

# Kinkora Blazers November Newsletter

When you are living the best version of yourself, you inspire others to live the best versions of themselves. ~ Steve Maraboli ~

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov. 1 - 'Take Your Kid to Work Day' for all Gr. 9s

Nov. 6 - Remembrance Day Ceremony during Block B

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day.

Nov. 13 - Statutory Holiday. No classes.

**Nov. 15** - *Pie pick-up* between 3:30-6 p.m. at the Kinkora Fire Hall. All pies are to be picked up by the student/seller only.

Nov. 16 & 17 - Annual P.E.I.T.F. Convention. No classes.

Nov. 17 - *Grad photos* at Heckberts in Summerside

**Nov. 23 - Parent/Teacher Interviews** from 3:30-8 p.m.

Nov. 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews from 9 a.m.-12 noon. No classes.

Dec. 2 - Blazer Blizzard Dance from 8-10 p.m.

Dec. 22 - Last day of classes for 2023

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent Students of the Week ~ Denika Lefurgey, Jack Affleck, Haven Green, Brooke Gallant & Griffin Sherry. Special thanks to the Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council for sponsoring this award.

#### **THANK YOU!!**

A huge thank you to the staff, students, parents, grandparents, and community members who volunteered at or supported the *Annual Blazer Beef Supper* on Oct. 14. We sold over 400 meals and it was a huge success. We are incredibly grateful to all our sponsors.

# Thank You

#### K.R.H.S. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as *Students of the Month* for the month of *September*. These students are being recognized for excellence in the following areas:

**School Spirit** – Owen Longuepee **Club Member** – Mason Traxler

Grade 9 – Reid MacDonald Grade 10 – Michael Wood Grade 11 – Feb Reyes

*Grade 12* – Kemper Jesso

*Good Citizenship* – Griffin Sherry *Administrator's Choice* – Denika Lefurgey

#### KISHORA GIRLS WIN GOLD AT P.E.I.S.A.A. SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

The KISHora Girls won the 2023 Senior 'A' Women's Soccer Championship at the P.E.I. School Athletic Association Provincials on Oct. 28 in Cornwall. KISHora (a combined Kinkora/Kensington team) defeated a very strong Charlottetown Rural team by a score of 2-0. Players from K.R.H.S. include Kate Bell, Sarah-Beth Murphy, Kloe Robinson, Avrie Smith, and Charleigh Webster. Special thanks to Coaches Donald Mulligan & Lorne Pidgeon.



#### THE BLAZER BLIZZARD

The *Blazer Blizzard Dance* will be on *Saturday*, *December 2nd from 8-10 p.m.* Students will not be admitted until 7:45 p.m. The doors close at 9 p.m. The DJ will be Derek Arsenault. Pictures will take place until 9 p.m. and the dance will begin at 9 p.m. and go to 10 p.m.



#### **REPORT IT!**

The Public Schools Branch (PSB) is excited to announce the launch of its "Report It!" campaign in all schools on October 18, aiming to empower students to report school-related incidents and ensure they can do so in a manner that is most comfortable for them. The "Report It!" campaign will focus on promoting the importance of reporting school related incidents such as bullying, theft and violence while reinforcing the message that students should inform their parents, guardians, teachers, school counsellors, principals, or other trusted adults when they need support. Recognizing the diverse preferences of students, the campaign will offer multiple reporting options, including verbal, written and online methods. The online form, a new and innovative approach, allows students to submit reports anonymously,

offering them an additional layer of privacy and security. Similar reporting options have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions across the country. For more information about the Report It! campaign or to make an online report, please visit psb.edu.pe.ca/report-it or follow the link from our school website.

#### K.R.H.S. STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The *Student Council Executive* for this year: President ~ *Bethany Rogers* 

Vice-President ~ *Owen Longuepee* 

Executive Members ~ Morgan MacLellan and Heidi Eggert

Teacher Advisor ~ Kevin Stewart.

Thanks to all of you for undertaking these leadership roles for the school.

