Kingswood's Update

October 16, 2023

"Home of the Kingswood Eagles!"



Kingswood Eagles News

Acknowledgement of Territory:



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

October 16-20, 2023

Monday, October 16	Tuesday, October 17	Wednesday, October 18	Thursday, October 19	Friday, October 20
Volleyball Practise at 3:00	Early Dimissal at 1:45pmfor Parent Teacher Conferences	Kingswood's Dance Team Practise, lunchtime Early Dismissal at 1:45 pmfor Parent Teacher Conferences	Pizza Day Parent Volunteers Required!Earthquake Drill AM	NO School Today Provincial Professional Development Day Students do not attend school this day
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Our DON'T FORGET DON'T FORGET Cour Carly Warning Line at (604) 668-6220 Please include your child's name, Division, why they will be away and for how long. Thank you.				

Parent Teacher Learning Updates/Conferences

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AND 18, EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:45 PM

A reminder that this Tuesday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 18, students will be dismissed early so that parents/guardians can meet with their child's teacher(s) for conferences to discuss your child's progress at school thus far. Please ensure that your child is picked up promptly, so that teaching staff are able to begin their conferencing schedules on time.

Feeding Futures

Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Ms. Bahd, bbahd@sd38.bc.ca We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help. Kingswood's Bell Schedule 8:45 Instructional Time Begins 10:10 Morning/Recess Break 10:25 Instructional Time Resumes 11:50 Outdoor Lunch Break (Play First)

12:20 Lunch Break (students return to classes to eat lunch)

12:42 Instructional Time Resumes

2:45 Dismissal





We have a VERY busy parking lot - both in the morning and after school.

Tips to help keep students SAFE!

1) Please walk to school with your child if you live close by

2) The drop off lane is not for parking – please drop off your child and go, making room for others. If you must stop in the loop, please DO NOT leave your vehicle unattended--this impacts other drivers, as well as our two school buses.

4) If you are a kindergarten parent or need to drop your child off at their classroom door, please park in our visitor lot or near the school and walk

5. ALWAYS keep your vehicle speed at a very LOW speed in our entire parking loop.

6. DOUBLE PARKING IS DANGEROUS. Please do not stop beside a car that is already parked in the drop off lane or a car parked in the parking lot--this impacts other drivers being able to leave, including some staff who may have to leave right after dismissal.

KEV/Cash Online This Year

In an effort to streamline accounting and to make it easier for families, we are encouraging all families to register for KEV/Cash OnLine for payments this year. Most families were able to do payments to the school online last year, and we are really hoping not to have to collect monies/cheques at school. If you are finding it difficult to register, please make an appointment with Mrs. McCallum, and she will be happy to assist you with set-up. The directions for registering follow and were also sent out as a paper notice to you with the start of year student notice packages sent home to you last week.



The link to KEV/Cash Online can be found on your school website:

www.kingswood.sd38.bc.ca

SchoolCashOnline

If you are having difficulties with registering or paying for items, you can also contact their help line at : 1-866-961-1803 (24 hrs/day, 7 days per week)

District Elementary Cross Country Run Garry Point Park, October 17, 2023

Attention Kingswood runners! We are pleased to let you know that the date and times for the District Elemenetary Cross Country Fun Run is confimed and it will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

This event has been a long Richmond tradition, and hundreds of students from across our district will participate. If your child would like to participate in this event, they will need to let Ms. Bahd know in the office, and then I will send home a consent form that needs to be signed and returned to the office in advance of this date.

