



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Reminders:

May 14 Mother's Day
May 15-26 Gr. 3 Assessment
May 18 PSA School Dance
May 22 Victoria Day Holiday
May 23 SAC/PSA Meetings

Principal's Message

Well May has arrived and we couldn't be happier to hear the birds singing and see things starting to grow. Our garden will soon look a lot different as we will be getting rid of the old and planting some new. If you are interested in helping us with this just let us know. We have lots of great things planned for the month of May. There will be lots of class trips, special guests, Running Club, and a PSA Event. We are looking forward to spending the last 2 months here at Kingswood with all of our students. They continue to make progress and amaze us every day. We also wanted to let you know that we have been having lots of fun spending our Read-A-Thon money. We were able to put money towards bus trips for students, have Goatworks African Drumming workshops and assemblies, inspirational speaker Q Mack and purchase some things like sidewalk chalk, basketballs and soccerballs for the children to use at recess and lunch time.

Andrea, Carrie and Martha

SAC/PSA

Our next SAC Meeting will be on May 23rd at 5:30pm and it will be followed by our PSA Meeting at 6:30pm.

Grade 3 Assessments

Here are the important dates for our Grade 3 Assessments.

Monday May 15th— Grade 3 English students - Literacy Assessment
Tuesday May 16th - Grade 3 English students - Literacy Assessment
Wednesday May 17th—Grade 3 English students—Math Assessment
Thursday May 18th—Grade 3 English students—Math Assessment
Wednesday May 24th - Grade 3 French Immersion students—Math Assessment
Thursday May 25th - Grade 3 French Immersion students—Math Assessment

Please make sure that your Grade 3 child is on time and has had a good breakfast and start to their day.

Staffing for the 2023-2024 School Year and Class Lists for Kingswood

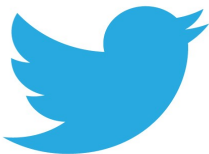
We have been working on registration and staffing for the 2023-2024 school year since the end of March. Kingswood will be a much smaller school next year with significantly less classes. As a result there may be very few options to which class a child will be placed in. Please be assured that all of the classes at Kingswood are great classes with highly qualified teachers. If you have a significant concern about your child's placement communicate that concern to the Principal by June 1st. Class lists will be available to families at the beginning of the new school year. As always, things can change even after school begins if enrollments increase or decrease. Mrs. Casey will be reaching out to families of Broad Street students with information about the start of the new year at the new school closer to that time. All information that we have been sent about Broad Street can be found on our school website under the For Parents Section.

Spring Concert—Save the Date!

On Wednesday June 7th we will be having a Spring Concert. All classes from Grades 2/3 Miller, 2/3 O'Leary to Grade 6 will be performing along with the Grade 6 Band. We look forward to showcasing our talents. See you then.



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Did you know? Introducing TILT!

Did you know that our Technology Integration Leadership Team (TILT) works with teachers and students in Grades P-12 to support technology integration within the curriculum?

Did you know that all schools have access to different technologies used to increase student engagement and achievement, such as coding robots, 3D printers, podcasting equipment, and more?

Whether it be helping students write their own digital books, film a stop motion video, code their own virtual reality environment, or build a circuit-based interactive poster, the TILT team provides support for teachers to help students find alternative ways to demonstrating their knowledge and skills. So far this year, the TILT team has visited more than 400 classrooms!

Curious to see more of what the TILT team has been up to? Check them out on Twitter at [@TILTHRCE](https://twitter.com/TILTHRCE) (no account needed to view).

EXCEL registration

The EXCEL program is a recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, offering before and after school care for elementary-aged children.

At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL's overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

Highlights of our program include:

- EXCEL offers both structured and unstructured activities each afternoon.
 - EXCEL provides a minimum of 45 minutes of structured physical activity every day.
 - EXCEL offers outdoor physically active play opportunities each day, weather permitting.
 - EXCEL provides an opportunity for individual choice in programming each day.
 - EXCEL brings in our own special guest presenters and external programmers.
 - EXCEL offers P.A.L.S. Playground Activity Leaders in Schools for participants in Grades 4-6.
 - EXCEL offers HRQ/Gym (Homework/Reading/Quiet Time/Gym) time each afternoon from 5:30 to 6:00 pm enabling those who wish to complete homework the opportunity to do so.
- EXCEL is a "High Five" registered organization.

Registration for returning children began April 24 and registration for new EXCEL participants will begin on May 8. [Click here](#) for more information.

Homework Hub: Finish the year off strong!

Did you know your student has access to Homework Hub? Finish the year off strong with the help of experienced tutors!

- **GNSPES Access:** Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
- **24/7 Access:** Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.
- **Bilingual tutors available for students in:**
 - o Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 - o Grade 4-5 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Homework Hub!

HRCE is growing!

Almost 58,000 students are currently enrolled in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE)! In the last five years, enrolment has increased by 7,733. In fact, since September 30, 2022, we've welcomed more than 1,000 additional students! As our region's population expands (Nova Scotia's population reached one million last year), new families register within our system on an ongoing basis. This is an exciting time for our province, our city and for HRCE!

With this growth comes a lot of important changes for our region. Please visit the [HRCE website](#) for the latest updates!