



Kingswood Elementary School News

November 2023

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Principal: Mrs. Andrea Briand
Vice-Principal: Martha Walsh
Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Jennifer Kennedy

Reminders:

- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 13 Remembrance Day Observed No School
- Nov. 17 Assessment & Evaluation Day No School
- Nov. 20 Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 21 SAC Meeting at 5:30 pm
PSA Meeting at 6:30pm
- Nov. 22 Report Card Day
- Nov. 23 Professional Learning And Parent/Teacher Day No School For Students

Principal's Message

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start. The weather has been quite good and we have been having lots of fun playing with our friends outside. Since November is here things are going to change quickly and all students should be dressed for the weather. We do go out in all kinds of wintry weather.

There has been lots of great things going on inside Kingswood as well. In all classes the students have been busy learning every day. It is so exciting to see our students making progress. We have had picture days, bus evacuation drills, a busy breakfast program and of course a very successful Halloween Dance. We ended the month with class Halloween activities which included a little parade. The students had lots of fun dressing up and getting into the Halloween spirit.

November is going to be a busy month too. We are currently planning our Remembrance Day ceremony. Our PSA will be meeting and starting to get ready for December's Holiday Social. The end of the term is coming so teachers will be busy preparing report cards and on Nov. 23rd we will be holding our Parent/Teacher meetings. Stay tuned for more information on all of these events.

Remembrance Day

This year we will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10 at 11am in the gym for all Kingswood students and staff. Don't forget to submit your pictures for our Wall of Honor.



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

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Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Meetings

Report cards will be distributed electronically on Wednesday November 22nd and Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday November 23rd. We will be sending out information later in the month on how to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

School Picture Retake Day—Pre-Primary as well as P-6

We will be having retake day on Monday November 20th. Any students who were absent on their original picture day or who require a retake will have their picture taken on this day.

Breakfast Program

Our students are loving the Breakfast program! Each day we are providing all students with the opportunity to grab something on their way to class. Some of the items that we serve are healthy mini-muffins, yogurt tubes, cheese and crackers, smoothies, bagel pieces with a variety of toppings, dry cereal and cereal bars. If you would like to donate to our breakfast program you can do so by dropping off items (nut free), fresh fruit or money to the office at any time. We are grateful for all that we receive.

Important—School Hours

Our school hours are 8:40am to 2:55pm. Students coming by bus arrive between 8:25am and 8:40am and students arriving by car should also come for the same time. We ask that all parents try to have children at school on time as instruction begins right away.

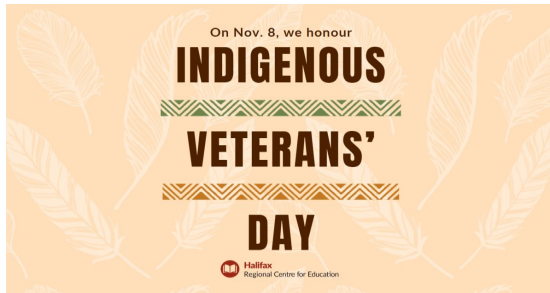
Nut Smart and 'Scent'sitive School

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches which do not contain nuts. (No Nutella) Additionally, many of our students have medical conditions which can be worsened by scented products, so no perfumes please or scented hair products.

Remembrance Day & Indigenous Veterans Day

On November 8, we honour Indigenous Veterans who have served in missions in times of war and peace. While not often enough acknowledged, the military service of First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada has deep roots.

On November 11, we pause and reflect on the sacrifice of our veterans, past and present. Lest we forget.



Inclement weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and 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 weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- 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.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**

On our website www.hrce.ca

- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)

On Instagram at www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

PSA News

Thank you to everyone who attended our first PSA event of the year! The Halloween Dance was a huge Success! All of the students had a great time and the costumes were fantastic! Thank you to our PSA members for organizing such a great night and to the Grade 5 canteen volunteers! And of course to our great KWE school staff! Thank you for always showing up for the kids !

We are pleased to announce that we have a full executive this year.

President: Melissa Burgoyne

Vice-President: Lesley Roberts

Secretary: Stephanie Nickerson-Lad

Treasurer: Emily Dodge

Social Media: Angela Al-Shaghay

We have lots of activities planned for the 2023-2024 school year. Please join us at our meeting on November 21st at 6:30pm. We are gearing up for our big Holiday social and we need all the help we can get. Some of the jobs that we need done are small and can be done at home, so if you have difficulty getting out don't worry you can still help. Just reach out to our President Melissa Burgoyne at kingswoodpsa@gmail.com.

