

KINGSWOOD EAGLES NEWS

Newsletter #3.

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From the Office



Safe Arrival - Kingswood Office (604-668-6220)

If your child is going to be absent from school at any time, please phone the **Kingswood Early Warning Absence Line at (604-668-6220)** to report your child's absence. If you get our voicemail, leave your child's name, their division or teacher's name and the reason for their absence. Parents of children who are unaccounted for at the start of the school day will be contacted to determine their child's whereabouts. We may follow up with a phone call to find out if their absence is due to an illness.

If you send an email to your child's teacher to let them know your child will be absent, you still need to call the school Early Warning Absence Line to report your child's absence. Some mornings are very busy in your child's classroom, and teachers do not always have a chance to look at their morning email before entering student attendance. If a student is marked absent by the teacher and is unaccounted for, someone from the office will call home to find the whereabouts of a child.

IF YOUR CONTACT NUMBER CHANGES, PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW.

Registration for New Kindergarten Students

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026. Online registration opened on November 1, 2025. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.



Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed by parents and received by Central Registration any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails by February 6, 2026.

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in their catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. This provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school. Please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



Please remember to drive slowly when you are near the school and watch for children walking and crossing the street.

Arriving at School on Time: An Important Life Skill!

Unfortunately, Kingswood has many children arriving late to school in the mornings!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

When your child is just **5 minutes late every day** for his/her class this equates to:

- =5 min/day
- =25 min/week
- =100 min/month
- =1000 min/school year
- =**3 1/2 school days missed per school year!**



Disruption to the rest of the class for the time it takes while a student who is late gets settled and the classroom teacher stops instruction to catch up the student who is late:

- =10min/day or 50 min/week
- =200+ min/month
- =2000+ min/year
- = **2000+ minutes is equivalent to at least 7 full school days of instruction lost for the whole class of students in a year!**

Please be considerate of others and ensure your child is not late for school without a good reason. The school doors open at 8:40am, and children should at the school at 8:40am. The bell to start classroom instruction rings at 8:45 a.m. and students should be in their class at their desk or table by this bell.

DRESS FOR THE COLD AND WET WEATHER:

It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder, damp days, students need to have a proper jacket, footwear (boots or waterproof shoes), and perhaps a hat and gloves. If they dress appropriately for the weather, they can enjoy playing outside. Please remind your child to check the weather when getting up in the morning and they are getting ready for school. All students will be going outside for every recess and lunch - rain or shine. If your child is not well enough to go outside during our break times, they are also not well enough to be attending school and should stay home until they are feeling better. **If your child is dressed for the weather, they will stay warm and dry.**



It is a fact that children and adults have less chance of catching a cold or virus when they are outside, with lots of room and fresh air, as opposed to inside in an enclosed space with less air flow.

Student Illness - Health and Safety Practices



We are following our Health and Safety Protocols very carefully at Kingswood. When students arrive at school they are being welcomed and screened by staff to make sure they are healthy.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of students coming to school ill. Please do not send your child to school if they are ill. Sick children and staff should stay home so they do not get others at our school sick and they recover from illness faster in the comfort of their home.

If an individual has any of these symptoms: fever; constant cough; chills; shortness of breath; diarrhea; nausea or vomiting, they should stay home until they have recovered and feel better. **Do not send your child to school if they have any of the symptoms listed above.**

If students appear to be unwell at school, we will call parents to come and pick up their ill child. We know that many parents in our families work and having a child sent home from school can be a burden if you have to leave work, but helping your child recover from illness faster and keeping others at the school safe is a greater priority. Thank-you for your support in being available to pick up your child if they are unwell.

SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT:

Snow days cause inconvenience for everyone. Not all snow days result in a school closure, however, should weather conditions create unsafe situations for students and staff to make it to school, the Superintendent of schools will officially declare schools closed. This decision will be displayed on the school district website by 6:30 am at the latest.



To help assist families, we would like to outline where you can find information about school closures in Richmond Schools on a snow day.

