

" Home of the Kingswood Eagles!"



Kingswood Eagles News



Acknowledgement of Territory:

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the Hə́h̓qə́mí̓nə́m (Hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, and live.

May 15-19, 2023

Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 16	Wednesday, May 17	Thursday, May 18	Friday, May 19
	 Chess Club at 12:00 in the library Division 3 is off to the Planetarium! PAC Meeting 6:15 pm	Breakfast Club 8:00-8:45 am Boys Basketball 12:00 Track Meet Assembly 1:30 pm	Track Meet! For all students from grades 3-7	Professional Development Day-- students do not attend

DON'T FORGET

Reminder:

Kindly please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our

Early Warning Line at
(604) 668-6220

Please include your child's name, Division, why they will be away and for how long. Thank you.

**Next Pro D Day is May 19:
students do not attend this day**



Next PAC Meeting, May 16



Our next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:15 pm in person in the library or also online via Teams. (Please see link below). If you're interested in being a more active participant on the PAC or finding out ways that you can support the school, we encourage you to come out and hear more about the PAC! Our pasta lunch was a great example of how parents can participate even for short amounts of time to make a big difference!. Please join us!



Kingswood Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- May 16: Division 3 to Planetarium
- May 16: PAC Meeting, 6:15 pm (hybrid--in person and online)
- May 17: Track Meet Assembly, 1:30 pm
- May 18: District Track Meet at Minoru---will need lots of parent drivers!
- May 19: Next Pro-D Day
- May 22: Victoria Day Holiday
- May 25: Divisions 3 and 5 to Victoria
- May 26: Recognition Assembly, 1:30 pm
- May 26: Pizza Day
- May 29: McNair Band Performance, 11:00 am
- **May 31: Division 2 to Science World**
- **June 9: Grade 7 trip to Playland**
- June 16: Sports Day, early dismissal at 1:15 pm--we will need parent volunteers to help with concession!
- June 19: Talent Show
- June 20: Band Concert, 1:30 and 6:00 pm
- June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 22: Division 3 Fine Arts Performance, 1:30 and 6:00 pm
- June 23: School Farewell Assembly, 1:30 pm
- June 29: Grade 7 Farewell, shortly after 9:00 am
- June 29: last day of school for all students
- June 30: Administration Day--students do not attend

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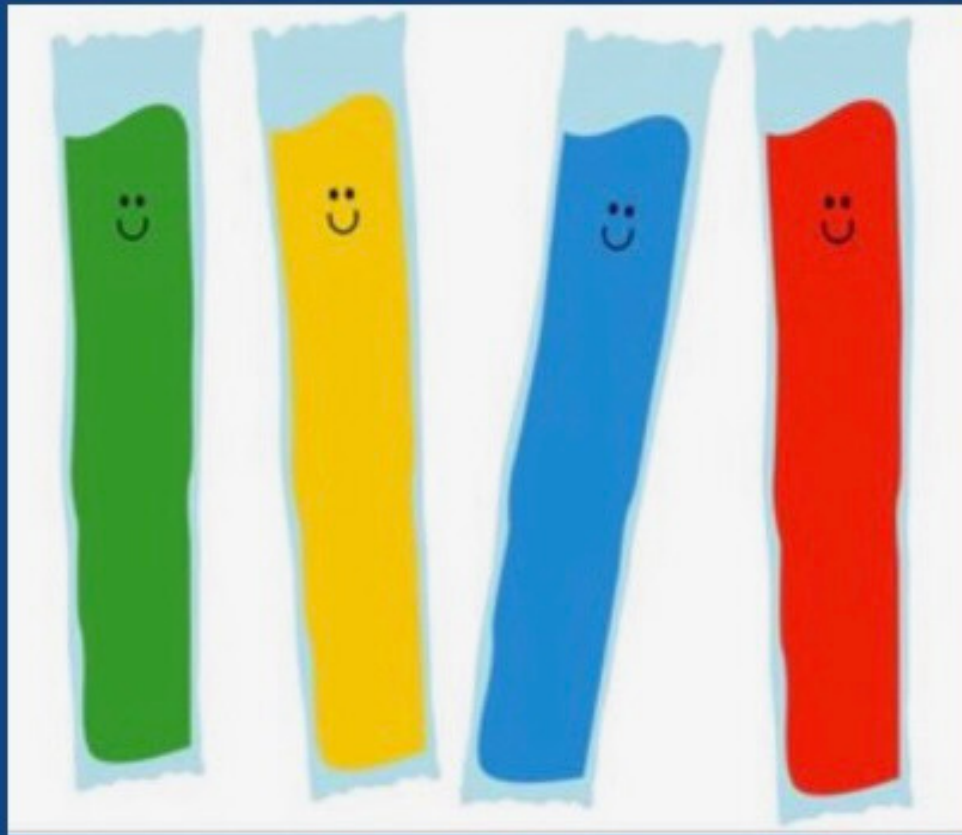


