

" Home of the Kingswood Eagles!"



Kingswood Eagles News

Acknowledgement of Territory:

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



May 22-26, 2023

Monday, May 22	Tuesday, May 23	Wednesday, May 24	Thursday, May 25	Friday, May 26
Victoria Day Holiday	 Chess Club at 12:00 in the library	Breakfast Club 8:00-8:45 am Boys Basketball 12:00	Divisions 3 and 5 to Victoria! 	Pizza Day--we need parent volunteers to help from 12:15-12:45! Frozen Friday Freezie Sales after School!

Sports Day Theme Hint

DON'T FORGET



Sports Day is on Friday, June 16, early dismissal at 1:30 pm

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.

RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 11th ANNUAL



FUN SCHOLARSHIP BIKE RIDE

This relaxed, easy bike ride is open to all members and friends of the Richmond School District. Participants can join the event in person or remotely on Saturday, May 27. The purpose of the ride is to have some fun while raising scholarship funds for students at each of our 10 secondary schools. We also ride in memory of two dedicated Richmond educators and passionate cyclists. Please join us for our 11th anniversary ride – **everyone is welcome and all donations are appreciated!**

IN-PERSON EVENT:

Saturday, May 27 at 10:00AM - Meet at Burnett Secondary with your bike and helmet!

Donate online - all proceeds go towards scholarships

Enjoy a post-ride barbecue lunch

Donate and Register here:

<https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/Ride2023#>



REMOTE EVENT:

Saturday, May 27 - Go for a Bike Ride at Any Time

Donate online - all proceeds go towards scholarships

Post a Photo online using #SD38Ride2023

Donate here:

<https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/Ride2023#>



Targett Ng
Vice Principal at McKay
1968 - 2008

"Ride on..."

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.38



Lorne Bodin
Principal at McNair
1960 - 2010

"Looking good my friend"

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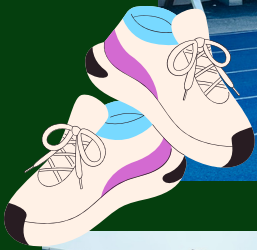


Track Meet on May 18 Was Amazing!



Our Track Meet last week at Minoru Park was a tremendous success! Thank you to all of the parent drivers, volunteer drivers, spectators, and staff members who put in so much work and time to organize this event for our students.

And thank you once again to our PAC for supporting the purchase of our new track singlets---our Kingswood logo looked amazing! And we were very proud of our Kingswood Eagles for demonstrating great effort as well as good sportsmanship! Well done, Kingswood!



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Kingswood Families--We Appreciate YOU!

Thank you!



Dear Kingswood families,

As a small token of our appreciation for all that you do to support our students, staff, and the school community, we invite you to enjoy a cup of coffee, chai, and a baked treat as you drop off your children on the morning of June 2, beginning at 8:15 am.

Kingswood is the kind, supportive and happy community that it is, and we couldn't do it without all of the care and support of the parents/guardians/aunts/uncles/grandparents of our Kingswood kids! (Treats and coffee/chai are for adults only, and will be available at the front of the school/the roundabout.)



Kingswood Reminders/Dates

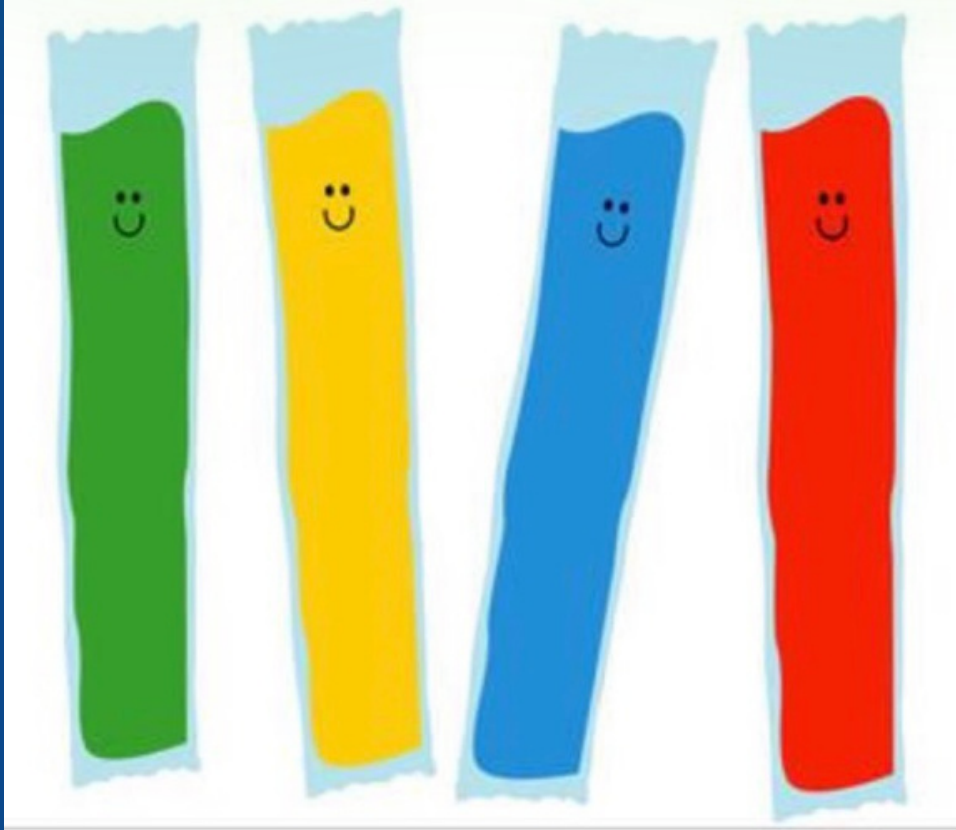
Upcoming Dates to Note:

- May 25: Divisions 3 and 5 to Victoria
- May 26: Recognition Assembly, 1:30 pm
- May 26: Pizza Day at lunch, freezies for sale after school
- May 29: McNair Band Performance at Kingswood, 10:50 am
- May 31: Division 2 to Science World
- June 2: Family/Parent Appreciation Event/Drive-Thru 8:15 am
- June 9: Grade 7 trip to Playland
- June 16: Sports Day, early dismissal at 1:30 pm--we will need parent volunteers to help with concession!
- June 19: Talent Show, 1:30 pm
- 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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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!

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.



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.

Notice of Late Return, 2023-2024

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN 2023-2024

The attached form with this latest update must be completed for any student(s) who anticipate a delayed return to school in September and will not be in attendance by 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Please return the form to the school principal by June 23, 2023.

Please note that student absences at the start of the school year result in missed opportunities for valuable social connections, instructional time, and establishment of routines and expectations. The reason for a late return to school should only be for extenuating circumstances.

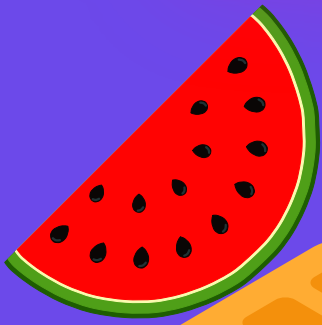
Please be advised that any student not in attendance before end of the school day on September 14, 2023, will not be guaranteed a placement at Kingswood Elementary School. This may result in a placement at another school upon return.

In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring after July 1, 2023, that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email (kingswood@sd38.bc.ca).

A REMINDER TO BE SUN SMART!



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



At our next Breakfast Club, (May 31), we will continue to offer toast with jam, cheese toast, fresh fruit and juice. We will also be offering waffles, bagels and yogurt with berries. 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!