm

School Changes and Registration

Kingswood Elementary is going to look very different next year! With some of our students moving on to middle school and with the new school opening on Broad Street many of our students will be leaving us. We certainly will miss them. Kingswood will be a much smaller school but it will continue to be an awesome place for our students to grow socially and academically. If you have not yet registered your little ones for Pre-Primary or Primary please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that we have accurate numbers so that we hire the correct amount of teachers for September. Check-in with your neighbours too. Pre-Primary will be on-site at Kingswood and families will be able to apply for the Excel childcare program when registration opens.

Welcome to our new Regional Executive Director

We are pleased to share the appointment of our new Regional Executive Director for HRCE, Steve Gallagher. Steve has been in the role on an acting basis since September and has officially accepted the role permanently. To learn more, [click here](#).

From Your Kingswood PSA President

I would like to first thank everyone who came out to our Bingo night! It was a great success! And I think everyone had a fun night! Once again a big thank you to Ms. MacLeod for providing the best Bingo calling I've ever heard!!!!

Our next in person event is a Family Game Night on April 26 at the school. Come out to share in games of all types with family and friends. We will have our canteen and a few other surprises that night! Stay tuned for more details!

And finally another plea for volunteers to ensure a successful Spring Fair! THANK YOU to everyone who has already expressed interest! I appreciate you all!! These events take lots of volunteer hours and in order to have a Spring Fair with all the events the kids like we need parents to help out with planning, organizing, running the event and clean up! So if you have an hour or two or more we would love to have you!!!

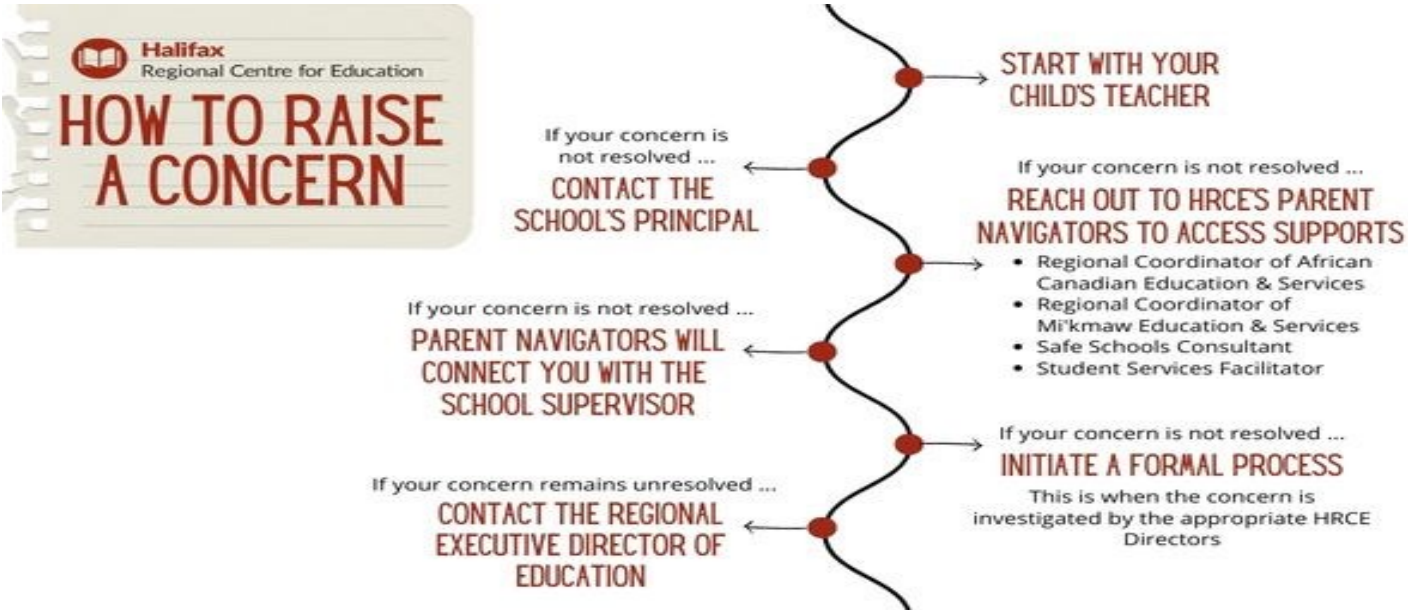
Email the PSA anytime at kingswoodpsa@gmail.com

Do you know how to raise a concern?

Did you know that there’s a protocol in place to help families contact schools or the HRCE office when you have concerns about your student’s education or well-being?

- All concerns should first be shared with your child’s teacher.
 - If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal.
- If your concern remains unresolved, you can reach out to [HRCE’s Parent Navigators](#) who can provide information about a wide range of supports and resources or connect you with the school supervisor.
- If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.
- The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director.

Click here to view the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).



Meet your Parent Navigators

We know that navigating school system can be overwhelming. The role of the Parent Navigator is to help parents and guardians of HRCE students find and access the right information, resources, tools and services.

“I would say that I help parents ‘navigate’ the school systems, let them know what resources might be available within HRCE that they may not know about, and actively listen to families who call that may have a situation that needs diffusing, support or problem solving,” says Parent Navigator Natasha Horne.

“I would love for families to know we are here for them, and sometimes that’s just to listen and not solve anything. We are a non-judgemental ear for them. Sometimes just talking through something with someone that’s not involved with your situation is helpful to get some perspective.”

Parent Navigator Amelia Downey says the most common questions she receives include: How do I make a school transfer request? What age can my child attend school with HRCE? How do I speak with a school supervisor? Do I have to visit a school to register my child? How can I obtain my child’s school records/diploma/transcripts?

“What I love the most about my role the most is the moment when I know I have made a difference in a person’s day through the support I have provided to them during our call,” Amelia says.

Learn more and contact our Parent Navigators [here](#).

