

" Home of the Kingswood Eagles!"



# Kingswood Eagles News

### Acknowledgement of Territory:

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



## February 19-February 23, 2024

Monday, February 19	Tuesday, February 20	Wednesday, February 21	Thursday, February 22	Friday, February 23
Family Day Holiday	Boys Home game vs. Kidd Girls Away game at Woodward Girls Basketball Practise 7:45 am 100 Day for Divisions 6, 9, 10 DARE for Grades 5/6 students 	Kingswood REAGLES meeting Pasta Lunch Day Boys Basketball Practise 7:45 am Boys basketball game at home vs. Woodward 	Boys Basketball Practise at lunchtime 	Coding Club with Mr. Chen

**DON'T FORGET**



Thursday, March 14 is the last day before Spring Break. Spring Break begins on March 15th.

**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:

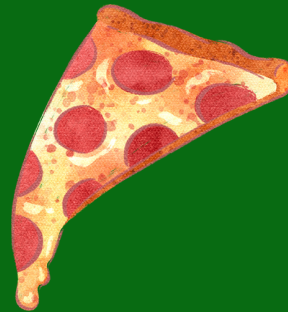
Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

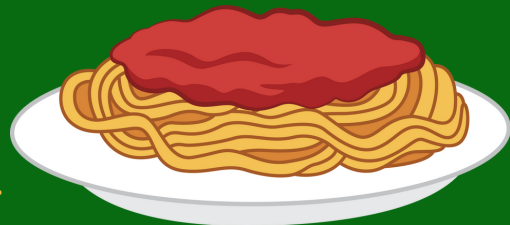
[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)

Thank  
you!



A thanks once again to the parent volunteers who came out to support Fresh Slice hot lunch last week.

This week, we are having pasta, made on site! This will require one parent helpers---if you can lend a hand for even a short amount of time anytime between 10:30-12:30, please email the school or contact Ms. Bahd.





# February 28 Online Family Session



## 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/sexortion.

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

The logo for SST (Safer Schools Together) consists of the letters 'SST' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The 'S' and 'T' are connected at the top.

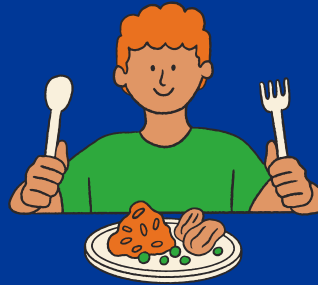
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SCHOOLS  
TOGETHER

[Register Here](#)



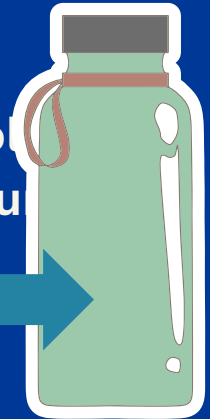
## REMINDER

### Lunchtime Reminder:



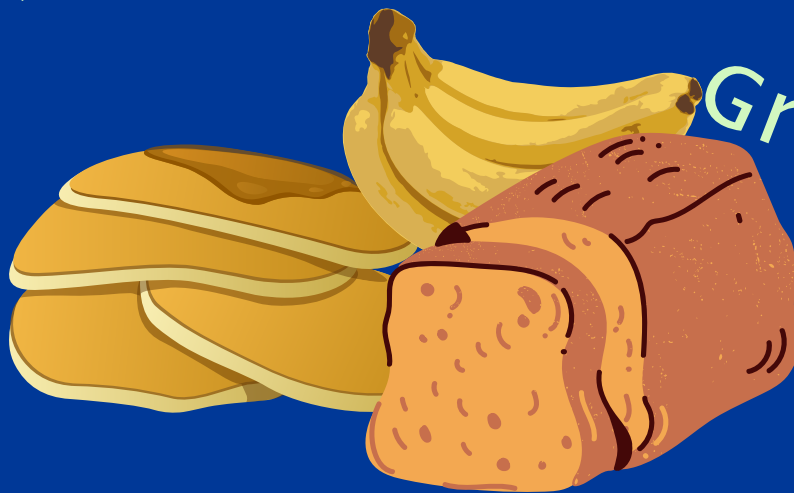
We have several students who come regularly to the school office for cutlery for their school lunches--we kindly ask you to include cutlery with your child's lunch if they require this to be able to eat their lunches.

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



REMEMBER!

# Breakfast Club



# Gratitude!



The next Breakfast Club will be on Friday, February 23, beginning at 8:00 am in the gym.





# KINGSWOOD'S SHARING FRIDGE

BY NOW, YOU HAVE PROBABLY EITHER HEARD FROM YOUR CHILD OR MAY HAVE SEEN A NEW FRIDGE INSTALLED AT KINGSWOOD, LOCATED NEAR THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THIS FRIDGE WILL BE KNOWN AS KINGSWOOD'S "SHARING FRIDGE". THIS FRIDGE WAS FUNDED THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FEEDING FUTURES PROGRAM. STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS FOOD IN THE FRIDGE, STARTING NEXT WEEK, WHEN THEY NEED A NUTRITIOUS SNACK TO HELP THEM GET THROUGH THE DAY. WE KNOW THAT HEALTHY MINDS AND BODIES BEGIN WITH FRESH QUALITY FOOD. THE FRIDGE WILL BE STOCKED WITH FOOD DELIVERED BY THE RICHMOND FOOD BANK AND FIRE FIGHTERS.

