

# KINGSWOOD EAGLES NEWS

Newsletter #7

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## From the Office

### **CLASS ORGANIZATION AND STUDENT PLACEMENT 2026-27 PARENT INPUT OPPORTUNITY**

June is the month when the staff spends considerable time discussing possible classroom placements of students for the next school year. Although we do not finalize classes until the first week in September, we do a great amount of preliminary thinking in June. There are many factors that are important considerations for placing students into appropriate classes for the next school year:

#### **A. Student considerations such as:**

- a student's learning style and strengths
- a student's degree of independence and their work habits
- a student's age and physical maturity
- a student's previous year placement
- what the student can do in relation to the goals of the program
- when a child has been the youngest or the oldest in a combined classroom
- the social and personal characteristics in a class cohort
- the male/female balance in a classroom
- the number of students with diverse learning needs

Please note: Over their 8 years in elementary school, a student should experience a variety of settings, sometimes as the older grade in a class and other times the younger grade in a class.

#### **B. Staff considerations such as:**

- equitable teaching assignments in terms of class size and composition
- matching as closely as possible teaching style with student academic and social emotional needs

Parents, if you have information you would like us to consider when placing your child in a class for next year, please take this opportunity to submit your information to Mr. Mason **in writing (email or letter) by Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

This information will be shared with teachers during the meetings that will be held to make up classes for next year.

#### **Please Note:**

- **It will not be possible to consider information or requests submitted by parents in September 2026, once classes have been established.**
- Please **DO NOT request specific teachers** – at this time we do not know which grades teachers will be teaching next year

**We work very hard to form the best learning environments for all students.**

**Parental requests are considered but not guaranteed.**

## We Are Planning For September 2026



**Kindergarten Registrations:** If you have a child turning five in 2026, please register them at the Board Office right away for Kindergarten. We are now into the Priority 2 Round of registration. Any students living in the Kingswood neighbourhood can still apply for a place at Kingswood Elementary, but as we move further towards September 2026, space could become very limited and chances of having a place at our school decrease. If you have a neighbour with a Kindergarten aged child, please encourage them to register today.

## Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. In April **2026** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7 at school.



### Parents/guardians are Invited to Complete the Student Learning Survey

Parents of students in any grade can voluntarily complete the Student Learning Survey. We encourage parents/guardians to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus towards improvement.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please consider making your voice heard. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mason by phone (604) 668-6280 or email at [rmason@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rmason@sd38.bc.ca)

## Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Kingswood Early Warning Absence line at 604-668-6280 to leave a message. Please do not rely 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 604-668-6444 if your child will be absent from school.

# Health Protocols and Sickness



*We can work together to minimize the number of students and staff who are ill if we remember some very simple guidelines:*

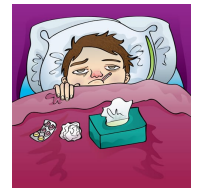
- If you believe your child is coming down with a cold or the flu, keep them home until they have recovered. Your child will recover more quickly at home, and we will not have others in the school also becoming ill.*
- DO NOT send students to school who have a fever, or who have vomited in the last 24 hours.*

## Hand Washing

*• Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially before eating, after using the washroom, and after blowing their nose. At the school, we will continue to have children wash their hands multiple times each day.*

## Get the Proper Amount of Sleep and Rest

*• Have your child go to sleep at a time that gives them at least 10 hours of sleep. When our bodies are tired and 'run down' we are far more susceptible to illness.*



*Thank-you for your help to keep everyone at Kingswood Elementary safe and healthy.*

# Parking Lot and Surrounding Neighborhood



Parents, please help us make the parking lot and streets near the school safe for all members

of our school community during student pick-up at the end of the day. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, please keep these thoughts in mind:

- in the parking lot, only stop and wait for your child only in the designated drop-off/pick-up area: **Do not leave your car unattended to go pick up your child at their classroom.** We need to keep the traffic circle moving to allow other parents to pick up their children.*
- if you need to go into the school, use available parking spaces in our parking lot or park on King Road*
- do not double-park your car in the school parking lot and leave it to go into the school – if you leave your car to go pick up your child and you are parked behind another car, the owner of the car cannot back out of their parking spot*
- drive slowly in the parking lot and when exiting the parking lot – students do not always look before they cross the parking lot*
- in the neighborhood, please do not block the driveways of our neighbors*

# Around the School

## Track Practice Begins in April



Track practice begins in PE classes this month for students in Grades 4 to 7. In PE, students will practice the following track events:

- Sprints
- Relays
- Long Distance Running
- Long Jump
- Softball Throw
- High Jump
- Discus
- Shot Put

Our Zone Track Meet is on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> this year, and will take place at the Minoru Oval Track. Permission Forms will be sent home the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. We will need a lot of Parent Drivers for Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, so please reserve this date if you can.



## Student Learning Updates: Go Home April 23rd

2<sup>nd</sup> Term Student Learning Reports (Report Cards) will be released to parents on the MyEducation platform on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please look for your child's Student Learning Report as soon as you can after April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and download a copy to your computer. If you are unable to access your child's Learning Update online, come to the school office and we can help you.

## PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Updates



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 this week on Wednesday, April 15<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**

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