



Kingswood Elementary School News

October 2023

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Reminders:

- Oct. 2 Truth and Reconciliation Day
No School
- Oct. 4 International Walk to School Day
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
No classes
- Oct. 16-17 Picture Days
- Oct. 17 SAC Meeting at 5:30 pm
PSA Meeting At 6:30pm
- Oct. 26 Halloween Dance
- Oct. 27 Conference Day
No School for Students
- Oct. 31 Halloween Day

Principal's Message

We have had a wonderful and interesting start to the school year! The students have settled in nicely in their new classes and are enjoying being back with their friends. We are enjoying having our Pre-Primaries on-site. They are so cute! The breakfast program has been a huge hit with lots of happy children enjoying our healthy options. We were certainly a little stressed when we saw the pictures of the school roof lifting in the storm. We are happy to report that all is well with the roof now and nothing was damaged inside of the school.

We would like to thank all families for our smooth start to school. Our Kiss and Go is moving smoothly and most of our busses have been arriving and leaving on time. For the most part students being dropped off have been on time for school as well (8:25 - 8:40am), which allows them to be present for instruction as we begin teaching at 8:45am.

On Sept. 27th we held our Curriculum Night/Open House for families here at Kingswood. It was wonderful to see so many people. Thanks also to those families who donated to our breakfast program. We really appreciate it.

Andrea and Martha

Kiss and Go—Important Reminders

Pull ahead as far as you can (close to rainbow painted cross walk)

Adults should stay in the car

Children should be exiting the vehicle on the sidewalk side

Students should be ready to exit the vehicle quickly and be able to open their own door and get out of the car independently.

Vehicles are not permitted to pass in the Kiss & Go. You must wait for the car in front of you to move before exiting the loop.

If you decide to park in the parking lot and walk your student over to the school please use the crosswalk and do not cross in the Kiss and Go.

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

International Walk to School Day— Wednesday October 4, 2023

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October. We are encouraging all of our students who can walk or bike to school safely on Wednesday to do so.

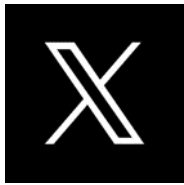
SAC (School Advisory Council)

We held our first SAC meeting on September 19th. Alexis Lister is our SAC Chair person, she can be reached by emailing hrce-sac-kwe@gnspe.ca.

Our next meeting will be on October 17th at 5:30pm. We still have two openings on the committee for community members. For more information on the role of the SAC, our Bylaws and Agreements please visit our website.

Kingswood Guardian

Did you know that Kingswood Elementary has a points account at the Kingswood Guardian? If you purchase something there and would like to donate your points to us please let the cashier know.



Follow us on

@Kingswood2

Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please do not send your child with snacks and



Labelling Clothing

Are you children always losing their things? If so you can go to our website and follow the link to Mabel's Labels. They make lovely name tag labels for clothing and it is also a small fundraiser for our school.

From Your PSA (Parent/Staff Association)

Save The Date! Kingswood is having a Family Halloween Dance on Thursday October 26th. More details to follow.

Thanks to everyone who came out to our September meeting. Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 17th at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. We will be working out all of the details for the dance. To contact the PSA please email kingswoodpsa@gmail.com.

School Pictures

School Pictures will be taken on Monday Oct. 16 and Tuesday October 17th. A schedule of which classes will be on which day will be sent home closer to the dates.

Breakfast Program

Thank you so much for your donations to our breakfast program. We will gladly take donations of food or money at any time. You can donate nut free healthy breakfast items like cereals and bars along with other items like yogurt tubes and cheese strings. We now have a freezer to store things for later. We also love getting some fresh fruit throughout the year. The fruit that we have put out so far has been quite a hit.

Dressing for the Weather

Here at Kingswood we try to get our students outside as much as possible. They are outside for a minimum of 45 minutes per day (recess and lunch). That means that students need to be dressed for fall, (chilly), winter (cold and snowy) and spring (wet and muddy). Having some spare socks or mittens in the bottom of their backpacks is also a good idea.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found seems to always be full. Parents are welcome to come into the building and go through the Lost and Found to search for missing items. Just ring the doorbell when you arrive and let us know that you are here to take a look.



Plans for Inclement Weather

It is important to take the time now to review our policy on inclement weather.

In cases when the weather is bad early in the morning, please listen to the local radio stations for school closures, delays or check out the HRCE website. You can also sign up to receive notifications by email or text. Decisions are made by 6:00am for a full day closure and 11:00am for mid-day closure. Kingswood is in the West Bedford Family of Schools. It is the decision of the HRCE as to whether or not school is closed. The school cannot make that decision.

We could also be dismissed due to an emergency. An emergency dismissal could be for bad weather or other emergencies such as a power outage.

In some cases, STOCK and SOUTHLAND will **cancel bus service**, but schools will remain open. A decision to cancel some or all bus runs will be announced by 6:00am. The cancelled buses and impacted schools will be identified in the announcement. On those days parents are responsible for transportation.

If **busses are cancelled** in the morning, they are cancelled for the whole day.

As always, please remember to phone 1-833-582-6940 to let us know if you are keeping your child/ren home.