#### **DONATION**

Kinkora Regional High School would like to thank 'The Nice Boys' for donating \$250.00 to purchase equipment for our physical education, athletics, and intramural programs. Formed in 2022, 'The Nice Boys' is a community give-back initiative with an emphasis on supporting Sport and Youth in Crapaud, Borden-Carleton, Kinkora, and Bedeque. As a group, we were fortunate to form lifelong friendships through sport in our local communities. It's our turn to pay it forward. If you have questions or would get involved, like to please theniceboys22@gmail.com

#### K.R.H.S. LIBRARY

**Blazer Book Club** meets every Friday from 11:45- 12 noon in the K.R.H.S. Library. All are welcome!!

October was *Canadian Library Month* and Monday, October 23 was *Canadian School Library Day*. Thanks to all who entered our *3rd Annual Book Face Photo Contest!* 

The K.R.H.S. library is open *every day* before school, during class, at breaks, at noon, and after school. Special thanks to Teacher Librarian Shelley Tremere.



#### **UPCOMING FOOD DRIVE**

This year our students are once again spearheading a *Food Drive* during *the month of November*. K.R.H.S. has been participating in this food drive for almost 20 years and last year we delivered food to the *South Shore Food Share* which serves the communities of Borden-Carleton, Kinkora, and Crapaud.

Below is a list of the *most needed food items* according to Food Banks Canada:

- pasta products and rice
- canned meats and fish
- dry and canned soups and stews
- canned fruits and vegetables
- flour

- breakfast cereal
- canned/powdered milk
- fruit juices
- pasta sauce
- beans and legumes
- infant formula and baby food



#### **BLAZER BUDS BAKING CLUB**

**Blazer Buds Baking Club** is going to be held on Mondays after school from 3-4 p.m. in the **Foods Lab.** Everyone is welcome! See Lori for more information.

#### TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

The *Grade 9* class will be participating in *Take Your Kids to Work Day* on Nov. 1. Students will be *going to work with a parent/guardian/relative or family friend for the day.* We hope that all students will take advantage of this opportunity to *explore the world of work.* 



#### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on the *evening of Nov. 23 & the morning of Nov. 24.* This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and discover upcoming units of study as well. We look forward to seeing you!



#### **GR. 9 ACTIVITY CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to the following Grade 9 students as they were the winners of the Grade 9 Activity Challenge on Oct. 4: Lucas Jeffery, Reid MacDonald, Mason Gaudet, Hannah Lynch, Avah Muttart, Kadin Steeves, Aiden Starrett, and Jacob McGuire.

#### FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

#### Scholarships due in November:

November 15- The Kidney Foundation Scholarships (two available) November 15- TD Canada Trust Scholarship for Community Leaders November 30- Arthur Paulin Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship Award

#### **Scholarships due in December:**

December 1- The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award December 15- Burger King Scholars Program-Senior High Track

Please see Mrs. McCarthy anytime, visit the **2024** *Grad Google Classroom*, or the school website for more details and links to these scholarship opportunities. <a href="https://kinkorahigh.edu.pe.ca/learning-resources/scholarship-and-bursaries">https://kinkorahigh.edu.pe.ca/learning-resources/scholarship-and-bursaries</a>



#### **SCHULICH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP**

K.R.H.S. is looking for students who feel they fit the criteria for the **Schulich Leaders Scholarship**. Look at material posted to see if you would like to be considered as K.R.H.S.'s nominee for 2024. Please submit your name to Mrs. McCarthy by Monday, November 27. More information can be found on the school's website and the Grads of 2024 Google Classroom.

#### **STORM DAY POLICY**

All school cancellations or delays will be announced on *local radio stations* and posted on the *Public Schools Branch website* by 7 *a.m.* <a href="http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/elsb/">http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/elsb/</a>.

K.R.H.S. belongs to the Kinkora family of schools.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL HALLOWEEN NEWS

We had lots of fun events here at K.R.H.S. to celebrate Halloween. Congratulations to the the team of *Jack Affleck, Ryan Nantes, Kemper Jesso, and Denika Lefurgey* who were the winners of the *Blood Chug* on Oct. 26. We also had *treats* for all students and a *'pumpkin under your desk'* game on Oct. 31.

