



Kingswood Elementary School News

December 2023

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Reminders:

- Dec. 1 Stuff-A-Bus Day
- Dec. 4 Professional Development Day—**No School For Students**
- Dec. 7 Holiday Social Set Up in the Evening
- Dec. 8 Kid's Only Store
- Dec. 8 Holiday Social 6-8pm
- Dec. 14 Holiday Concert 7pm
- Dec. 18 Holiday Concert (Storm Date)
- Dec. 20 Last Day of School before The Christmas Break

- Jan. 2 Back to School

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Principal's Message

Well, December is upon us and things are about to get busy! On Friday December 8th we will be having our Holiday Social. Families will have the opportunity to get together, do some dancing, participate in some fun activities and get their pictures taken. If we are lucky we might even have a visit from Santa. Emails have been sent with all of the information about tickets, and volunteering. We are going to have a Holiday Concert for all of our students on Thursday December 14th. We are hoping that our resident Elf, "Elfy" will be back this year. Elfy has been a huge hit with our students!

The holiday season is a great time for family and friends to take a break, reconnect, share some fun and some good food. We wish all of our families a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and all the best of health, happiness and peace in the New Year!

We will see you all back on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Andrea, Martha, Jennifer and the Staff of Kingwood Elementary

Kingswood Cares

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Kingswood Cares was a huge success! We collected an overwhelming number of boxes of food and personal items for Stuff –A Bus Feed NS and our students did many, many acts of kindness. We are sure that there are families who will be having a much better Holiday Season because of your generosity.

Holiday Social

We are getting very excited about our Holiday Social! Thank you to those who have sent in items for the baskets and Kids Only Store. At the **Kids Only Store**, which will take place during the day on December 8th, the children go shopping for their family members (not themselves) so we need a lot of items for them to choose from. For each child to be able to have 2 or 3 items we would need about 1000 things! So please check your house for new or gently used items that you would like to donate and send them in. Your regifted item could be someone else's favourite present.

Holiday Concerts

We will be holding our Holiday Concert on December 14th with a storm date of the 18th. The daytime concert will begin at 1pm and the evening concert will begin at 7pm with the doors opening at 6:30pm. **Tickets are required for the evening concert.** We will be sending these home on the day of the concert. Each family will receive 2 tickets for the evening concert so if you have additional family members that would like to attend let them know that they are welcome to join us for the 1pm performance. **No tickets are necessary for the afternoon performance.**

Dressing for the Weather

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children are dressed for the weather. It is important that children have snow pants to play in the snow, stay warm, or slide on the hills. As always, it is a good idea to have additional dry clothing in your child's backpack.

School Advisory Council

The SAC will not be meeting in January. The next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday February 20th. This will be a virtual meeting and members will be sent a Zoom link in advance.

PSA

The next PSA meeting will be on January 23rd at 6:30pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting. If you would like the link to the meeting please email kwe@hrce.ca and we will put your name on the list.

There is **no school on Monday December 4th** as the teachers have Professional Development that day.

Winter is Coming: Guidelines for Inclement Weather

Making the decision to alter the regular operations of school and/or school buses due to inclement weather is never an easy task. To learn more about how the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) makes this call, visit www.hrce.ca/weather.

When is the decision made?

HRCE's goal is to make the decision as close to 6 a.m. as possible.

A 6 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and all bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
 - All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
 - Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If the weather deteriorates through the school day, the HRCE can decide to dismiss early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

An 11 a.m. dismissal means:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly-scheduled lunch hour.

Please Note: students in Grades Pre-Primary to 6 will not be released from school until parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

How will families be notified?

- Families will receive an email and text message (*opt-in is required: text Y to 978338*)*

Check our website at www.hrce.ca

Follow us on Twitter at [@HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)

- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)

All local radio stations are informed

[Click here](#) for a printable PDF of our guidelines.

**If you know someone who is NOT a parent/guardian who would like to receive an email and/or text message, let them know they can sign up here: www.hrce.ca/notifications*

