



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

Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 - *Drive Away Hunger Food Drive*

Nov. 1 - *Blazer Senior Men's Soccer team* plays in *Championship* game in Cornwall @ 8:15 a.m.

Nov. 3 - *School Photo Retakes*

Nov. 4 - *Remembrance Day Ceremony* during Block B

Nov. 5 - *Gr. 9 'Take Your Kid to Work Day'*

Nov. 6 & 7 - *Annual P.E.I.T.F. Convention*. No classes.

Nov. 6 & 7 - *Grad photos at Heckberts in Summerside*

Nov. 10 - *Teacher Administrative Day*. No classes.

Nov. 11 - *Remembrance Day*. No classes.

Nov. 12 - *Pie pick up* from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the Kinkora Fire Hall

Nov. 20 - *Parent/Teacher Interviews* from 3:30-8 p.m.

Nov. 21 - *Parent/Teacher Interviews* from 9 a.m.-12 noon. No classes.

Dec. 6 - *Blazer Blizzard Dance* from 8-10 p.m.

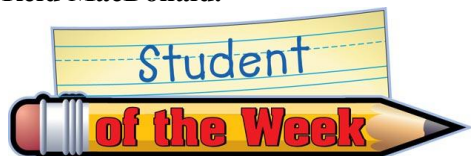
Dec. 19 - *Last day of classes for 2025*

Dec. 22 - *Professional Learning Day*. No classes.

June 19 - *The 64th Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation* @ 6 p.m.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The K.R.H.S. Student Council looks after our '*Student of the Week*' program. It is the weekly award that one lucky student in the school receives based on their good deeds, kind words, and exceptional efforts. Students/staff can put forth names by filling out a ballot located in Stew's room. Include your name, the name of the student you wish to nominate, and provide the reason as to why you think they should be '*Student of the Week*'. Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ Maura Mulligan, Quincy Palmer, Alva Pacatcatin, and Reid MacDonald.



UPEI STUDENT TEACHER

A warm Blazer welcome to pre-service teacher *Georgia Fraser* who officially began her *first Bachelor of Education practicum* on Oct. 21. Georgia will be working with Dylan Voth, Matt Killeen, and Ryan McAleer.



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. 5. We sold *400 meals* in less than two hours. We are incredibly grateful to all our sponsors.

Thank You

BLAZERS WIN BRONZE MEDAL!!

Congratulations to the *Blazer Senior Men's AAA Baseball team* who won the *P.E.I.S.A.A. bronze medal* on Oct. 16. They defeated the Westisle Wolverines by a score of 5-3. *Austin Keough* was named *Most Valuable Player*. Team members include *Caleb Richard, Mason Muttart, Carter Duffy, Mason Gaudet, Alex Gaudet (École-sur-Mer), Lucas Jeffery, Austin Keough, Cruz Howatt, Chase Cotton (École-sur-Mer), and Kaiden Corney*. Many thanks to Coaches Chris Keough, Claire Keough, Adam Gaudet, and Michael Gaudet.



TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

The *Grade 9* class will be participating in *Take Your Kids to Work Day* on Wed., Nov. 5. 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*.



2025 K.R.H.S. TECHSPLOURATION TEAM

The 2025 *K.R.H.S. Techsploration team*, along with Ms. Paynter & Mrs. McCarthy, will be attending the *Alumni Conference* on Nov. 27 & 28 at the *NSCC Akerley Campus* in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The goal of Techsploration is to empower young women and gender-diverse youth to *explore careers in science, engineering, trades, & technology*. The 2025 Techsploration Team consists of:

- *Sarah Cassell*
- *Hannah Eggert*
- *Mia Gamble*
- *Shayla Johnston*
- *Delaney Raymer*



