"Home of the Kingswood Eagles!"



Kingswood Eagles News



Acknowledgement of Territory:

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

February 12-February 16, 2024

Girls
Basketball
Open Gym at
lunch

Monday,

R.E.A.G.L.E.S.
Student
Leadership
Meeting at
lunchtime

Tuesday,

February 13

Girls Basketball
Practise 7:45 am



Wednesday, February 14

Kingswood's Dance Team

Practise

Pizza Lunch Day

Valentine's Day



Boys Basketball
Practise 7:45 am

Thursday, February 15

Boys Basketball Practise at lunchtime

Early Dismissal 1:45 pm Friday, February 16



PRO D Day
No School for
Students
Today



Friday, February 16th is our next Professional Development Day--students do not attend on this day

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.

UPCOMING PAC EVENTS



PAC Meeting, February 20, 6:15 pm

Online or in-Person

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:15 pm. This is a great way to meet other parents, find out what's going on at the school, ask questions, and hear about upcoming PAC projects and initiatives. Please see the link below if you'd like to join us through Teams:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

<u>Click here to join the meeting</u>

Learn More | Meeting options





A huge thanks to all of the parent volunteers who came out last week to help prepare hot dogs for the hot lunch last week-----the kids enjoyed it and we appreciate the extra time and efforts in preparing the lunch onsite.

This week, we have Fresh Slice pizza--if any parents can help for a short period of time, i.e. 12:00-12:30, please let Ms. Bahd know. Thank you!









Family Session Registration Form:

Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. PST

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. (60 minute session)

This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Families will learn:

- · Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline



Lunchtime Reminder:

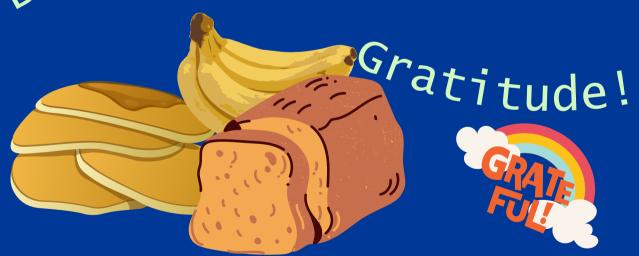


We have several students who come regularly to the school office for cutlery for their school lunches--we kindly ask you to include cutlery with your child's lunch if they require this to be able to eat their lunches.

Also, we continue to ask that students come to school with a refillable water bottle that they can fill up at ou water filling stations throughout the day.

Breakfast C746





Our Breakfast Club will NOT be held this week due to the Pro D Day on Friday, and several staff are conferencing on Thursday morning. The next Breakfast Club will be on Friday, February 23.



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar for February

February 10: Lunar New Year

February 14: Ash Wednesday

February 15: Nirvana Day

Nirvana Day is an annual Buddhist festival that remembers the death of the Buddha when he reached Nirvana at the age of 80.

Nirvana is believed to be the end of the cycle of death and rebirth. Buddhism teaches that Nirvana is reached when all want and suffering is gone.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent.

Lent is a 40-day period that leads up to Easter and is observed by many Christian faiths. It actually takes place over 46 days, but Sundays aren't counted.

During Lent, people might fast, or not eat certain foods. Or they might give up things they like to do like video games or television.

This time of reflection and self-discipline is meant to prepare the faithful for Easter.







Community Services Connectors Program



Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services or support?

Drop by the Living Room at **Ironwood Library**, enjoy a drink and a snack, and chat with a Community Services Connector.

When:

Every Sunday From January 28 - May 26 2:00 - 4:00pm

Where:

Ironwood Library 8200-11688 Steveston Hwy, Richmond, BC



For more information, visit: richmond.ca/CommunityResources









City of Richmond – Sensory Swims: The city is offering new, inclusive swims for those who experience sensory sensitivity and may be on the autism spectrum, have anxiety or sensory sensitivity, and for families wanting a supportive environment with reduced noise. At Minoru Centre for Active Living on the last Sunday of each month (8:00-9:30am).