1. **Television And Radio**

TV and Radio will only announce Schools that are CLOSED

Listen to radio: CKNW 980AM; NEWS 1130AM; CBC 690AM; QM 103.5FM or watch on television: CBC; Global; CTV.

2. **Richmond School District Website:** www.sd38.bc.ca

On the RSD Home page, there will be clear details if schools are closed

3. **RSD Snow Closure Hotline**

(604) 295-4304, which will provide a recorded message indicating if schools are closed

4. **Twitter at RichmondSD38**

5. **By School Messenger Text Message**

if you have signed up to receive Richmond School District text messages

Around the School

Kingswood Spirit-Wear Clothing Orders

The Kingswood PAC will be selling Kingswood Eagles Spirit Wear after Winter Break in January 2026. Stay tuned for more information about Kingswood Spirit Wear in Kingswood Eagles Newsletters and Weeks at a Glance. Wearing Kingswood Eagles Clothing lets our students show how proud they are to be a member of the Kingswood Community.



Kingswood Breakfast Club



The Kingswood Staff is excited to announce the Kingswood Breakfast Club is operating again. Any Kingswood student is welcome to come to the Breakfast Club every Friday morning at 8:15am.

Our Breakfast Club will take place every Friday through the rest of the school year. Students can come to school early between 8:15am to 8:35am to get something to eat before starting their morning at school. There is no cost to having breakfast at the Breakfast Club, food is free for any Kingswood student.

PAC MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

MOVIE NIGHT



OUR 2ND MOVIE NIGHT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH. THIS WILL BE A GREAT EVENT FOR KINGSWOOD STUDENTS TO HAVE FUN WATCHING A MOVIE TOGETHER AND FOR PARENTS TO MINGLE. WE HOPE YOUR FAMILY CAN JOIN US!

- ✦ **WHEN:** FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH
- ✦ **WHAT MOVIE:** LILO AND STITCH
- ✦ **ENTRY TO THE MOVIE IS FREE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE MOVIE BY A PARENT**
- ✦ **TIME:** DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:30PM. THE MOVIE WILL START AT 6:00PM.
- ✦ **PIZZA, POPCORN AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE MOVIE**
- ✦ **WE WILL SEND OUT FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS ON THE MOVIE CHOICE. FOR NOW, MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 28TH**

Chocolates for the holidays



This holiday season, Kingswood Elementary will be fundraising with Purdy's!
The perfect gift for family, friends, co-workers, employees, and neighbours.
This program gives 25% profit back to the school, and it's an EASY way to complete your holiday shopping! Deadline to order is Monday, Nov. 24th at 11:59pm

Please submit your order at: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/login.aspx>

PRO-D DAY – Monday December 1st



Monday, December 1st, is a Professional-Development Day. Students will not come to school on this day. Kingswood Staff will be attending Professional Development at Anderson, Brighthouse or Cook Elementary Schools.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to Remember

Fri. Nov. 28 th	PAC Movie Night
Mon. Dec. 1 st	ProD Day – No School for Students
Tues. Dec. 2 nd	Late French Immersion Presentation to Grade 5 Students
Tues. Dec. 9 th	Grade 6 Immunizations
Fri. Dec. 12 th	Winter Sharing/Recognition Assembly 1:30pm
Thurs. Dec. 18 th	Term 1 Student Progress Reports Released on MyEd Platform
Fri. Dec. 19 th	PAC Pancake Breakfast for Students and Staff
Fri. Dec. 19 th	Last Day of Term 1 Before Winter Break
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 nd	Winter Break – School is Closed
Mon. Jan. 5 th	First Day of Term 2
Tues. Jan. 13 th	The Children of the Street Online Parent Session – Safer Spaces: Keeping Your Child Safe on the Internet
Fri. Jan 16 th	Uzume Taiko Drumming Fine Arts Performance @ 9am
Fri. Jan. 23 rd	Fire Drill #3