



Kinkora Regional High School

Home of the Blazers

Kinkora Blazers April Newsletter

*How far that little candle throws its beams!
So shines a good deed in a weary world.*
~ William Shakespeare ~

*If your compassion does not include yourself,
it is incomplete.*
~ Buddha ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 2 - First Aid Training** with John Mitchell for Gr. 12 ADP students
- Apr. 3 - Good Friday.** No classes.
- Apr. 6 - Easter Monday.** No classes.
- Apr. 6 to 11 - Annual High School Hockey Tournament** hosted by KISH
- Apr. 9 - Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30-8 p.m.**
- Apr. 10 - Parent/Teacher Interviews from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.** No classes.
- Apr. 16 - Launch Party** for our *Annual Relay for Life* during Block D
- May 1 - WATA Day.** No classes.
- May 18 - Victoria Day.** No classes.
- May 29 - 5th Annual K.R.H.S. Relay for Life**
- June 10 - First Day of Final Exams**
- June 13 - Prom** at Clinton Hills
- June 19 - The 64th Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation @ 6 p.m.**
- June 30 - School closes** for the summer.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Lucas Jeffery, Lovelyn Pacatcatin, and Davis Cassell.** Special thanks to *the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held in-person at the school on **Thursday, Apr. 9** from 3:30-8 p.m. and **Friday, Apr. 10** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE

In an effort to support the *South Shore Food Share*, we were invited to participate in the **3rd Annual Cereal Box Challenge**. We competed against our friends at Somerset Consolidated and Amherst Cove Consolidated to see which school could *collect the most boxes of cereal to donate*. ACC ended up winning with 200 boxes. Well done to all three schools!

CONGRATULATIONS, LESLEY!!

The *Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Extra Mile Award* recognizes P.E.I. teachers and/or school staff who exemplify going the extra mile - over and above the call of duty. We were very pleased to recognize our *own Lesley Cousins* as one of the 2026 Extra Mile Award recipients. Lesley has been teaching at K.R.H.S. for the past 17 years. Students, staff, family, and special guests celebrated Lesley with a surprise assembly on Mar. 11.



CONGRATULATIONS, NORAH!

The Canadian Society for Education Through Art and the Canadian Art Teacher Journal are proud to share the names of the *wonderful art teachers and educators* who are recipients of the **2025-2026 Rita L. Irwin Art Teacher Dissemination of Knowledge Awards**.

Rhoda Merkel, Yukon
Rebecca Carruthers Green, Alberta
Jennifer Brown, Saskatchewan
****Norah Pendergast, Prince Edward Island**
Melissa Marr, Nova Scotia
We are so proud of you, Norah!! Well done.



Rhoda Merkel, YT



Rebecca Carruthers Green, AB



Jennifer Brown, SK



Norah Pendergast, PEI



Melissa Marr, NS

The Rita L. Irwin Art Teacher Dissemination of Knowledge Award recipients!!

Congratulations!

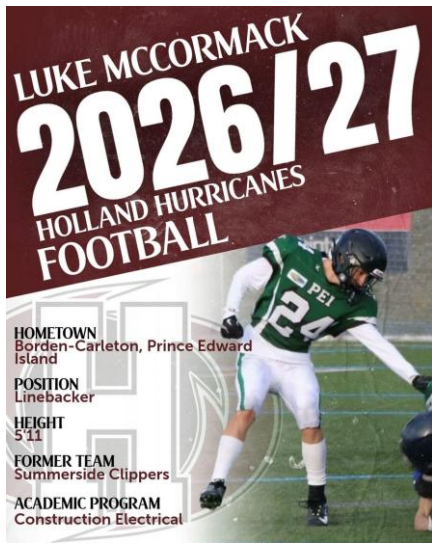
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CONGRATULATIONS, LUKE!

Gr. 12 K.R.H.S. student **Luke McCormick** has committed to the *Holland College Hurricanes*

Football team for the 2026-27 season! 🏈 Luke will be taking the **Construction Electrical program** while at Holland College.



CUPCAKE DAY ON APRIL 7 & 8

On April 7 & 8, K.R.H.S. staff and students will be fundraising for the **Annual Humane Society Cupcake Day**. 100% of all money raised will go directly to the P.E.I. Humane Society, so they can continue helping our furry friends stay healthy and safe until their forever homes are found. During these two days we will be **selling cupcakes for \$2 each**. There will also be a **live auction for staff parking spots, delicious full-size cakes, and our Blazer VIP package**. So don't forget to **bring some cash on April 7 & 8**. Please note that e-transfers will only be accepted for purchases of \$20 or more. For further information, please see Leanne Arsenault.