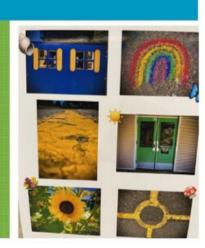
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- Academic Completion / Skill Building

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities. The 2024 theme for Black History Month is: "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build". This theme celebrates the rich past and present contributions and accomplishments of Black people in Canada, while aspiring to embrace new opportunities for the future.

The theme aligns with the 10th year of the <u>International</u> <u>Decade for People of African Descent</u> and recognizes that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected. No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about Black Canadian communities, and how they continue to help shape Canada.

Basketball Season Has Begun!

Thank you to our coaches/sponsors for organizing the basketball practises and games for Kingswood's basketball season! The girls will be coached by Ms. Arnsdorf and Ms. Lougheed, and their practises are Tuesday mornings at 7:45 am and Thursdays after school.

The boys are coached by Coach Dhillon from McNair and Mr. Leung, and will be managed/ sponsored by Ms. Bahd. Their practises will be on Tuesdays after school, Wednesday mornings at 7:45 am and also at lunch time. Please see their games schedule below. *means we need parent drivers

Girls Games:

February 1: Woodward at Kingswood

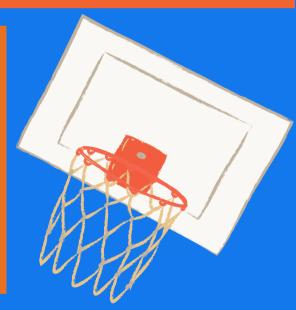
February 6: Hamilton at Kingswood

February 8: Kingswood at Hamilton *

February 20: Kingswood @ Woodward

February 29: Kidd at Kingswood

March 5: Kingswood at Kidd





Any parents who would like to help referee a game or two? Please let Ms. Bahd know!

Boys Games:

February 6: Kingswood at Hamilton

February 29: Hamilton at Kingswood

February 20: Kidd at Kingswood

February 21: Woodward at Kingswood

February 28: Kingswood at Kidd

March 5: Kingswood at Woodward



Kingswood Pink T-Shirts Available to Purchase Online

<u>Kingswood Pink Shirts Order Here</u>

Please note that orders are due by February 15.

Shirts will be distributed on February 27.

Shirts are \$10: please ensure you order the correct sizes, i.e. Youth Small vs. Adult Small.





Hot Lunch Days, Term Two

Thank you to our PAC hot lunch coordinator, Sandra Kadatare, and our PAC chair, Devinder Bassi, for setting up our hot lunch dates for the rest of the term, all the way up until Spring Break! All orders for each date are due the week prior by 2:45 pm. I.e. for Pasta on February 21, the deadline is February 14 at 4:00 pm. Please feel free to order weekly, for the term—whichever works for you! Thank you to all of our parent hot lunch volunteers as well—the children look forward to these days, and we could not do it without all of your support! Please note that there are veggie and or Halal options available as well.



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



Parking Lot Reminders



We continue to have issues with cars parking in our drop off lane and also with double parking. As I sent home in a separate email last week—we truly need everyone's efforts in the parking lot this year. Please be reminded of the parking guidelines listed below. Thanks in advance for being part of our solution!

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.

Kingswood Daily Reminders

Reminder and Thank You:

Thank you for continuing to send your children to school with water bottles. A friendly reminder that Kingswood is a "no pop" school.



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:

•February 15: Divisions 7 and 8 field trip to Discovery Centre

• February 14 and 15: Early Dismissal for

Parent-Teacher Meetings, 1:45

• February 14: Pizza Day

•February 14: Valentines Day/Ash Wednesday

•February 15: Pink Shirt Day Orders Deadline!

•February 16: District Professional Development Day

•February 19: Family Day Holiday

• February 21: Pasta Lunch Day

• February 28: Samosa Day

February 28: Pink Shirt Day

•March 8: Recognition Assembly 1:30 pm

•March 11 and 12: McNair Basketball Tournament

•March 14: Last day before Spring Break

March 15: Spring Break begins

April 2: School re-opens

• April 24: Learning Updates/Term 2 Report Cards go home





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.



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