



Kingswood Elementary School News

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Reminders:

- May 1 Running Club Begins
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 13-22 Gr. 3 Assessment
- May 16 PSA School Dance
- May 20 Victoria Day Holiday
- May 21 SAC/PSA Meetings
- May 31 Primary Orientation

Principal's Message

Well May has arrived but we are still waiting on the nice warm weather to arrive. We have lots of plants growing inside of the building that we are hoping to move outdoors soon.

We have lots of great things planned for the month of May. There will be lots of class trips, special guests, Running Club, Primary Orientation and a PSA Family Dance.

We are looking forward to enjoying the last two months of the school year. We want to finish our year off strong. Our students continue to make progress and amaze us every day.

Andrea and Martha

Running Club

Running Club will be starting on Wednesday at lunch. It will run every Wednesday for the month of May. It is open to all students in Grade 3—Grade 5.

Grade 3 Assessments

Here are the important dates for our Grade 3 Assessments. The assessments take about an hour and are started at the beginning of each day.

- Monday May 13th— Grade 3 English students - Literacy Assessment
- Tuesday May 14th - Grade 3 English students - Literacy Assessment
- Wednesday May 15th—Grade 3 English students—Math Assessment
- Thursday May 16th—Grade 3 English students—Math Assessment
- Wednesday May 21st - Grade 3 French Immersion students—Math Assessment
- Thursday May 22nd - Grade 3 French Immersion students—Math Assessment

Please note that Grade 3 students in Mrs. MacDonald's Grade 3/4 class will be writing - English Language Arts on May 13 and 15th, Math on May 17th and 21st.

Please make sure that your Grade 3 child is on time and has had a good breakfast and start to their day.

SAC/PSA

Our next SAC Meeting will be on May 21st at 5:30pm and it will be followed by our PSA Meeting at 6:30pm.

Primary Orientation

We will be having a Primary Orientation for all students who will be attending Kingswood in September for Grade Primary. It will be held on May 31st at 9:30—11:00am. All students currently in our Pre-Primary program along with students who have recently registered can attend. All parents are encouraged to come during this time as well. We will be holding an information session in the cafeteria.

Staffing for the 2024-2025 School Year and Class Lists for Kingswood

We have been working on registration and staffing for the 2024-2025 school year since February. It looks like Kingswood will continue to have a small enrollment next year. As a result there may be very few options to which class a child will be placed in. Please be assured that all of the classes at Kingswood are great classes with highly qualified teachers. If you have a significant concern about your child's placement communicate that concern to the Principal no later than June 1st.

*Class lists will be available to families at the beginning of the new school year. As always, things can change even after school begins if enrollments increase or decrease. We do expect that this will happen with all of the growth in the new streets off of Terradore and a few new apartment buildings opening.



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May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2024, within Halifax Regional Centre for Education is important for several reasons:

- 1. Representation and Recognition:** Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the educational system.
- 2. Empowerment and Inspiration:** By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.
- 3. Education and Awareness:** Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.
- 4. Equity and Inclusion:** Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.
- 5. Community Engagement:** Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding.

Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

For more information and activities to help mark the day, [click here](#).



2024-25 EXCEL registration

The EXCEL program is a recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, offering before and after school care for elementary-aged children.

At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL's overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

Registration for returning children began April 29 and registration for new EXCEL participants will begin on May 13. [Click here](#) for more information.