



SD #38
Richmond

KINGSWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are some updates and further information to share with all of our Kingswood families:

Thank You for Our Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you to our staff and students' families for working together to be able to have our Parent-Teacher conferences last week. We know that doing it online via Zoom, through Face Time, or via telephone was certainly different than in previous years, but having that connection between home and school is certainly important as we work to support our students together.

Professional Development Day, October 23

A reminder that Friday, October 23, is a Provincial Professional Day. There is no school for students on this date.

Early Warning Number

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent, we kindly request that you contact our Early Warning line at **604-668-6220**. In this way, we can account for all of our student absences without having to call you/disturb you at either home or work. An example message would be, "This is "student name"'s mom/dad. My child is in Division _____, and will be absent on October 19 because.....". Thank you for your help with this!

Terry Fox Run Update

Our school held our Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 9. The classes ran at various times, staggered throughout the school day. It was wonderful to see so many staff

and students wearing red and white to honour Terry Fox on that day. Classes participated in various activities, lessons, and watched videos within their own classrooms. Overall, we raised \$284.75 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go, Kingswood!

Halloween Happenings at Kingswood

As we head into the third week of October, we're sure an important event/date is on the minds of our Kingswood students.....HALLOWEEN! What is this going to look like this year? We won't be able to do the same as we normally do, **i.e. we will not be having children bring in treats to share with their classmates**, but rest assured that we are working on planning some special activities for the students even during these times. What is this going to look like? More details will be sent home on Monday, but so far we know that on **Friday, October 30:**

- students and staff who would like to wear costumes to school are welcome to do so (no play weapons, however).
- please make sure that the costume you choose for your child is one that they can safely move around in, and that your child is still dressed for the weather as they will be going outside, rain or shine, for their breaks.
- we will be having a fun Halloween assembly via Zoom for students and staff onsite--- a "Zoombly".
- we will have our first ever Pop Up Pumpkin Patch at the school (some classes will decorate/carve their pumpkins, some will simply bring their pumpkins home to carve and decorate with their families). **If your child's class will be carving their pumpkins, your child's classroom teacher will contact you about sending a pumpkin carving tool to school.**

Assemblies/"Zoomblies"

One of the traditions at Kingswood has been to have regular, monthly sharing assemblies. At this time, we are not able to hold our regular assemblies. These

events have long been an important way for our school community to connect and share our learning with one another. How then, can we continue to connect with one another, when we are not able to gather? We are going to hold "Zoomblies" so that we can go forward with this important Kingswood tradition. Our assemblies will take place through Zoom, so that we can be "together" online as a school community. In this way, we can still connect online, while following health and safety protocols. The "Zoomblies" will only be accessible to students and staff onsite, however. Another important Kingswood tradition is that our teaching staff give out recognition certificates to students in their classes at our assemblies. They select a few students from their classes that they believe deserve recognition for their work habits, academic achievement, social responsibility, behaviour, etc. We will continue this tradition--however, teachers will give them out within their own classrooms to their own students only. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Staffing Update

Ms. Cook, one of our Educational Assistants, has decided to retire at the end of October. We thank Ms. Cook for her years of support working with several staff and students at Kingswood. We will be sad to see her go, but are happy that she is off to new adventures as she enters this next chapter in her life!

Mrs. Thaman, who comes to us from Byng, has accepted the position of Education Assistant at Kingswood. She will be starting at Kingswood on Monday, October 19. Welcome to the team, Mrs. Thaman!

Emergency Preparedness Drills

Last week, and just today, our school held two emergency preparedness drills. Your child may have come home and told you about these. If you are not familiar, schools are required to hold certain emergency preparedness drills each year, so that our staff and students will know the proper and safe procedures to follow if such an event should occur. Each year, we hold 6 fire drills and at least 2 earthquake drills. Last week we held our first fire drill, and today, we held our first earthquake drill. The students and staff did a great job.

Thank You For Sending Your Child Ready for Any Kind of Weather!

We continue to express our appreciation to families for sending your children to school, ready to go outside, rain or shine. The children go outside for at least three breaks each day, at staggered times. Some classes are spending a great deal of

time in our Outdoor Learning Space/Garden. Therefore, it is important that children continue to come dressed appropriately for the weather so that they are able to be prepared to be outside. Thank you for your efforts!

Upcoming Dates

- **Friday, October 23:** **Professional Development Day. Students do not attend school on this day**
- **November 2:** **Photo Retake Day**
- **November 10:** **Remembrance Day Assembly online**
- **November 11:** **Remembrance Day—no school**
- **Tuesday, November 17:** **PAC Meeting via Zoom, 6:05 pm**
- **Monday, November 23:** **Professional Development Day. Students do not attend school on this day**

Thank you again for all of your continued support. Continue to take good care,

Sincerely,

Ms. Bahd