WE KINDLY REMIND YOU THAT THIS IS NOT TO REPLACE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A PACKED LUNCH. THE FRIDGE IS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE STILL HUNGRY AFTER FINISHING THEIR PACKED LUNCH OR HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR LUNCH AT HOME.



LAST WEEK, WE HAD AN ONLINE, SCHOOL WIDE ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WANT AND A NEED. BELOW IS A GRAPHIC TO HELP THE CHILDREN TO MAKE THE CORRECT DECISION ABOUT WHETHER THEY NEED TO ACCESS THE SHARING FRIDGE. IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT GRAPHIC ATTACHED. WE WILL NOT BE SAYING "NO" TO STUDENTS WHO NEED FOOD, BUT WE WILL BE ENCOURAGING THEM TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS. THIS WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD FOR STUDENTS WHO TRULY REQUIRE IT.

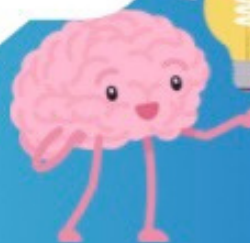
THE CENTRAL QUESTION "IS THIS A **NEED** OR A **WANT**?" SHOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS DECISION

WE ALSO SHARED A NEW PICTURE BOOK THAT TALKS ABOUT FOOD SECURITY OR LACK THEREOF, CALLED LULU AND THE HUNGER MONSTER. PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WATCH IT WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME, AS IT ALSO BRINGS UP ISSUES LIKE FOOD INSECURITY AND THE FOOD BANK. [LULU AND THE HUNGER MONSTER](#)

# KINGSWOOD'S SHARING FRIDGE



Am I making  
the correct  
choice?



## **CORRECT REASONS TO USE THE SHARING FRIDGE**

- I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO EAT  
BREAKFAST
- I FORGOT MY RECESS SNACK
- I'M STILL HUNGRY AND A  
SNACK WILL HELP ME LEARN  
AND FEEL BETTER

THESE ARE **CORRECT** REASONS TO  
HELP YOURSELF TO SOMETHING  
FROM THE SHARING FRIDGE

## **INCORRECT REASONS TO USE THE SHARING FRIDGE**

- I'D RATHER HAVE THIS SNACK  
THAN WHAT I BROUGHT FROM HOME
- I AM TAKING MORE THAN I NEED
- I DON'T NEED THE SNACK, I ONLY  
WANT IT
- I DON'T NEED TO BRING ANY FOOD  
OR SNACKS TO SCHOOL BECAUSE  
THERE IS FOOD AT SCHOOL

THESE ARE **INCORRECT** REASONS  
TO USE THE SHARING FRIDGE



## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar for February

• February 24: Lunar Festival

February 24: Magha Puja



Lantern Festival, holiday celebrated in China and other Asian countries that honours deceased ancestors on the 15th day of the first month (Yuan) of the lunar calendar. The Lantern Festival aims to promote reconciliation, peace, and forgiveness. The holiday marks the first full moon of the new lunar year and the end of the Chinese New Year (see Lunar New Year).

Magha Puja is an important religious festival celebrated by Buddhists on the full moon day of the third lunar Month for more than 2,600 years. It marks the four auspicious occasions in the Buddha time as follows: 1. It was the full-moon day of the third lunar month, 2. There were 1,250 Arahants, the enlightened disciple monks, who came to see Lord Buddha without any prior arrangement, 3. All of them were ordained by Lord Buddha, and 4. Lord Buddha delivered a sermon called the “Ovada Patimokkha” which includes the fundamental ideology, the moral standards and the conducts of Buddhism.







# 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

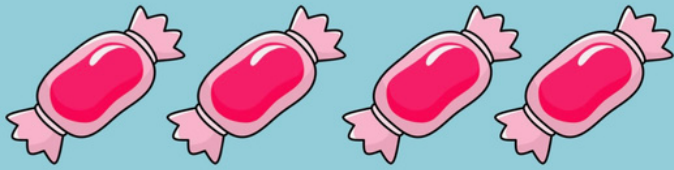
### Where:

Ironwood Library  
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy,  
Richmond, BC



For more information, visit: [richmond.ca/CommunityResources](http://richmond.ca/CommunityResources)

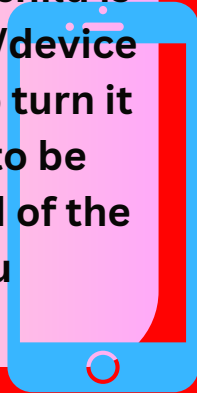




**A little reminder....chewing gum is not permitted in school. Teachers will ask students to spit it out if they have it!**

## Cell Phones/Devices at School

**A reminder to all students and families that, if your child is bringing a cell phone/device to school, they are to turn it into their teacher to be secured until the end of the day. Thank you**



**Sensory Friendly Swims**

**NEW!**

at Minoru Centre for Active Living  
Last Sunday of the month  
8:00-9:30am

[richmond.ca/aquatics](http://richmond.ca/aquatics)

Richmond

The advertisement features a smiling woman and a young girl in a swimming pool. The text is overlaid on the image, with a teal background for the main title and a white background for the 'NEW!' badge.