Our *Halloween Dress-Up Day* was on Oct. 31. The top two best-dressed in each grade were:

Gr. 9 – Bat Woman (Avah Muttart)

Gr. 10 – Plague Doctor (Mae Ward) and Scary Bunny (Aliya Hagen)

Gr. 11 – Demon (Mya Beaulieu) and Luigi from Mario Brothers (Caleb Arsenault)

Best dressed duo in the school – *Elmo & Cookie Monster (Alva Pacatcatin and Olivia Stewart)* 

Best dressed trio in the school – Men In Black (Morgan MacLellan, Carly Affleck, and Oliver Murphy)

Best dressed group of four or more in the school – The Big Bang Theory (Cole Schofield, Logan Schofield, Vance Lawless, Max Lawless, and Hunter MacDonald)

Honourable Mention went to Seniors as Seniors (the Gr. 12s), Demon (Hannah Estabrooks), and Bunny (Mason Muttart). And well done to the entire K.R.H.S. Staff who did an awesome job with their 80s theme.

Thanks to all who showed some Halloween spirit and dressed up.



#### ANNUAL K.R.H.S. HOCKEY POOL

All the proceeds go right back to K.R.H.S. Athletics (to purchase uniforms, equipment, official costs). Log on to *officepools.com* for results. ID is kinkora & password is guest. *Current standings are:* 

1st - Trey Hughes 2nd - Luke Reeves-Rollins 3rd - Jill Parker



#### SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

Anyone interested in ordering school clothing can do so at any time using the website: <a href="http://kinkora.entripyshops.com/">http://kinkora.entripyshops.com/</a>

#### K.R.H.S. CAFETERIA

K.R.H.S. continues to participate in the *PEI School Food Program* with the 'pay what you can' model to a maximum of \$5.75 per meal. Food Service Team:

Michelle Gibson ~ Kitchen Manager Michelle MacPhee ~ Kitchen Assistant Bridgid Cole ~ Kitchen Cook

#### 2024 GRAD NEWS

- *Grad photos* will take place on *Fri., Nov. 17*, 2023 at *Heckbert's Photography* in Summerside. A \$20 sitting fee is due that day.
- Remember to check out the *K.R.H.S. Grads* 2024 Google Classroom and *K.R.H.S. school* website regularly for updates.
- Please submit your baby pictures and grad writeups for the yearbook to Mrs. McCarthy.
- The Grad Executive members are responsible for planning & organizing all grad activities throughout the year. Meetings most often take place at lunch once a month in Ms. Paynter's room. *There are 21 potential Grads for 2024*.

Thank you to all Grade 12 students who put their names forward for the 2022/23 Grad Executive. The following students will help organize Safe Grad events this year: Kate Bell, Liam Duffy, Heidi Eggert, William Keough, and Owen Longuepee.

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#### FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Applications to post-secondary schools generally open in November for early admissions. Many students choose this option to allow lots of time to decide where they want to attend. Pop in to see Mrs. McCarthy if you have any questions!



### TECHSPLORATIONS 2024 TEAM RECRUITMENT

This innovative program provides students with an opportunity to explore a wide range of science, engineering, trades, and technology occupations, while creating awareness about the critical role of work in their lives. It also helps them understand the significance of high school math and science in their future careers. For more information on our program, please visit www.techsploration.ca. We will be recruiting for our 2024 team in November. If you are interested, please let Mrs. McCarthy, Ms. Paynter, or Mrs. Moffatt know.



#### REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

The Royal Canadian Legion Borden-Carleton Branch #10 is inviting students to enter the Annual Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Contest. Gr. 9 falls under the intermediate category while Gr. 10-12 is senior. Students may submit poetry, essays, black & white posters, and colour posters. There is also a video contest for Gr. 7-12 this year. Deadline is November 14 and entry forms are in the K.R.H.S. Library.



#### **ALUMNI UPDATE...**

Where are those K.R.H.S. grads now?

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2021 Jessica Larsen is currently enrolled in the *Agriculture Business* program (Bachelor of Science in Agriculture) at *Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus*. This

November, Jessica and ten other Dal AC students will be travelling to the *Aeres University of Applied Sciences* in the Netherlands. This is an educational trip where the group will be viewing innovative farming facilities and specialized waste management systems.

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2011 Rebecca Murray is currently working as an *Occupational Therapist* at the *Prince County Hospital* in Summerside, P.E.I.

#### ACADEMY DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE & BIOSCIENCE

Jessica Reeves is in charge of the Academy Diploma Program in Agriculture & Bioscience here at K.R.H.S.