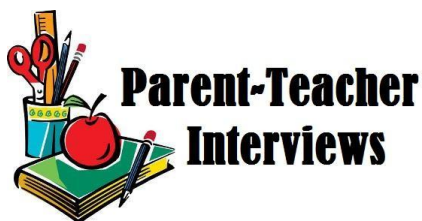
45th ANNUAL K.R.H.S. TERRY FOX RUN

Our *45th Annual K.R.H.S. Terry Fox Run* was held on Sept. 25 with all funds raised going to *cancer research*. We raised *\$1520* in total!! We thank Kevin Stewart & the Student Council for their tremendous efforts in organizing this event. *Elly Noonan* brought in the most individual donations, so she wins a gift card, and *Ms. Paynter's Math 621B* class took in the most money of all the classes, so they win a pizza party. Trivia winners were *Ryder Martin, Ben Murphy, Hannah Lynch, Olivia Stewart, and Joris van de Berg*.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on the *evening of Nov. 21 & the morning of Nov. 22*. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and discover upcoming units of study. We look forward to seeing you!



1328 PIES SOLD

The K.R.H.S. Student Council would like to thank all those who sold or bought pies. *In total, we sold 1328 pies*. Congratulations to the following students who won prizes for selling pies in this year's fundraiser. *Jack Pickering* will receive a \$100 gift card, *Taylor Wood* will receive a \$75 gift card, and *Addyson Rogers* will receive a \$50 gift card. The draw prize winners were *Hannah Lynch, Elly Noonan, Olivia Stewart, Evan Longuepee, and Ella McIver*. Each will receive a \$25 gift card to a store of their choice. There will be an Ice Cream Social in

December for those who sold 15 or more pies. Again, thanks to all, as your support is greatly appreciated.



THE BLAZER BLIZZARD

The *Blazer Blizzard Dance* will be on *Saturday, December 6th 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 Arsenaault. Pictures will take place until 9 p.m. and the dance will begin at 9 p.m. and go to 10 p.m.



ANNUAL ROTARY YOUTH PARLIAMENT

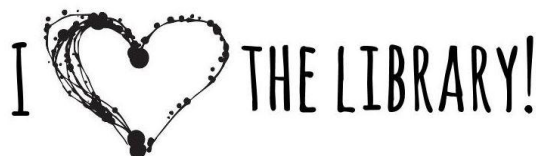
K.R.H.S. students *Kimberly Destreza, Eva Garcia, and Johanna Broqueza* are representing K.R.H.S. at the *Annual Rotary Youth Parliament* this year. They completed their first session on Oct. 17 and will be returning to the second session which is being held in Charlottetown for Island high school students. This is a unique learning experience for students that allows them to *participate in the parliamentary procedures used by our Provincial Government*. The parliamentary session for the students will be at the Coles Building (next to Province House) on Nov. 21 & 22. Many thanks to Teacher Adviser Norah Pendergast.



K.R.H.S. LIBRARY NEWS

October was *Canadian Library Month*. Thank you to all students & staff who submitted a *'Shelfie' (a photo of themselves with their favourite book)* and were entered in our draw to celebrate *Canadian School Library Day* on Oct. 27. Winners were *Traci Campbell, Georgia Fraser, Amelia MacAusland, Jana-Lynn McNally, and Katie Richard*.

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.



ACADEMY DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE & BIOSCIENCE

Jessica Reeves co-ordinates the *Academy Diploma Program in Agriculture & Bioscience* here at K.R.H.S.

The ADP Executive is set for the year. Congratulations to our *Co-Presidents Charleigh Webster and Avrie Smith, Vice President Maura Mulligan and Executive Members: Hailey Rogers, Max Lawless, Avah Muttart, and Logan Schofield*. They are busy already helping organize our upcoming Aggie events.

Our first activity for the *Gr. 10 ADP students* was on Sept. 23. *The P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture* was excited to host 'Animal Safe Handling Day' at *Orwell Corner Historic Village*. Students learned about the importance of farm and animal safety by participating in a hands-on training day and obtained their *Animal Safe Handling certificate*.

Our first activity for the *Gr. 11/12 ADP students* was on Sept. 24. *The East Prince Agri-Environment Association* hosted the Gr. 11/12 students for a 'Roots of Innovation' Field Day exploring new tech in agriculture.

Oct. 23 & 24 was the *Gr. 12 ADP Western P.E.I. Agricultural Tour*.

Gr. 11 ADP Students visited the *Cavendish Research Centre* on Oct. 30.

