



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Principal's Message

Welcome and Welcome Back!!!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer.

We are so excited to get back to school. Over the summer our school has been cleaned from top to bottom and it is sparkling. Mr. Alguire, Ms. Pottie and the team did an amazing job. Teachers have all been in getting everything ready for our students to start on Thursday September 7th.

When students and families return to Kingswood this year they are going to notice some very big changes! The portables have been removed, our Pre-Primaries are now on-site, we no longer have any Grade 6 students and our school population is just over 380 students. We currently have 16 classes in English and French Immersion. As children continue to register we continue to place students in classes and work to make sure that they are balanced and the correct size. We will continue to do this even after school begins, so please be patient.

Even though the student population at Kingswood has decreased we still continue to recommend sending your children by bus if possible. My staff and I are outside every morning to greet the students and make sure they make it safely to class. Teachers will make sure that they are on the correct bus in the afternoon. No matter the size of the school, drop-off and pick-up times can be extremely busy. You can find information about bussing by contacting transportation@hrce.ca. We will be using the Purple Dismissal Tags again this year for Grades PP-2, so please make sure you let your child's teacher know what where they go after school and what bus they will be taking. Please make sure to leave this Tag attached to your child's backpack.

A list of all Kingswood staff members can be found on our website.

This week we will be sending home several important emails. Please read them carefully.

You will be receiving information about our First Day Procedures, Medical Forms, teacher introductions and more. Many of the answers to questions that you may have will be answered in these emails or on our website.

Being on Time for School

Our school hours are 8:40am to 2:55pm. Students coming by bus arrive between 8:25 am and 8:40am and students arriving by car should also come for the same time. We ask that all students arrive no later than 8:40am. All students should be in their classrooms and ready to start their day at 8:45am. Students who arrive after this time are late and miss important instructional time in all subject areas, including Physical Education and Music. Children cannot be dropped off at school before 8:25am. That is the time supervision begins.

We will be going outside a lot so students should be dressed for the weather.

At Kingswood we have several students with nut allergies. Kingswood is a nut smart school which means that parents should not knowingly send their child to school with any nut products. If you send your child with a Wow butter sandwich you might want to label it, so that we know it is not peanut butter and is safe for consumption at school. Just a reminder Nutella contains hazelnuts so it is not permitted at school.

2023-2024 is going to be a great year here at Kingswood! We will see all of our students bright and early on Thursday September 7th!

Andrea and Martha



September Important Dates:

September 7	First Day for Students
September 10	Grandparent's Day
September 14	Pink Shirt Day (Say No to Bullying Day)
September 19	SAC Meeting at 5:30 pm in the Library
September 19	SAC Meeting at 6:30pm in the Library
September 21	International Day of Peace
September 23	Autumn Begins
September 27	Curriculum Night (6:30-7:30pm)
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day
October 2	Truth and Reconciliation Day Observed—No School

FYI—School picture dates are October 16th and 17th.

To see a complete HRCE Calendar with all important dates for the year please go to <https://www.hrce.ca/calendars>.



WE NEED YOU In Our PSA (Parent/Staff Association)!

Not only did many of our students move to the new school but so did many of our parent volunteers. We really want to be able to have some fun PSA Events this year like BINGO's Movie Nights, Dances, Fairs etc. but we can't do it without support. Please consider joining us at our September PSA Meeting, Tuesday September 19th at 6:30pm. If you can't make the meeting but want to be involved please reach out to us so that we can add you to our list. This might be the first year in awhile that we won't have to limit attendance at our very popular events.

