



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Reminders:

Jan. 2 Back to School
Jan. 15 Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
Jan. 23 PSA Meeting at
6:30pm
(Virtual)
Jan. 27 Family Literacy
Day

Principal's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful break.

December was a very busy month here. Our special events; PSA Holiday Social, Holiday Concert and Pancake Breakfast were a huge success. It was lovely to be able to see so many of our families and watch our students have so much fun.

Thanks to all of our families for the wonderful Holiday Greetings and treats. It is so nice to have so many positive wishes and great support from our school community.

The start of a new year is always exciting. We hope that all of our students and all of you have a very healthy, happy and successful 2024.

Please keep reading our newsletters and checking your emails for information from the school about all of the special events, important dates and reminders that you need to know about.

Andrea and Martha



January PSA Meeting—Virtual (There will be no SAC Meeting in January).

Our January PSA meeting will be held on Tuesday January 23th at 6:30pm. If you would like to be sent the link for the virtual meeting, please email kwe@hrce.ca.

Literacy Week at Kingswood Elementary – January 22-26

Family Literacy Day is Saturday January 27th.

At Kingswood we celebrate Literacy in January during the week leading up to Family Literacy Day, which takes place each year on January 27.

We do this to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a school and as a family.

This year's theme, in honour of Family Literacy Day's 25th anniversary, is "Let's have a party!" Make food, sing songs, and play games. We will be having some fun events here at school and we encourage families to have some fun too. Stay tuned for more information.

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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 your children need assistance getting out of the car you must park in the parking lot. Make sure that you use the crosswalk when walking from the parking lot. Do not walk through the Kiss and Go Loop.

Lunch Monitors Needed !

We are looking for a few people who love spending time with children who have about an hour a day (11:30– 12:45) to join our Lunch Monitor Team. We are looking for people to work everyday and we are also looking for a few casuals who would be available to fill vacancies when needed. This is a paid position which is excellent for someone looking for a part-time job. If you would like more information on how to apply please reach out to us at kwe@hrce.ca.

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Important Weather Reminders

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school busses 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 **(In the event that Kingswood has a delayed opening the cafeteria will be closed. Students should come to school with a lunch on that day).**

All schools are open, but some or all busses 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:**

Bussed 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 www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations.



Check out the new HRCE.ca!

Last winter, we asked staff, families, and SACs for feedback on our website. We used that input to build a new family-focused site that prominently features the information our communities need most.

You'll notice:

Fewer pages – we deleted outdated information.

A clean, modern look and feel – it's an easy-to-navigate, user-friendly experience.

Significantly improved accessibility – this is better for our community members who use screen readers and translation services.