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

This year our *ADP students* are once again spearheading a *Food Drive* from *October 30 to November 5*. K.R.H.S. has been participating in the *Drive Away Hunger 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 milk
- fruit juices
- pasta sauce
- beans and legumes
- infant formula and baby food



FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Applications to post-secondary schools are open now 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!

UNB will be visiting K.R.H.S. at lunchtime on Nov. 4. Stop by their booth outside of the cafeteria to learn more about their school. Grade 12 students will have the opportunity to get an *application fee waiver code to apply for free* if you stop by.

Mrs. McCarthy has *25 application fee waiver codes for Holland College*. If you are struggling to come up with the application fee, please see her for more details.

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 2026 Grad Google Classroom*, or the school website for more details and links to these scholarship opportunities.

<https://kinkorahigh.edu.pe.ca/learning-resources/scholarship-and-bursaries>



STUDENT COUNCIL HALLOWEEN NEWS

Thursday, October 30 was 'Decorate a Halloween Cookie Day' courtesy of the K.R.H.S. Student Council.



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 - *Rachel Jeffery*

2nd - *Natalie Allen*

3rd - *Brett Roberts & Denise Voth (tied)*



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.* <http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/elsb/>.

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

**SCHOOL CLOTHING/
BLAZER SPIRITWEAR**

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

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 15 and entry forms are in the K.R.H.S. Library.



BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

Cross Country Team - Runners *Hayden MacQueen, Shaelyn Larkin, Kaiden Corney, and Abigail Bulman* competed in the *P.E.I.S.A.A. Zone & Provincial Cross Country Meets* at Cabot Park and Charlottetown Rural in October. At the Zones, *Shaelyn Larkin* finished 1st, *Abigail Bulman* finished 2nd, *Hayden MacQueen* finished 5th, and *Kaiden Corney* finished 4th. Well done! Coach is Norah Pendergast.

Senior Men’s Baseball - P.E.I.S.A.A Bronze medalists!!

Intermediate & Senior Blazers Golf - Coach was Matt Killeen.

Senior Women’s Soccer - Coach was John MacRae. Girls finished 4th overall. *Charleigh Webster* was named *Player of the Game* in the bronze medal match vs TOSH on Oct. 29.

Senior Men’s Soccer - Coach is Kirk White. The boys play in the *P.E.I.S.A.A. Championship game* in Cornwall @ 8:15 a.m. on Nov. 1.



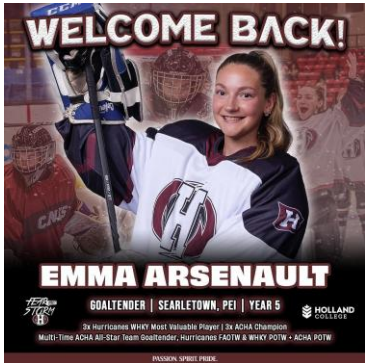
ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 *Brianna Hughes* is back for her 3rd season as a *Holland College Hurricane* and 4th playing in the *ACHA*. Bri is a dual-sport athlete, playing both hockey & rugby.



~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2021 *Emma Arsenault* returned to play her 5th season with the *Holland College Hurricanes Women’s hockey team*.



~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2017 *Rachel Green*, was *Assistant Coach* for *Team P.E.I. Girls* at the *U17 National Soccer Championships* in Kamloops, B.C. from Oct. 8-13. They ended up winning the *silver medal* after a fantastic tournament. Rachel is also *Assistant Coach* of the *Holland College Hurricanes Women’s Soccer* team. She has a *Bachelor of Science degree* with a *Major in Actuarial Science* and is currently a *Financial Statistician* for the *Department of Veterans’ Affairs*.



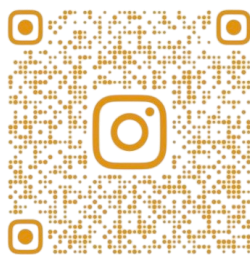
~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 *Emily Craig* co-hosted the *SOPEI Enriching Lives Gala* with *Gino Reda* on July 3. Gino Reda is a *sports reporter and the host of TSN’s That’s Hockey*. The Gala raised \$410,264 for *P.E.I. Special Olympians*.



