



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Principal's Message

January was a great month for learning here at Kingswood. We had an excellent Literacy Week that was full of special activities. The students loved going to the book exchange to get some new books to read. Thank you to the community for supporting KWE! We had enough books for everyone to get some and we also gave out packs of seeds that were donated to us. We can't wait to hear all about our students gardening in the spring!

February is a busy month for us here at Kingswood. February is African Heritage Month. All of our students will be involved in learning more about African Nova Scotians and their contributions to Nova Scotia's unique and wonderful culture. We will be waiting to hear from Shubenacadie Sam, hoping for an early Spring. The children also like celebrating Valentines Day and the PSA has a BINGO planned for families. We will be busy, learning and having some fun too!

We have the Kiss and Go moving quite smoothly in the morning. Thanks for having your children all ready to jump out of the car and for not passing other cars in the lane. We do have a number of cars arriving after the bell causing students to be late for class. **Please make sure your children are arriving by 8:40am at the latest. You can drop them off as early as 8:25am.**

Andrea and Martha

February is Registration Month

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register! Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrollment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the HRCE website for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.



February SAC Meeting—Virtual

Our February SAC meeting will be held on Tuesday February 20th at 5:30pm. SAC Members will receive a Zoom invitation for this closer to the date.

February PSA Meeting—Virtual

Our February PSA meeting will be held on Tuesday February 20th at 6:30pm. If you would like to be sent the link for the virtual meeting, please email kwe@hrce.ca. Remember all parents /guardians are members of our Parent/Staff Association and are welcome to attend.

Reminders:

- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 PSA Bingo
- Feb. 19 Heritage Day Holiday—No School
- Feb. 20 SAC Meeting at 5:30
PSA meeting At 6:30pm (Virtual)
- Feb. 21 French Immersion Information Session for Parents with Children Starting Gr.P In September 6:30pm

March Break
March 11-15

Assessment and Evaluation Day
March 18
No School for Students



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From Your PSA

We are having a family BINGO night! On February 15th at 6:30-8 pm come out for a fun night of bingo and prizes! Doors will open at 6pm. We will have our canteen and a 50/50. It's sure to be a good time for all! Watch your email for ticket information !

We are always on the hunt for new volunteers to join our association. If you want to help enrich your children's school experience come out to the next PSA meeting or volunteer at an event ! We can't do these events without your help! Thank you!



Celebrate African Heritage Month 2024

The theme for African Heritage Month 2024 is "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians." This month-long celebration is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the history and culture of people of African descent. The theme coincides with the final year of the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024, which aims to promote global cooperation in support of people of African descent, raise awareness, and acknowledge their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.

Nova Scotia is home to more than 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a rich, deep, and complex history that spans more than 400 years. African Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and showcase the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of African Nova Scotians, both past and present.



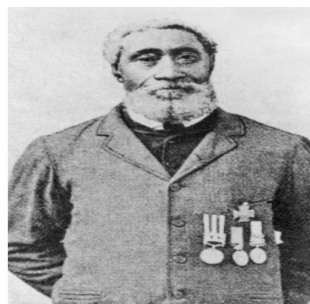
Reminder: February 19 is Heritage Day

Observing Nova Scotia Heritage Day on the third Monday of February is an annual occasion to reflect on our province's rich history. It's a chance to recognize the remarkable people, places, and events that have shaped our unique heritage.

Please take time to learn about William Hall, the 2024 honoree, [here](#).

REMINDER

There will be no classes on Monday, February 19 for Heritage Day honouring William Hall.



At-home reading tips for caregivers



Look at your child's books with them. Discuss the pictures and build vocabulary by talking about new words.



Talk with your child about their books. Ask questions about the story and encourage your child to ask their own questions.



Make reading aloud a regular part of your routine – just 15 minutes each day can make a big difference in raising a reader.



Discuss examples that help them relate to what they're reading. Connect the story to your child's world.



Connect with your child's teacher for more suggestions on how to support reading at home.

