

# KINGSWOOD EAGLES NEWS

Newsletter #5.

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## From the Office

### Kindergarten Registrations



If you have a child turning five in 2026, please register them for Kindergarten at the Board Office as soon as possible. The school District is now into the Priority 2 Round of Registration. Students registered in the Priority 2 Round are accepted to their neighborhood school only after Priority 1 Round students have been accepted and if there is space in the school. If you know someone living in the Kingswood catchment with a Kindergarten aged child, please encourage them to register now.

### School Transfer Application from February 9<sup>th</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup>

The School Transfer Round 1 opens on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If you plan to register your child at a school that is not your neighborhood catchment school, you must do so from February 9<sup>th</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup> for the best chance of getting into that school. Registering for a transfer during this time period does not guarantee you a spot. Decisions on acceptance to a school as a transfer applicant are based upon a variety of factors, including reason for a transfer and available space in that school. For students moving from Grade 7 to 8 and wishing for a transfer to a non-catchment high school, this is the period of time for your best chance of being successful for transfer approval. Decisions on Transfer Applications will be made by Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



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

### Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Kingswood Early Warning Line at 604-668-6220 to leave a message. Please do not rely only on an email to your child's classroom teacher telling them about your child's absence. Classroom teachers may not have the chance to access their email before school and may mark your child as absent with an unknown reason as to why they are missing from school. If classroom teachers enter a child as absent without a reason, our office staff will make a phone call home to parents to find out the whereabouts of a child. This procedure can be aggravating for parents and takes valuable time from our office staff that could be better used.



**Thank-you for your understanding. Please call 604-668-6220 if your child will be absent from school.**

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

# Being on Time for School Shows Caring for your Classmates and Teacher!



## Arriving at School on Time – an important life skill!

Unfortunately, there are some Kingswood students that regularly arrive late in the mornings.

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

- When your child is just **5 minutes late every day** for the start of his/her class this equates to:  
= five min/day or 25 min/week
  - Which would = 100 min/month
  - and = 1000 min/school year
  - that in total is = to **3 1/2 school days missed/year for being 5 minutes late each day!**
- Disruption to the rest of the class for the time it takes while your child gets settled and caught up:  
= 15 min/day = 75 min/week = 300 min/month = 3,000 min/year  
that is total is = to **9 1/2 school days interrupted in a year!**

If your child is 'missing' and not just late, we would want all of our time concentrated on finding your child. If there is a child who is habitually late, the focus and energy of our staff is diluted because we must now try to locate two students instead of one.

Please be considerate of others and ensure that your child is not late for school without a good reason. The warning bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and students should plan to arrive at school no later than 8:40 a.m.

## Flu and Cold Season Continues



Staff and students are being reminded to assess if they are feeling well each morning before coming to school. If a student or staff member is not feeling well, they should stay home so they get better and they do not make others sick at school. Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell.

The Winter months always have the highest number of student and staff absences, primarily due to illness. We can work together to minimize the number of students and staff who are ill if we all stay home when we are not feeling well.

Thank-you for your help to keep everyone at Kingswood Elementary healthy through the Winter months.



## **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:**

It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have a warm jacket, proper footwear for the weather, a hat and perhaps gloves. If they dress appropriately for the weather, they can enjoy playing outside. We will continue as a school to go outside on days that include rain and snow.



## **SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT:**

Snow days cause an inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of everyone, with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. The following things will happen:

Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach unsafe or emergency proportions. **Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED.** Most of these schools will be private schools. Listen to radio: CBC 690AM; CKNW 980AM; NEWS 1130AM; QM 103.5FM or watch on television: CBC; Global; CTV; CityTV.

As well, you can get information other ways:

- the Richmond School District website ([www.sd38.bc.ca](http://www.sd38.bc.ca)), look under the 'OUR DISTRICT' tab at the top of the Home Page, then click on the EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES heading.
- all elementary school websites will have a scrolling message along the top as necessary (i.e. on days which are questionable due to weather).
- Twitter at **RichmondSD38**

## **Around the School**

### **Basketball Teams**

Basketball season has started, and our Grade 6/7 Boys and Girls Teams are practicing and starting to play games. The students are looking forward to a fun and competitive season, playing games against other local elementary schools.

Thank-you to our fantastic volunteer staff coaches who are committing many hours of their own time to coach our players: Ms. Arnsdorf, Mr. Chang and Mr. Tang, who are coaching the girls team; and Mr. Hirayama, Mr. Leung and Mr. Javerto, who are coaching the boys team.

### **Upcoming Professional Development Day - Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**



On Professional Development Days, students do not attend school. Staff at British Columbia schools use ProD Days to learn new instructional strategies and curriculum. Educators apply what they learn during ProD Days to their instructional practice in the classroom, so they can help your child learn better. Thank-you for supporting these learning days for educators. Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development Day in all Richmond Schools.

## Family Day Holiday Monday, February 16th

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> is the Family Day Holiday. All schools in Richmond and throughout the Province of British Columbia will be closed. School will resume on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Pink Shirt Day February 27<sup>th</sup> (at Kingswood) "Say No to Bullying"

All of our students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear PINK on Friday, February 27th as a stand against bullying. In classes, we will talk about the importance of "Pink Shirt Day". Building a caring community is our best defense against teasing and bullying.



Caring starts with empathy. When you are showing empathy, you are recognizing how someone is feeling and connecting with them to let them know that you see and understand how they feel.

## Kingswood Breakfast Club



The Kingswood Breakfast continues every Friday at 8:15am. All Kingswood students are welcome to come to the Breakfast Club.

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 News



The Kingswood Parent Advisory Council is always looking for school fundraising ideas. If you have an idea for the Kingswood P.A.C. please come to the next meeting.

All Kingswood parents are part of the Kingswood PAC. We encourage you to come to our PAC Meetings to find out more about the school and how you can help support the learning and well-being of all students.

**Our next PAC meeting is on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**This meeting will be in-person in the Kingswood Elementary Library and can also be joined virtually online. The meeting will start at 6pm. Login information for joining the meeting online will be shared by email next week.**

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## **Dates to Remember**

Wednesday Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day
Thursday Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal – students dismissed at 11:50am for PT Conferences
Friday Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	ProD Day
Monday Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day Holiday
Tuesday Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lunar New Year
Wednesday Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Ramadan
Wednesday Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting @ 6pm
Friday Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Movie Night
Monday Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fire Safety Drill #4 (11:35am)
Wednesday Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dufflebag Theatre Performance @ 10:45am
Wednesday Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day and Recognition Assembly
Wednesday Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day
March 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	McNair Basketball Jamboree (Boys and Girls Gr. 6/7 Teams)
Wednesday Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day
Friday Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Classes for Term 2
March 16-27	Spring Break
Monday Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 3
Friday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday Holiday
Monday Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday Holiday