

KINGSWOOD EAGLES NEWS

Newsletter #4.

January 9th, 2026.



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From the Office

Kindergarten Registration for Next Year – 2026-27

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026. Online registration opened on November 1, 2025. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.



Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January 16th, 2026) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed by parents and received by Central Registration any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails by February 6, 2026.

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in their catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. This provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school. Please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

Notice of Intent to Attend Forms For the 2026/2027 School Year



Parents of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students, please complete the "2026-2027 Notice of Intent to Attend Form" and return it to your child's Classroom Teacher. **This form tells your intention for your child to attend Kingswood Elementary School next year in September 2026.**

This notice will be given to students today (Friday, Jan. 9th) to bring home to parents and guardians. The Notice of Intent to Attend Form is the first step in beginning to plan for the size of our classes next school year. **The Notice of Intent to Attend Form should be completed and sent back to the school by Friday, January 16th, 2026.**

Note: For Grade 7 students moving to Secondary School, it is not necessary to complete this form. Grade 7 students will be automatically placed at their neighbourhood secondary school – for most of our Grade 7 students, their neighbourhood secondary school is McNair Secondary.



Please remember to drive slowly when you are near the school and watch for children walking and crossing the street.

Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Kingswood Early Warning Line at 604-668-6220 to leave a message. Please do not rely only on an email to your child's classroom teacher telling them about your child's absence. Classroom teachers may not have the chance to access their email before school and may mark your child as absent with an unknown reason as to why they are missing from school. If classroom teachers enter a child as absent without a reason, our office staff will make a phone call home to parents to find out the whereabouts of a child. This procedure can be aggravating for parents and takes valuable time from our office staff that could be better used.



Thank-you for your understanding. Please call 604-668-6220 if your child will be absent from school.

IF YOUR CONTACT NUMBER CHANGES, PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:

It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have a warm jacket, proper footwear for the weather, a hat and perhaps gloves. If they dress appropriately for the weather, they can enjoy playing outside. We will continue as a school to go outside on days that include rain and snow.



SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT:

Snow days cause an inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of everyone, with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. The following things will happen:

Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach unsafe or emergency proportions. **Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED.** Most of these schools will be private schools. Listen to radio: CBC 690AM; CKNW 980AM; NEWS 1130AM; QM 103.5FM or watch on television: CBC; Global; CTV; CityTV.

As well, you can get information other ways:

- the Richmond School District website (www.sd38.bc.ca), look under the 'OUR DISTRICT' tab at the top of the Home Page, then click on the EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES heading.
- all elementary school websites will have a scrolling message along the top as necessary (i.e. on days which are questionable due to weather).
- Twitter at **RichmondSD38**

Please do not phone the school. The administration will be too busy planning the day and will not be able to answer the phone.

- ❖ It may not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. If children do come to school, we will ensure the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.
- ❖ School will remain open until 2:45pm. In the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.

You have some choices:

1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel their safety or your own safety may be at risk (you may keep them home)
2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day
3. Children who come to school may be taking part in alternate activities

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school before a snow day.

Around the School

Kingswood Spirit-Wear Clothing Orders



You have the opportunity to order Kingswood Eagles Clothing right now through to Sunday, January 18th, 2026. To order, click on the link below. This link will take you to an ordering page through our supplier Sudden Impact Promotional Products. You can order and make your payment on their website.

Wearing Kingswood Eagles Clothing lets our students show how proud they are to be a member of the Kingswood Community. Kingswood Eagles Clothing also comes in handy for special school events, fieldtrips and school teams.

<https://kingswood-elementary-school-spirit-wear.itemorder.com/>

Kingswood Breakfast Club



The Kingswood Breakfast Club is operating again in Term 2. Any Kingswood student is welcome to come to the Breakfast Club every Friday morning at 8:15am.

Our Breakfast Club will take place every Friday through the rest of the school year. Students can come to school early between 8:15am to 8:35am to get something to eat before starting their morning at school. There is no cost to having breakfast at the Breakfast Club, food is free for any Kingswood student.

Professional Development Days at Kingswood



On Professional Development Days, students do not attend school. Staff at British Columbia schools use ProD Days to learn new instructional strategies and curriculum. Educators apply what they learn during ProD Days to their instructional practice in the classroom, so they can help your child learn better. Thank-you for supporting these learning days for educators.

Our Next ProD Day is:

• Friday, February 13th, 2026.

PAC News



The Kingswood Parent Advisory Council is always looking for school fundraising ideas. If you have an idea for the Kingswood P.A.C. please come to the next meeting.

All Kingswood parents are part of the Kingswood PAC. We encourage you to come to our PAC Meetings to find out more about the school and how you can help support the learning and well-being of all students.

Our next PAC meeting is on January 21st, 2026.

This meeting will be in-person in the Kingswood Elementary Library and can also be joined virtually online. The meeting will start at 6pm. Login information for joining the meeting online will be shared by email next week.

PARENT WORKSHOP – KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE (PARENT ONLINE WORKSHOP) JANUARY 13, 2026 @6PM

KINGSWOOD PARENTS, WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR A PARENT WORKSHOP ONLINE ON JANUARY 13TH, 2026 @ 6PM. USE THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS SECTION TO JOIN THE WORKSHOP NEXT TUESDAY.



KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE IS A 60-MINUTE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW TO HELP CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE. THIS PRESENTATION IS SPLIT INTO THREE SECTIONS:

- 1. ONLINE EXPLOITATION – OVERVIEW
- 2. APP LITERACY - LEARNING HOW TO SAFELY NAVIGATE TODAY'S MOST POPULAR APPS
- 3. HOW TO TALK ABOUT IT - HOW TO HAVE THESE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD AND WHAT TO DISCUSS.

Topic: KKSO - Kingswood Elementary
Time: Tuesday, Jan 13, 2026 6:00 PM Pacific Time
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86153587547>

Meeting ID: 861 5358 7547

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to Remember

Tuesday Jan. 13 th	The Children of the Street Online Parent Session – Safer Spaces: Keeping Your Child Safe on the Internet
Wednesday Jan. 14 th	Hot Lunch Day
Thursday Jan. 15 th	Outdoor Education Meeting for Parents of Grade 6 and 7 Students @ 6pm in the Kingswood Multi-Purpose Room
Friday Jan. 16 th	Uzume Taiko Drumming Fine Arts Performance @ 9am
Wednesday Jan. 21 st	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday Jan. 21 st	PAC Meeting @ 6pm
Friday Jan. 23 rd	Fire Safety Drill #3
Friday Jan. 23 rd	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday Jan. 28 th	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Jan. 30 th	Recognition Assembly @ 9am
Friday Feb. 6 th	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday Feb. 11 th	Hot Lunch Day
Thursday Feb. 12 th	Early Dismissal – students dismissed at 11:50am for PT Conferences
Friday Feb. 13 th	ProD Day
Monday Feb. 16 th	Family Day Holiday
Tuesday Feb. 17 th	Lunar New Year
Wednesday Feb. 18 th	First Day of Ramadan
Wednesday Feb. 18 th	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Feb. 20 th	Hot Lunch Day
Monday Feb. 23 rd	Fire Safety Drill #4 (11:35am)
Wednesday Feb. 25 th	Dufflebag Theatre Performance @ 10:45am
Wednesday Feb. 25 th	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Feb. 27 th	Pink Shirt Day and Recognition Assembly
Wednesday Mar. 4 th	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Mar. 6 th	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday Mar. 11 th	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Mar. 13 th	Last Day of Classes for Term 2
March 16-27	Spring Break
Monday Mar. 30 th	First Day of Term 3
Monday Apr. 6 th	Staff Meeting