On Oct. 19, the Gr. 11 & 12 ADP students had a tour of the *Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture* in Truro, N.S.

Congratulations to Gr. 12 students *Owen Longuepee & Raelyn Wood* on being named this years' ADP Co-Presidents. We are looking forward to a great year with *Morgan MacLellan & Vance Lawless* holding VP positions, *Charleigh Webster & Keira Duffy* being Grade Level Reps, and *Maura Mulligan* in the new role as Media Manager.

#### **K.R.H.S. YEARBOOK**

The yearbook committee is excited to get started on the 2023-24 yearbook. To gather as many photos as possible of each grade they are looking for 1-2 people per grade to be a yearbook photographer. Here are the responsibilities:

- during school events and breaks take pictures of your grade participating in an event or hanging out in hallways
- upload these photos to the yearbook folder on Google drive

This is a great opportunity to get involved in the school and see what yearbook is all about. Plus there are some perks like getting a free yearbook at the end of the year! Please see Mrs. McCarthy if you are interested.



#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB**

Dungeons & Dragons Club will be meeting in Room 205. All are welcome. See Mr. Voth for more information.

#### **LIBERATION OF HOLLAND 2025 TRIP**

P.E.I. students will travel to Europe in May 2025 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Over the course of nine days, students will travel to France, Belgium & Holland. This is open to students who are currently in Gr. 9 & 10. There was a Parent Meeting back in May for any interested parents but feel free to contact Amanda Moffatt anytime for more information.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE BURSARY PROGRAM

Did you know that you can earn money towards a bursary at the end of Grade 12 by volunteering in your community? Students can register with the program after their Grade 9 year and can collect credit for up to 150 hours of volunteer work. For more information please visit their website at

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/community-service-bursary

The *Crapaud Curling Club* is looking for *student volunteers*. If any students are in need of volunteer hours, please contact Nadine Wood or e-mail crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com.

The *Rural Municipality of Kinkora* is looking for *student volunteers* for their Fall Fest weekend on October 27-29. Students can earn Community Service Bursary hours for volunteering. If interested, please come and see Mrs. Cousins in Room 113.

Any student interested in volunteering to help with the *Breakfast Program* are asked to contact Mr. McAleer or Ms. Allen. Breakfast Program volunteer hours can count towards Community Bursary Hours.

Any Gr. 11 or 12 students interested in being a *Peer Tutor*, please see Mrs. Cousins. Peer Tutors must be able to commit to one day a week after school for tutoring. Tutors can earn Community Service Bursary hours.



#### K.R.H.S. BREAKFAST & SNACK PROGRAM

Lori Allen, our Youth Service Worker, as well as several student volunteers are busy every morning supervising and preparing for our breakfast/snack program which is offered free for all students daily from 8:15-8:30 a.m. There are smoothies, yogurt, granola bars, cereal, milk, bagels, cream cheese, and fresh fruit available every morning. Any student interested in volunteering to help with the Breakfast Program are asked to contact Mr. McAleer or Ms. Allen. Breakfast Program volunteer hours can count towards Community Bursary Hours.

#### **HOME & SCHOOL NEWS**

The Federation is hosting two *Home & School Training Workshops*. Parents, teachers, and students may attend! Workshops are designed to enhance Home & School effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. New volunteer executive members should attend these sessions. Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Miscouche Consolidated School

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., West Royalty Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 4 by emailing Shirley at: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca ... Or call 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664. No Cost. Light refreshments provided.

#### Parent Leadership Grants

Funds are available for up to \$500 per Home and School Association to organize parent educational, leadership initiatives in your school community. For more information, go to: <a href="https://peihsf.ca/grants/">https://peihsf.ca/grants/</a>

Submission deadline: Nov. 30.

Questions? Contact the Federation office at: 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664 / peihsf@gov.pe.ca Follow PEIHSF on Twitter @peihsf and Facebook at: PEI Home and School Federation



You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt ~

Nine-tenths of education is encouragement. ~ Anatole France ~

I've always made a total effort, even when the odds seemed entirely against me. I never quit trying; I never felt that I didn't have a chance to win. ~ Arnold Palmer ~

Instruction does much
but encouragement does everything.
~ Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe ~

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

~ Mark Twain ~