**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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## SUMMER LEARNING 2024

*Come join our fun and engaging summer learning programs where you can explore new interests, learn new skills, review or preview academic courses or complete a full credit course.*

- Academic Full Credit
- Secondary and Elementary Enrichment
- Summer Camps
- Academic Completion / Skill Building

Registration begins Mon., April 22, 2024

[www.richmondce.ca](http://www.richmondce.ca) | 604-668-6123







## **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 International Decade for People of African Descent 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

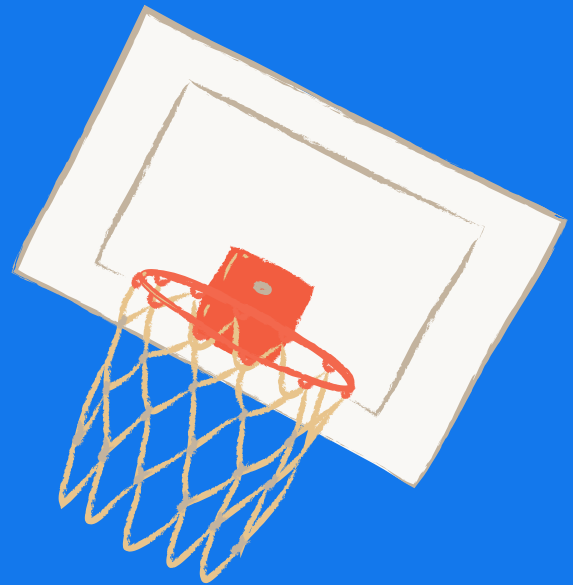
February 6: Hamilton at Kingswood

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:

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February 29: Hamilton at Kingswood

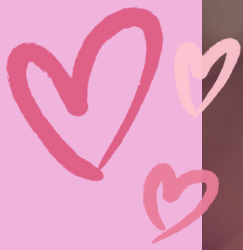
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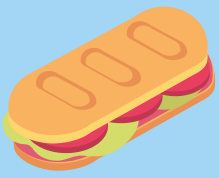
## **Pink Shirt Day/Kindness Assembly**

**February 28, approximately 9:15 am**

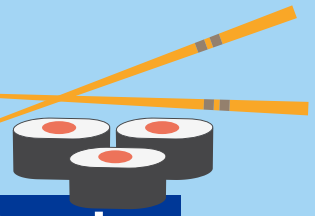
**Parents are welcome to attend.**

**Please note that ordering Kingwood Pink t-shirts--the deadline was last week. Orders are now closed. Orders are scheduled to be delivered on February 27. All staff and students are encouraged to wear pink on this day to show a unified front that we stand up for kindness, and stand up against bullying.**



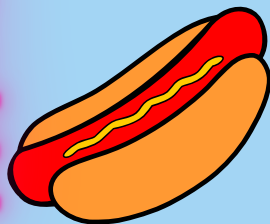


# Hot Lunch Days, Term Two



Thank you to our PAC hot lunch coordinator, Sandra Kadatara, 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 Samosas on February 28, the deadline is February 21 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.

**ORDER  
ONLINE**



01/10 (Wed) - Fresh Slice Pizza
01/17 (Wed) - Taco Luis
01/24 (Wed) - Sushi Lovers
01/31 (Wed) - Subway
02/07 (Wed) - Hot Dogs
02/14 (Wed) - Fresh Slice Pizza
02/21 (Wed) - Pasta day
02/28 (Wed) - Samosa Day
03/06 (Wed) - Fresh Slice Pizza
03/13 (Wed) - Taco Luis



## 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.**

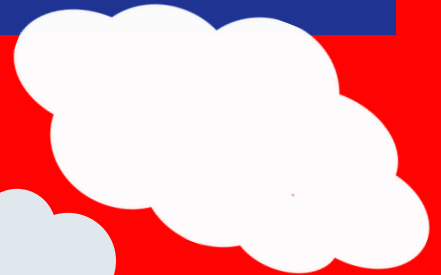
If your child is not feeling well please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved. If you know your child will be absent for a range of days, please leave that information as well.

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 younger 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.





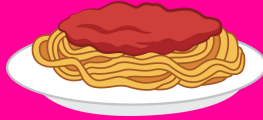


# Kingswood Reminders/Dates

## Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

•February 19: Family Day Holiday

• February 21: Pasta Lunch Day



• February 28: Samosa Day



• February 28: Pink Shirt Day, Assembly at 9:15 am

•February 29: Divisions 1-5 to McNair Theatre for Addams Family production

•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

Save  
THE  
Date

BE KIND  
TO ALL  
KIND

## 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...

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5 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.
- 6

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](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)



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