

KINGSWOOD EAGLES NEWS

Newsletter #8

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From the Office

CLASS ORGANIZATION AND STUDENT PLACEMENT 2026-27 PARENT INPUT OPPORTUNITY

June is the month when the staff spends considerable time discussing possible classroom placements of students for the next school year. Although we do not finalize classes until the first week in September, we do a great amount of preliminary thinking in June. There are many factors that are important considerations for placing students into appropriate classes for the next school year.

A. Student considerations such as:

- a student's learning style and strengths
- a student's degree of independence and their work habits
- a student's age and physical maturity
- a student's previous year placement
- what the student can do in relation to the goals of the program
- when a child has been the youngest or the oldest in a combined classroom
- the social and personal characteristics in a class cohort
- the male/female balance in a classroom
- the number of students with diverse learning needs

Please note: Over their 8 years in elementary school, a student should experience a variety of settings, sometimes as the older grade in a class and other times the younger grade in a class.

B. Staff considerations such as:

- equitable teaching assignments in terms of class size and composition
- matching as closely as possible teaching style with student academic and social emotional needs

Parents, if you have information you would like us to consider when placing your child in a class for next year, please take this opportunity to submit your information to Mr. Mason in writing (email or letter) by Friday, June 5th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

This information will be shared with teachers during the meetings that will be held to make up classes for next year.

Please Note:

- It will not be possible to consider information or requests submitted by parents in September 2026, once classes have been established.
- Please **DO NOT** request specific teachers – at this time we do not know which grades teachers will be teaching next year

We work very hard to form the best learning environments for all students.

Parental requests are considered but not guaranteed.

Notice of Late Return

For those families who are making summer vacation plans and are not expected to return to school by 12:00pm Wednesday, September 9th, please ensure you complete a Notice of Late Return Form to the Kingswood School Office by Thursday June 25th, 2026.



We will be a very full school in September 2026, and as a result, **we cannot hold a place at Kingswood School for your child if you are away beyond Friday, September 11th, 2026.** If your child arrives to school after September 11th, 2026 your child may not have a space at Kingswood Elementary and you may need to re-register them.

See the 'Notice of Late Return Form' email sent to families recently or come to the Kingswood School Office to complete the Notice of Late Return. You can also email your Notice of Late Return to the following email address: kingswood@sd38.bc.ca



End of the Year Events

- Parent Appreciation Morning (Thursday, June 11th, 8:25am-8:45am) – The Kingswood Staff would like to recognize the support and help from parents throughout the 2025/2026 school year. We hope we can provide parents dropping off their child in the morning with a pastry to start their day.
- Sports Day (Friday, June 12th 8:45am-1:30pm) – **Parents are invited to attend and watch all the Sports Day activities.** Sports Day will be outside in the school field (weather permitting). All students will be dismissed from school at 1:30pm. Please make sure your child has a plan for going home earlier than normal on this day.
- Grade 7 Farewell (Friday, June 19th at 9:15am) – The Grade 7 Farewell will be held in the school gym. **Grade 7 Families are invited to attend this wonderful event.**
- Divisions 1, 2 and 3 Band Concert (Tuesday, June 23rd at 1:30am) – **Parents are invited to attend this concert in the school gym.**
- Service and Recognition Assembly (Thursday, June 24th) – Will be held in the school gym, starting at 9:00am. **Parents are invited.**

Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Kingswood Early Warning Absence line at 604-668-6280 to leave a message. Please do not rely 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 604-668-6444 if your child will be absent from school.



First Day of School – Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

Our first day of school for the 2026/2027 school year is Tuesday, September 8th, 2026. Shown below are the different start times for Grade 1-7 students and for New Kindergarten Students.

Our first day **IS NOT a full day of school.**

- Students in Grades 1-7 attend for 1 hour (8:45am-9:45am)
- New Kindergarten students attend for 45 minutes (9:00am-9:45am)

Grade 1-7 Students (8:45am-9:45am)

All returning students and new students in grades 1 to 7 attend at this time on Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 2026

- Returning students will enter the school at their last year classroom door
- New students to Kingswood, please come to the Front Entrance Door Mr. Mason will welcome you at this door at 9:00am

Moving forward, starting Wednesday September 9th, Grade 1-7 students will attend for full days from 8:40am to 2:45pm. Students can enter the school at classroom doors starting at 8:40am.

We intend to move into new classes for the 2026/2027 school year by recess on Friday, September 11th, 2026.

Parking Lot and Surrounding Neighborhood



Parents, please help us make the parking lot and streets near the school safe for all members of our school community during student pick-up at the end of the day. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, please keep these thoughts in mind:

- in the parking lot, stop and wait for your child only in the designated drop-off/pick-up area: Do not leave your car unattended to go pick up your child at their classroom. We need to keep the traffic circle moving to allow other parents to pick up their children.
- if you need to go into the school, use available parking spaces in our parking lot or park on King Road
- do not double-park your car in the school parking lot and leave it to go into the school – if you leave your car to go pick up your child and you are parked behind another car, the owner of the car cannot back out of their parking spot
- drive slowly in the parking lot - students do not always look before they cross the parking lot
- in the neighborhood, please do not block the driveways of our neighbors

Around the School

PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Updates

The Kingswood Parent Advisory Council’s final meeting for the 2025/2026 school year is on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026 @ 6:00pm. This meeting will be in-person at Kingswood School. This is the Kingswood PAC Annual General Meeting. The PAC is currently recruiting for Executive and Coordinating PAC positions for the 2026-2027 school year. **Nominations can be made during the AGM that will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd.** If you have questions or wish to express interest, please contact

We hope you will be able to join us for our PAC Annual General Meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday June 4 th	Grade 7 McNair Orientation Day
Friday, June 5 th	Recognition Assembly 9am
Tuesday June 9 th	Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations
Thursday June 11 th	Parent Appreciation Morning (8:25am-8:45am)
Friday June 12 th	Sports Day (Students Dismissed @ 1:30pm)
Tuesday June 16 th	Division 4 Play
Wednesday June 17 th	Grade 7s at Central City Fun Park
Friday June 19 th	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly (9:15am Start)
Friday June 19 th	Universal Hot Lunch
Tuesday June 23 rd	Band Concert (1:45pm)
Tuesday June 23 rd	PAC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday June 24 th	Recognition & Appreciation Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday June 25 th	Last Day for Students
Friday June 26 th	Administrative Day: School Office is Open