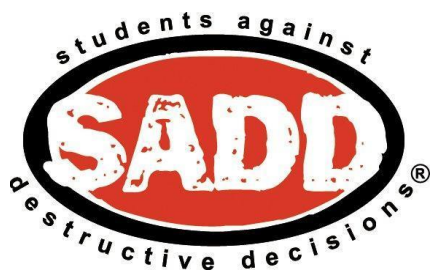
2025 SADD GROUP

SADD stands for *Students Against Destructive Decisions* and is a student organization here at K.R.H.S. that is dedicated to *educating students*

about the issues that come with driving under the influence, drug use, and other decisions that may impact on the lives of young people. The SADD group will meet a few times a month to plan activities and raise awareness. *Everyone is welcome.* This year to start off is the **Red Ribbon Campaign**, we will give each student a **bookmark tied with a red ribbon with a QR code for our Instagram.** One of our goals is to have more student engagement this year, and this is one way we hope to do that. We ask students to tie the ribbon onto your water bottle, backpack, or car to show support for national drug prevention. ***Please remember not to get into a vehicle when the driver is impaired.*** SADD Members have worked very hard for this first campaign. For any more questions ask Ms. Paynter or Ms. Parker.



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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 – Addison Baldwin

Club Member – Hannah Lynch

Grade 9 – Keira Jeffery

Grade 10 – Will Pickering

Grade 11 – Aiden Starratt

Grade 12 – Chloe Moore

Good Citizenship – Ryder Martin

Administrator's Choice – Alva Pacatcatin

2026 GRAD NEWS

- October Safe Grad event was ***pumpkin carving & treats*** in the cafeteria after school. Great turnout.

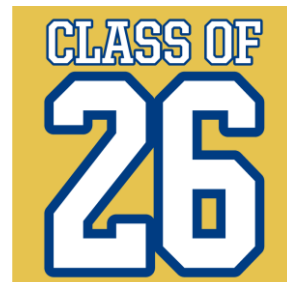
- ***Grad photos*** will take place on ***Nov. 6 & 7*** at ***Heckbert's Photography*** in Summerside. A \$25 sitting fee is due that day. A sign-up sheet is posted outside Room 205. If that date does not suit, just call 902-436-4241 and make another appointment.

- Remember to check out the ***K.R.H.S. Grads 2026 Google Classroom*** and the ***K.R.H.S. school website*** regularly for updates.

- Please submit your baby pictures for the yearbook to Mrs. McCarthy.

- The ***Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation Ceremony*** will take place on ***Friday, June 19*** at 6 p.m. There are 41 potential graduates for 2026.

- The ***2026 Grad Executive*** includes ***Addison Baldwin, Maura Mulligan, Avrie Smith, Charleigh Webster, Keira Duffy, and Charlee Norring.*** Members are responsible for planning & organizing all grad activities throughout the year. Meetings take place at lunch once a month in Ms. Paynter's room.



AARAO TOUR OCTOBER 14

The ***Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers (AARAO) Post-Secondary Opportunities Expo*** on Oct. 14 offered Gr. 11 & 12 students opportunities to learn about multiple educational options in one convenient location. Students had access to ***booths from 50 universities, colleges, and complimentary educational programs and resources.*** Students had the opportunity to attend this post-secondary school fair at Three Oaks Senior High School. Representatives from various post-secondary schools were set up in the gym and were available to answer questions and provide information to students. ***This was a great opportunity for students to start planning their life after high school.***

GAMING CLUB and

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

If you are interested in trying out ***Dungeons & Dragons***, the ***D&D Club*** meets in Room 205. See Mr. Voth for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to ***Gr. 12 student Kai Dias*** who represented his province on ***Team PEI*** at the ***U17 National Soccer Championships*** in Kamloops, B.C. from Oct. 8-13.

...to ***Gr. 9 student Ethan Muttart*** who represented his province on ***Team PEI*** at the ***U15 National Soccer Championships*** in Charlottetown, P.E.I. from Oct. 8-13. The team finished ***5th*** in the country.