WARM BLAZER WELCOME!

A warm Blazer welcome to **Jordana Birt** who will be filling in for Lori Allen in the Youth Service Worker position here at K.R.H.S. until the middle of June.



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. **First Aid Training** with John Mitchell for **Gr. 12 ADP students** takes place in the K.R.H.S. Library on Apr. 2.

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

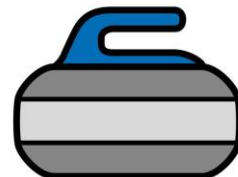
Congratulations to the following students for being selected as **Students of the Month** for the month of **February**. These students are being recognized for excellence in the following areas:

- School Spirit – Marley MacLean**
- Club Member – Ayah Muttart**
- Grade 9 – Amelia MacAusland**
- Grade 10 – Carson Paynter**
- Grade 11 – Eva Garcia**
- Grade 12 – Arsenii Merdukh**
- Good Citizenship – Logan Schofield**
- Administrator's Choice – Max Lawless**



ENRICHMENT

On Mar. 3, the **Phys. Ed. 801 students** & Mr. Ranahan went **skiing** at Brookvale. On Mar. 31, the students visited the **U.P.E.I. Kinesiology Building** and, in April, they will go **curling** at the **Crapaud Curling Club**.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Pancakes & PJ Day is scheduled for Wed., Apr. 15 during Block A. The K.R.H.S. Student Council will prepare a **pancake breakfast for all students and staff (no charge)**.



2026 RELAY FOR LIFE

K.R.H.S. will be hosting our **5th Annual Canadian Cancer Society 'Relay for Life'** on **Friday, May 29** and we are looking for Blazers to participate to help us have our best event yet! We encourage each student to take part in this important event for cancer research. It will be a

day full of fun activities and a time we will all remember. We encourage each student to help us reach our **\$14,000 goal!!**

K.R.H.S. will be hosting its **Launch Party** for this year's Relay for Life on **Thursday, April 16** during Block D. **Guest speaker will be future Blazer Ty Doucette and his mother, Nichole Doucette.**

The committee chairs are as follows:

Event Experience Chair: **Maura Mulligan**

Participant Engagement Chair: **Avah Muttart**

Ceremonies: **Addyson Rogers**

Finance: **Addison Baldwin**

Recruitment: **Abigail Ross and Hannah Lynch**

Entertainment: **Reid MacDonald**

Sponsorship: **Max Lawless and Hailey Rogers**

Marketing: **Alva Pacatcatin**

Fundraising: **Lovelyn Pacatcatin**

Logistics: **Logan Schofield**

Special thanks to Teacher Advisors Jessica Reeves, Matt Killeen, and Shelley Tremere.



OHS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The **Workers Compensation Board of P.E.I.'s Occupational Health & Safety Leadership Program** is in full swing at K.R.H.S. Our **OHS Leaders** for the 2025/2026 school year are Gr. 12 students **Keira Duffy & Hannah Lynch** They have been **promoting young worker safety** at K.R.H.S.



ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 Lydia Hamill** won the **Coach's Award for Women's Soccer** at the **UPEI Panther Celebration–Athletics Awards Gala** on March 27. Outstanding student-athletes were recognized by the UPEI Department of Athletics and Recreation for **their excellence in sport, in the classroom, and in the community** during the 2025–26 season.



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 Brianna Hughes** has made her mark at **Holland College** as a **dual-sport athlete**, helping lead the Hurricanes to **three ACHA hockey championships and an ACAA Rugby 15s title**. Brianna will graduate in May

from the **Child & Youth Care Worker program** and plans to pursue a career in child protection, with hopes of continuing into social work — while returning for another season with the Hurricanes on the ice.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2021 Emma Arsenault** closed out her **Holland College Hurricanes hockey career** in championship fashion, backstopping the Canes to their fourth straight **Atlantic Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Championship**. Emma, a fifth-year goaltender, also earned **Hurricanes Athlete of the Week**. Since her first ACHA Championship final in 2022, she has won four of the last five, continuing her legacy as **one of the greatest goaltenders in team history**.



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2013 Dr. Maggie MacDonald** recently earned her **Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD), Ecology in Biological Sciences** from the **University of Alberta**. The focus of her dissertation was **pest management research**.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2001 Andrew McCardle**, was selected as the 2025 recipient of the **Dr. Tom Moore Award**. Andrew is the **Director of Support Services** at **Prince County Hospital**. The Dr. Tom Moore Award is given annually to a PCH employee for outstanding service. The award recognizes those who display characteristics of dedication and achievement in their area of work, contribute positively to the workplace, and demonstrate a high level of skill.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1997 Amber Ceretti** is a **Speech-Language Pathologist** in Charlottetown. Private practice in-person and online.



P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

🍏 It's time to register for the **73rd AGM & Conference**. Please register your school and ensure it is represented at this meeting. Bullying is being addressed by guest speaker Alain Pelletier at the AGM.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 8:40 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per person

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown

Workshop Topics:

1. Child Exploitation Unit
2. "5 Faces of Bullying"
3. Food, Finances & Fundamentals, etc.

Participation: This meeting is open to all parents and educators! While each member school is limited to five (5) voting delegates, more than 5 people can register to attend from each school. The greater the attendance, the richer the discussions.

REGISTER by early deadline April 1st at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

🍎 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



GAMING CLUB and DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Gaming Club is in Mr. Voth's door (Room 205). If you are interested in trying out *Dungeons & Dragons*, the *D&D Club* also meets in Room 205. See Mr. Voth for more information.

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

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 Exhibition & PEI Truck and Tractor Pulls are looking for student volunteers for the Exhibition on July 24-26 and the Tractor Pulls on July 31-August 1. If interested, please contact Paula Sark at Crapaudex@gmail.com.

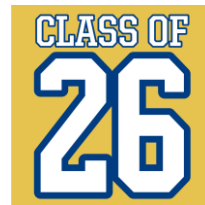
VOLUNTEER



2026 GRAD NEWS

- The *Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation Ceremony* will take place on **Friday, June 19** at 6 p.m. There are **41 potential graduates**. *Addison Baldwin* will represent the 2026 K.R.H.S. Grad Class as their **Valedictorian**.

- 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.



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.



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.



K.R.H.S. PERSONAL FINANCE & INVESTING CLUB

An excellent opportunity for *young investors at K.R.H.S.* Becoming a member of the *Personal Finance & Investing Club* will not only be a great addition to your resume but will also allow you to meet and discuss finance & investing with other like-minded students. *Weekly are held every Tuesday at 11:20 a.m. in the K.R.H.S. Science Lab*. Everyone is welcome. This group is facilitated by former grad *Alex Trainor* who is now a 4th year student at U.P.E.I. Many thanks to Teacher Advisor Shelley Tremere.



ISLAND JUSTICE CUP

Students *Oscar Bulman, Jack Pickering, and Kimberly Detreza* will represent K.R.H.S. at the Island Justice Cup, mock trial, an extracurricular opportunity for *P.E.I. high school students to*

learn about the justice system through hands-on advocacy, teamwork, and actual courtroom experience. Jack, Oscar, and Kimberley are working with students from KISH, teachers and lawyer – coaches to prepare a criminal case and will compete at the courthouses before judges on May 4, 2026. This opportunity is being offered to high school students by the Law Society of PEI

FINDING OUR VOICES –

PROVINCIAL GRADUATE EXHIBITION

K.R.H.S. students *Jana-Lynn MacNally, Aliya Hagen, and Kylee MacDonald* will submit works to *Finding Our Voices, the first ever Provincial Graduate Exhibition, a showcase of artworks by more than 100 Grade 12 Art 621/601 students from across P.E.I.*, whose pieces explore themes such as identity, social justice, the environment, culture, and daily life. These works highlight emerging local talent, some works are loud and bold, while others are soft and reflective. They may reach viewers intellectually, physically, or emotionally, and explore questions of truth and fiction, culture, time, and ways of being. Viewed together, the artworks reflect the experiences and perspectives of teenagers from across Prince Edward Island, many of whom find creative refuge in their school art rooms.

Finding Our Voices celebrates the important role of arts education in a healthy democracy. The exhibition runs from *April 24 to May 17, 2026*, at the Confederation Centre Art Gallery in Charlottetown. A special daytime students' open house will take place Tuesday, April 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with an evening reception from 6 to 8 p.m., where visitors can meet the student artists and their teachers.

ANNUAL K.R.H.S. HOCKEY POOL

Current standings are:

- 1st - *Emerald Flyer*
- 2nd - *Lorraine Mulligan*
- 3rd - *Norah Pendergast*



BLAZER HOCKEY IS BACK!!!