Welcome to Valerie Erin Olding-Morris!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Olding's first child, a beautiful baby girl, was born on Wednesday, May 10 at 8:20 am. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and has a lot of beautiful dark hair! Congratulations to the Olding-Morris family!



Frozen Fridays!



Thank you for continuing to support our Grade 7 Farewell fundraising activities! Our next frozen Friday is planned for Friday, May 26. Freezies will be \$1.50 each. Thank you to our staff and parent volunteers who jumped in to help with sales the last few Fridays!

Parent Input--Class Placements

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations that we have received. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistants and administrators will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meets to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. These considerations include:

- learning styles and strengths
- work habits
- social/personal characteristics
- gender balance
- exceptional needs
- friendship groups
- ELL levels
- contractual obligations
- age and physical maturity



If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to complete a Parent Input form by **Friday, May 26th, 2023**. Please email Ms. Bahd at bbahd@sd38.bc.ca to request an input form – electronic copy. You are also able to pick up a paper version from the school office.

The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher** but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. Students who work well together or recent/ongoing conflict with other children would be helpful in placing students.

With limited placement possibilities, **input can be considered but never guaranteed**. All information provided will be shared with the teacher(s) and taken into consideration. Please be aware the final decision regarding placement will be a school-based decision.

Accepting input after the Friday, May 26th is often problematic, as each child placed into a classroom is an important part of the structure that helps create a positive learning environment for all children placed. Like a house of cards, pulling one from the pile often impacts others and we would like to avoid this scenario.

Understanding Combined Classes

It's the time of year when Kingswood staff begins to look at building classes for next year. Staff work very hard to ensure that all students are successful.

Often, the philosophy behind combined classes is misunderstood by parents. Children who are placed in the upper grade of a combined class are not placed there because they struggle in school. In a combined grade 4 and 5 class, we do our very best to ensure that for each grade, we have students who encompass a range of learning styles and abilities. **We do not place all of our strongest grade 5 learners into a grade 5/6 when a grade 4/5 classroom is also available.**

Teachers are trained to provide instruction to diverse classes of students, looking at children as individuals, and providing individual educational plans where warranted for students who are slower or faster to develop.

Combined classes offer enhanced opportunities for all students to demonstrate confidence, positive self-concept, and a strong sense of belonging. Combined classes can help students form broader and more varied friendships as older students provide role models for younger students. Sometimes the teacher/student relationship can be enhanced if the same teacher teaches a student for more than one year, leading to increased feelings of security for returning students and a smoother transition in September because the teacher already knows their learning styles and needs well. Teachers in combined classes, like those in straight grades, follow the curriculum requirements defined by the Ministry of Education.



Track Meet , May 18th for Grades 3-7

Track Attack and Track Meet Update

Please note: we know there have been many forms coming home lately--we are not trying to create extra work for families but rather, to ensure our Track Meet goes as safely, and organized as possible. Your child received a second consent form today (green) that is in addition to the blue transportation form they received last week. The green form is a district consent form that also needs to be filled out and returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Green Track
Meet Consent
forms due by
May 17**



BREAKFAST CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:00-8:45



At our next Breakfast Club, (May 17), we will continue to offer toast with jam, cheese toast, fresh fruit and juice. We will also be offering Eggo waffles and bagels with cream cheese and/or jam! We will also be extending our Breakfast Club until 8:45 am, but students **must enter no later than 8:30 am**. Once students have finished eating up and cleaning up after themselves, they may participate in "Just Dance" and other movement activities, if they wish to do so, or can simply socialize with one another!