Please note that, although I will be the sponsor for this event, children must be driven to/from the event, and supervised by their parent(s). More information about times of the races and distances to be run are listed below:

Race Times (**Correction---If parents would like their Kindergarten child to run, they would join the Grade 1 students running**)

Grade 1: 3:30 pm Grade 2: 3:35 pm Grade 3: 3:40 pm Grade 4: 3:45 pm Grade 5: 3:50 pm Grade 6: 3:55 pm Grade 7: 4:00 pm

Race Distances:

Grades 1, 2, 3: 900 m Grades 4 and 5: 1300 m Grades 6 and 7: 1600 m



Student Accident Insurance Plan

As in previous years, families can choose to purchase an optional student accident insurance plan for their children through the "InsureMyKids®" program, underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. The "InsureMyKids®" accident insurance program offers protection against the potentially high costs of any injury resulting from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

• do not have medical or dental plans,

• have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or • have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

The insurance agreement will be between the family and Old Republic Canada and will be effective on the date the enrollment application and payment are received by the insurance carrier. To purchase a student accident insurance plan, families can visit

http://www.insuremykids.com, or speak with an Old Republic Canada customer service representative at 1-800-463-5437.

The program coverage typically includes:

• A full year (365 days from date of purchase), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;

Expenses such as ambulance, physio-therapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more that are limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or provincial health plans;
Injury related dental treatment as the result of an accident;

• Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses. (Platinum Plan Only)

If you have questions relating to this insurance program, please contact Joyce Coronel from the Secretary Treasurer's office at jcoronel@sd38.bc.ca or 604-668-6008.

Medication at School

If your child requires medication at school, i.e. an Epipen or a puffer for Asthma, you will need to complete a request for Administration of Medication each year. It is also important to ensure that your child's medication is updated/hasn't expired. If you have not yet completed a new Request for Administration of Medication at School--we will be sending these home to you this week.



Kingswood Daily Reminders

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar for October

24..... Dussehra 🕉

October is... German Heritage Month Canadian Islamic Month Community Inclusion Month Latin American Heritage Month Women's History Month

Daily Health Check

SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well. Students should not come to school when they are sick.

If your child is not feeling well please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved. If you know your child will be absent for a range of days, please leave that information as well.

Staying home when sick helps keep our entire school community healthy including teachers, admin staff and students. **Please do your part and stay home when sick**.







Dress for the Weather

At Kingswood, our students go outside each day for both their recess and outside lunch breaks. Several of our classes also go outside for learning in our Kingswood outdoor learning space. Time spent outside is important for student's health and well being. Please ensure that your child is dressed properly for the weather---rain or shine! For our vounger students, this may include an extra change of clothing to be kept at school. Several of our primary classes ask students to leave a pair of indoor shoes at school as well. For all students, once the rainy weather comes along--from grades K-7--if they are wearing boots to school--they NEED to have a pair of shoes to change into for times inside the school. Thank you.





Kingswood Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

•October 17 and 18: Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm for Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences

- •October 19: PAC Pizza Day
- •October 20: Provincial Pro-D day--students do not attend
- October 27: Recognition Assembly, 1:30 pm
- October 27: PAC Family movie night
- October 31: Halloween and School Wide Activities
- November 3: Photo Re-Take Day
- •November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11: Remembrance Day
- November 13: No School: Observance of Remembrance Day
 November 20: Professional Development Day





PAC Upcoming Events and How You Can Help!

ISometimes, for PAC or school events, we only require parents to help out for short amounts of time, i.e. for our upcoming Hot Lunch date on October 19, or perhaps helping to receive and distribute items for PAC fundraisers (i.e. the holiday poinsettias in December). These don't require huge amounts of time, and we always appreciate the support. So we encourage you to continue coming out to help when you can, and this also helps build connections with others parents/families. Upcoming events when we could use your help include:

• October 19, Pizza Day: help required from 12:00-12:30

• October 27: PAC Movie Night (short bursts of time from 5:00 onwards, can take shifts with other parents until movie night ends typically at 8:00ish

Kindly email our PAC chair at devindergill@hotmail.com if you are able to help for either of these events. Thank you!









BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.

study@sd38.bc.ca

604-668-6217





Drop by our **free monthly pop ups** and meet local service organizations who can help connect you to all kinds of resources, all in one place:



Second Thursday of every month 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Brighouse Library, 100-7700 Minoru Gate

For more information, please visit: www.richmond.ca/culture/social/accessibility/resources





DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.

Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.

Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media. Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.

Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property. Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

> The complete code of conduct is available online at: sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct