

# Kingswood Elementary School News

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## Reminders:

- **School Photos:**  
Oct. 12th (Pr – gr. 4&4/5), Oct. 13th (gr5-6)
- No school Oct. 28 (Provincial Conference Day)
- All visitors check with the office
- Drive safely and keep our students safe!
- **Kingswood is a NUT and Scent Aware school!**

## Principal's Message

Where did September go? It flew by, but it was a great month! Everyone is settled in and there is always lots of great learning going on at Kingswood Elementary.

This is Assessment Week, when students in grades 3 (English Program only), 4 and 6 participate in Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) assessments. Teachers have been working since our return to school in order to prepare students for the assessments. We will use these DEECD results, along with teachers' classroom data, to determine strengths and areas needing improvement, which informs instruction for optimal learning.

Our PSA Family Bingo is not far off! I hope to see you all here for a great evening. Bus evacuations take place on October 14th, and helps prepare students for safety and expectations around bus trips. We also have our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run this month, which is always a good cause and a great turnout. See our school calendar for a full view of what's going on this month.

October is also a time for thanks. A time to reflect on the many gifts we have, and express gratitude for so much. May we share our many gifts with others, and may you have the time to spend with cherished family and friends this coming Thanksgiving weekend.

Sincerely,  
Carmelitta MacIntyre



## Stock Transportation App

Stock Transportation now has an app that you can use to track where your child's bus is located. Go to the HRSB website at [www.hrsb.ca](http://www.hrsb.ca) and follow the links under "News". Here is the address:

[http://www.hrsb.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/STOCK\\_INFO\\_FRIDAY.png](http://www.hrsb.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/STOCK_INFO_FRIDAY.png)

You can copy and paste the address above to set up the "Stock Bus Tracker".



## PSA Family Bingo!

Our PSA volunteers are busy getting ready for this popular event. Don't miss out! October 27th at 6:30 pm, in the gym! Come join us for a fun evening and the chance to win some great prizes. Good luck!



## Halloween Fun and Safety

As we look at the coming of Halloween, there are a few things we would like to review to keep it safe and fun.



- **Safety:** Please review Halloween safety with your child. Going out for Trick or Treat is great fun, but only if we all stay safe.
- Your child's teacher will decide when students can put on costumes. Children must be able to put on their costumes in class, easily and without assistance. We invite students who do not wish to wear a costume to dress in orange and black for the day.
- There are to be **no play weapons**, sticks, or such toys that may accidentally cause an injury. Also, **no masks**, please, as they can pose a safety issue.
- Teachers will plan Halloween as is best suited for their classroom. Learning is expected to take place and students are expected to be on task.
- **Snacks:** Please continue to send healthy snacks for recess, and limit the number of "other" snacks coming to school. Healthy snacks give great energy for learning.



## School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a provincially-mandated group that acts in an advisory capacity to the school principal. Our SAC is made up of administration, 3 staff, 3 parents and 3 community members.



The Kingswood Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC) meets six times per year and discusses a variety of school issues. **We are currently looking for one parent member and one community member to sit on our SAC.** If you are interested, please contact the school to find out more information.

## Safety Reminder

Our **Kiss and Go** area is designed for a quick drop off with a kiss. It must always remain safe for our students. Here are the rules for Kiss and Go:

- ⇒ Pull as far up into the zone as you can.
- ⇒ Turn off your engine.
- ⇒ When using the Kiss and Go area, parents/guardians are to remain in your car.
- ⇒ Your child gets out of the car on the curb side.
- ⇒ Once your child exits the vehicle, check for traffic/pedestrians and leave safely.
- ⇒ If you need to get out to assist your child or if you wish to walk them into the school, please park your car in the upper part of the parking lot.
- ⇒ Let's all work together to keep our students safe!



## Head Lice at School

When large groups of children get together, the appearance of head lice is always a possibility. We have had some cases of head lice in the school, and ask parents to be vigilant in checking for head lice, as well as reporting any cases to the school. (All cases remain in strict confidence.) If you have any questions, you can call your doctor, or a public health nurse. Also, we have information pamphlets at school if you would like one.

## Birthday Invitations

We ask parents and guardians not to send birthday invitations to school. For a variety of reasons, we do not permit distribution of these during the school day.

## Toys, Cards and Electronics

We strongly encourage students to leave toys, cards and electronics at home. Students frequently encounter difficulty or distraction with such items at school. These items are not to be used or visible in class, in the hallway, or in lineups to enter or leave school, and no trading is permitted during the school day. We appreciate your support and cooperation on this issue to keep learning as a priority, and to avoid any stress over lost items.

## Lunch Monitors Needed

We are looking to hire lunch monitors to supervise students from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact the school for more details.

## School Cafeteria

The school cafeteria does not carry a large float for change, and we do not keep change in the school office. For parents/guardians who come in to order food for your child, please bring as close to the exact amount as possible. Cafeteria staff cannot make change for \$20.00 bills.

## Mi'kmaq History Month—Reconciliation and Resilience

October is celebrated as Mi'kmaq History Month. In 1993, Premier John Savage and Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaq heritage and culture.