High School Hockey will be taking place from *Apr. 6 to 11*. This is a *friendship tournament organized by KISH*. Both of our Blazer teams have performed well in the last few years and there are sure to be exciting games again this year. Games are in Kensington and Pownal. Here is the 2026 schedule:

Monday, April 6th

- 8:00 TOSH #3 vs Gray #2 (B) Pownal
- 9:10 Gray #1 vs Montague (B) Pownal
- 10:20 Kinkora vs Montague (G) Pownal**
- 11:30 ESM vs Gray #2 (B) Pownal
- 12:40 Montague vs Souris (B) Pownal
- 1:50 TOSH vs Montague (G) Pownal

- 3:00 TOSH #1 vs Bluefield #2 (B) Pownal
- 4:10 Gray #1 vs Souris (B) Pownal
- 9:00 KISH vs Bluefield #2 (B) Kensington
- 10:15 KISH vs Bluefield (G) Kensington
- 11:30 TOSH #1 vs Westisle (B) Kensington
- 12:45 TOSH #2 vs Kinkora (B) Kensington**
- 2:00 KISH vs Westisle (B) Kensington
- 3:15 KISH vs Westisle (G) Kensington
- 4:30 TOSH#3 vs ESM (B) Kensington
- 5:45 Kinkora vs TOSH (G) Kensington**
- 7:00 Bluefield vs Westisle (G) Kensington
- 8:15 TOSH #2 vs Bluefield #1 (B) Kensington

Tuesday, April 7th

- 4:45 Opening Ceremonies Kensington
- 5:00 KISH vs TOSH #1 (B) Kensington
- 6:15 Bluefield #1 vs Kinkora (B) Kensington**
- 7:30 2nd in Pool A vs 3rd in Pool B (G1) Kensington
- 8:45 Bluefield #2 vs Westisle (B) Kensington

Wednesday, April 8th

- 5:00 2nd in Pool A vs 3rd in Pool B (B1) Kensington
- 6:15 2nd in Pool B as 3rd in Pool A (B2) Kensington
- 7:30 2nd in Pool C vs 3rd in Pool D (B3) Kensington
- 8:45 2nd in Pool D vs 3rd in Pool C (B4) Kensington

Thursday, April 9th

- 5:00 1st in Pool A vs winner of B4 (B5) Kensington
- 6:15 1st in Pool B vs winner of B3 (B6) Kensington
- 7:30 1st in Pool C vs winner of B1 (B7) Kensington
- 8:45 2nd in Pool B vs 3rd in Pool A (G2) Kensington

Friday, April 10th

- 5:00 1st in Pool D vs winner of B2 (B8) Kensington
- 6:15 1st in Pool A vs winner of G2 (G3) Kensington
- 7:30 Winner of B5 vs Winner of B6 (B9) Kensington
- 8:45 Winner of B7 vs Winner of B8 (B10) Kensington

Saturday, April 11th

- 9:45 1st in Pool B vs Winner of G1 (G4) Kensington
- 11:00 Winner of B9 vs Winner of B10 Kensington
- 12:30 Winner of G3 vs Winner of G4 Kensington

Girls Division (G)

- Pool A**
- KISH
- Bluefield
- Westisle

Pool B

Kinkora
Montague
TOSH

Boys Division (B)

Pool A

KISH
TOSH #1
Bluefield #2
Westisle

Pool B

TOSH#2
Kinkora
Bluefield #1

Pool C

TOSH #3
CG #2
ESM

Pool D

CG #1
Montague
Souris



K.R.H.S. GRADUATION PRIZE FUND

Individuals, businesses, or community groups wishing to donate to the *Kinkora Regional High School Prize Graduation Fund* may do so prior to **June 10** in order to be acknowledged in the program. If tax receipts are required, please make cheques payable to the *Public Schools Branch Education Trust Fund*. If no tax receipt is required, cheques can be made payable to *Kinkora Regional High School*. Thank you for your continued support.



THANK YOU TO OUR CWS PARTNERS!

A sincere thank you to the following *local businesses* who served as *community partners* by mentoring our **30 Co-op Work Studies students** this past school year. We certainly appreciate the support!