Congratulations!

K.R.H.S. CAFETERIA

The ***School Food program at K.R.H.S.*** offers nutritious lunch options all year long with a 3-

week menu rotation. Thank you to our amazing Food Service Team:

Michelle Gibson ~ Kitchen Manager

Michelle MacPhee ~ Kitchen Assistant

Emily Temple ~ Kitchen Cook

MUSIC NEWS/K.R.H.S. BAND

Special thanks to Kirk White for the excellent work he does with our music program. *Concert Band practice* is every Tuesday after school.



K.R.H.S. MUSIC TEACHER KIRK WHITE

'INSIDE AMERICAN PIE', featuring our very own Music Teacher *Kirk White*, will be premiering in the UK. Playing at *Curve Theatre* in *Leicester, England* from February 26 to March 14, 2026. So excited for you, KW!!



KARAOKE IS BACK!!

Come enjoy *all your favorite hits*. Second half of lunch in Ms. Pendergast's classroom. Bring your friends!!



K.R.H.S. STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council Executive for this year:

President ~ *Addison Baldwin*

Vice-President ~ *Keira Duffy*

Executive Members ~ *Liam Arsenault, Kimberly Destreza, and Evan Longuepee*

Grade 12 rep ~ *Hailey Rogers*

Grade 11 reps ~ *Davis Cassell, Chloe Johns, Avah Muttart, and Addison Rogers*

Grade 10 reps ~ *Jack Pickering, Will Pickering, Alessandria Recio and Abigail Ross*

Grade 9 reps ~ *Brynley Cutcliffe and Krystal Destreza*

Teacher Advisor ~ *Kevin Stewart*.

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



BLAZER BOARD GAME CLUB

Blazer Board Game Club takes place in the K.R.H.S. Library every day at lunch break. We have a great collection of board games and puzzles, as well as art supplies for colouring.



2025/2026 PAGE PROGRAM

Gr. 12 student Jackson Cox is representing K.R.H.S. in the *2025/2026 Legislative Assembly Page Program*. This program provides *students with an opportunity to see first-hand how laws are created in our province and gain a better understanding of the work of the Legislative Assembly*. The experience is a great way to see Island politics and government in action. Each year, high schools across the Island nominate one student to participate in the Legislative Assembly Page Program. To be eligible, students must be Gr. 11 or 12 Honours students, with an interest in the Legislative Assembly and public affairs.



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.



NUT BAN

Our school has a *TOTAL NUT BAN* due to students with severe allergic reactions to nuts.



2025/26 COMPASS SURVEY

K.R.H.S. will be participating in the **2025-26 COMPASS Survey** on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025. Students will be asked to complete a **30-minute questionnaire about healthy eating, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, smoking, alcohol and drug-use, academic achievement, bullying and harassment, experiences of discrimination, and mental health.** The survey is completely anonymous and both the PSB and our school have given approval to conduct the study.



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>

A reminder to all students that we are looking for student volunteers for the **Breakfast Program, as Intramurals Co-ordinator, and as Peer Tutors.** If you are interested, please see Mr. McAleer or Mr. Killeen in the office. Community Service Bursary hours are available for all of these positions.



P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

🍎 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



STUDENT WELL-BEING

The **Student Wellbeing Team** hosts a **drop-in clinic at K.R.H.S.** every second Wednesday (October 8 & October 22). **Emily, our mental health nurse, will be available from 11:30 a.m. until the end of the school day.** The clinic will offer a chance for students to connect with the team and receive **coaching, counselling, skill building, and mental health resource**

navigation. What you can expect is a non-judgmental ear to sound your concerns off to. There is a sign-up sheet located in the office for anyone who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

*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 ~

*Education is the most powerful weapon which
you can use to change the world.*
~ Nelson Mandela ~

*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 ~

*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 ~

The past can't see you, but the future is listening.
~ Destin Figuiet ~

I am still learning.
~ Michelangelo ~

Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.
~ African proverb ~

*Time is the coin of your life.
It is the only coin you have
and only you can determine
how it will be spent.*
~ Carl Sandberg ~