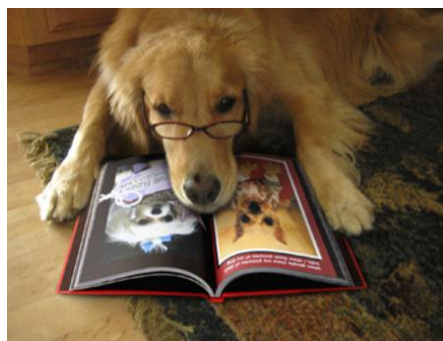
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Anderson Automotive
Bay Breeze Stables
Callbecks Home Hardware
Compassion First Care Services Ltd.
Duffy Construction & D2
Glen MacQuarrie

Huck It Disc Golf
Kensington Veterinary Clinic
Kinkora Early Learning Center
Kinkora Irving
K.R.H.S. Library
K.R.H.S. Yearbook
Linkletter's Welding (LWL)
Livingston Steel Inc.
MWM Farms
Queen Elizabeth Elementary School
Somerset Consolidated School
Somerset Gardens
Star Haven Farm
Summerside Animal Hospital

THANK YOU

PETS CAUGHT READING:
LIBRARY PHOTO CONTEST

Did you know that May is National Pet Month??? We thought it would be the purrrfect opportunity for another *FANTASTIC K.R.H.S. Library photo contest!* Take a picture of your pet (dog, cat, horse, doesn't matter) enjoying their favourite book. Snap a photo of them reading a book, magazine, e-book, etc. for a chance to win a gift card. Great prizes to be won!! Send the photo in jpeg format to sdtremere@edu.pe.ca. Deadline is April 7.



BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

Badminton - Coach is Trent Ranahan. Intermediate is Gr. 9, Juvenile is Gr. 10, and Senior is Gr. 11/12.



K.R.H.S. LIBRARY

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*.

I  THE LIBRARY!

FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Grade 12 Information:

Please see Mrs. McCarthy anytime, visit the 2026 Grad Google Classroom, or check out the school website for more details and links to scholarship opportunities.

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

Just a reminder that there are scholarships available through the Community Foundation of PEI with a deadline of **Friday, April 17th, at 11:59 PM Atlantic Time.**

While many of these scholarships are open to students Island wide, there are 2 scholarships designated specifically for Kinkora High School students and another for someone from Prince County.

The McIver Family Scholarship. This scholarship is intended for a student in their graduating year at Kinkora High School, who has demonstrated leadership skills and worked or volunteered in the Agriculture Sector and will be attending post-secondary in the fall immediately following graduation.

The St. Clair & Clara Duffy Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is intended for a graduating student(s) from Kinkora Regional High School that combines a strong work ethic, involvement in school activities and community involvement and demonstrates financial need. This student(s) must be attending a post-secondary institution immediately following graduation, in the fall of the year the scholarship is awarded.

Catherine & Helena Yeo Scholarship. This scholarship is for graduating students who reside in Prince County (Kensington Intermediate/Senior High School, Kinkora Regional High School, Three Oaks High School, Westisle Composite High School, École Évangéline, École Pierre-Chiasson & École-sur-Mer) and need financial support to continue their education.

We encourage you to visit the Community Foundation of PEI website (www.cfpei.ca/apply/scholarships/) for all scholarship related information such as a direct link to the CFPEI Scholarship application portal (all applications are submitted online), important dates, and a list of frequently asked questions. Please note there may be additional funds added, as new funds are regularly established; as such we strongly encourage you to visit the portal between now and the start of the fall semester.

You've put in so much effort to get this far, and we truly hope that as many of you as possible can take advantage of educational financial support.

If you have any questions regarding the

scholarship criteria, application, or the process, you can contact the Community Foundation of PEI, Admin Coordinator, Tanya Wilson, by email at twilson@cfpei.ca. Good luck to all applicants!



EMPLOYMENT SYMPOSIUM

Three Oaks Senior High School is pleased to invite you to their upcoming symposium, **Next Steps: Connecting with Community Partners and Industry.** This event runs from 6 to 8 p.m. on **April 1** at Three Oaks Senior High. The event is open to the public. The first 45 minutes will be a panel consisting of an overview of employment assistance services in the Summerside area and available financial supports. Following this, there will be an open session featuring local employers, post-secondary representatives, and governmental organizations. This community event is an opportunity for people to connect with local services and employers.

*Our greatest glory is not in never falling
but in rising every time we fall.*
~ Confucius ~

*We are all inventors, each sailing out on a
voyage of discovery, guided each by a private
chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world
is all gates, all opportunities.*
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.
~ Publilius Syrus ~

*The light of friendship
is like the light of phosphorus,
seen plainest when all around is dark.*
~ Robert Cromwell ~

