



Kinkora Regional High School

Home of the Blazers

Kinkora Blazers May Newsletter

*A civilization flourishes when people plant trees
under whose shade they will never sit.*

~ Greek proverb ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1 - WATA Day. No classes.

May 5 - Holland College reps will be here after lunch to help Gr. 12 students register for 1st year courses.

May 18 - Victoria Day. No classes.

May 20 - K.R.H.S. Coffee House from 6-7:30 p.m. A *talent show, coffee house, and art auction* will be held in the cafeteria in support of *Relay for Life*.

May 29 - 5th Annual K.R.H.S. Relay for Life

June 10 - First Day of Final Exams for Gr. 10, 11 & 12

June 12 - First Day of Final Exams for Gr. 9

June 13 - Prom at Clinton Hills

June 17 - Grad BBQ & Safe Grad Event

June 19 - Grad Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

- *Grad Rehearsal @ 10 a.m.*

- *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* ~ **Aiden Starratt, Luke Stewart, Mason Gaudet, Caden Raymer & Logan Schofield.** Special thanks to *the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.



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.



SUCCESSFUL CUPCAKE DAY

RAISED \$900

K.R.H.S. students & staff baked and sold cupcakes as a fundraiser for *The P.E.I. Humane Society* on April 8 & 9. *Auctioneer Jack Pickering* hosted a highly entertaining noon-time auction for cakes, staff parking privileges, and a Blazer VIP package. Thanks to everyone for their support, especially organizer *Leanne Arsenault*. In total, we raised \$900 for our furry friends. Well done, Blazers!



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 *March*. These students are being recognized for excellence in the following areas:

School Spirit – Keira Duffy

Club Member – Griffin Sherry

Grade 9 – Shealyn Larkin

Grade 10 – Oscar Bulman

Grade 11 – Lucas Jeffery

Grade 12 – Will MacDonald

Good Citizenship – Uriel Domenden

Administrator's Choice – Charleigh Webster



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 & Hannah Lynch*

Entertainment: *Reid MacDonald*

Sponsorship: *Max Lawless & Hailey Rogers*

Marketing: *Alva Pacatcatin*

Fundraising: *Lovelyn Pacatcatin*
 Logistics: *Logan Schofield*
 Special thanks to Teacher Advisors Jessica Reeves, Matt Killeen, and Shelley Tremere.



ENRICHMENT

On Apr. 16, both the *CEO & ESAP classes* had a tour of *Holland College Waterfront Campus* in Summerside.

On May 11, *MLA for District 19 Borden/Kinkora Matt MacFarlane* will be speaking to the *P.E.I. History 621B class* about the role of an MLA here on P.E.I.

Norah Pendergast's *Art class* viewed 'Finding Our Voices - Provincial Graduate Exhibition' at *Confederation Centre Art Gallery* on April 28.

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 student Keira Duffy & Gr. 11 student Hannah Lynch* They have been *promoting young worker safety* at K.R.H.S.



ALUMNI UPDATE...

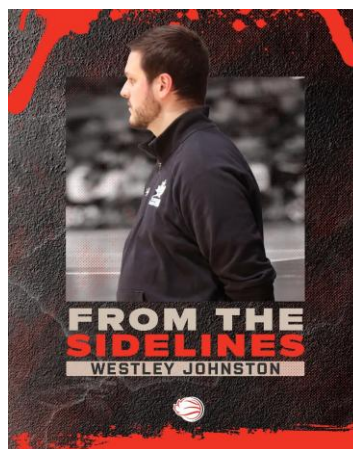
Where are those K.R.H.S. grads now?

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 Morgan McLean** and his team from *U.P.E.I.* won a gold medal in the *Canadian Engineering Competition's Innovative Design* category, held at the *Université de Sherbrooke* from March 20 to 23, 2026. Morgan & his team invented a brace that allows people with knee injuries to perform daily tasks hands-free. In this challenge, teams had to showcase their entrepreneurial spirit by designing an innovative product. Since its inception in 1985, the CEC has been an annual *celebration of engineering excellence*, bringing together *Canada's best engineering students* to tackle real-world challenges.



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2013 Westley Johnston** will serve as *Coach* for *Team New Brunswick* at the *2026 Junior National Wheelchair Basketball Championships* in Québec City from June 5 to 7.

Off the court, Westley works as a *program coordinator* for *KidSport New Brunswick*, helping families access sport opportunities by providing financial support for registration and equipment. https://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca/news_press/from-player-to-mentor-westley-johnstons-transition-to-coaching/



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2017 Brittany Peters** was selected to be an *on-ice official* for the *2026 U18 Female Atlantic Championship medal games*. This tournament featured an *all-female officiating staff*, thanks to HPEI and HNL officials. Lead by *Event Referee in Chief & K.R.H.S. Grad of 1986 Steven Green*.



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1976 Dave Cameron**, *Head Coach* of *The Ottawa 67s*, won the *2026 Matt Leyden Trophy* as *Ontario Hockey League Coach of the Year* (for the second time in four years). Ranked 19th as a team to start the season, Dave lead his 67s to a 100-point regular season and into the 2nd round of the OHL play-offs.



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



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. Next Grad Activity is *bowling* on May 7.



INSIDE AMERICAN PIE

Our very own *Kirk White* is one of the five musicians performing in *Inside American Pie*.

Kirk has been an active freelance *drummer and percussionist* in eastern Canada for the past thirty years. He has toured the U.S. and Japan, recently performed with *Inside American Pie* in Leicester, UK, and is now at the CAA Theatre on Yonge Street in *Toronto* with the show from April 14 to May 3.



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.



ISLAND JUSTICE CUP

Students *Abigail Bulam, Oscar Bulman, Kimberly Destreza, and Evelyn Trainor* 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. Abigail, Oscar, Kimberley,

and Evelyn 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. This opportunity is being offered to students by the *Law Society of P.E.I.* Many thanks to Teacher Advisor Norah Pendergast.

**FINDING OUR VOICES –
PROVINCIAL GRADUATE EXHIBITION**

K.R.H.S. students *Jana-Lynn MacNally, Aliya Hagen, and Kylee MacDonald* submitted 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. Many thanks to our amazing Art teacher Norah Pendergast for her leadership in this exhibition.

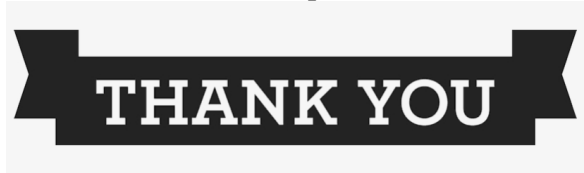


THANK YOU TO OUR CWS PARTNERS!

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!

Amherst Cove Consolidated School
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



**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.

The P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture was excited to host '*Tractor Safety Training*' at the Kensington Fire Hall on April 24 for Gr. 10 ADP students. Students learned about the importance of farm safety and obtained their *Tractor Safety Training certificate*.



SAVE THE DATE!!

All students/parents/community members are invited to participate in the *K.R.H.S. Coffee House & Talent Show*, scheduled for *Wednesday, May 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria*.

ANNUAL KRHS COFFEEHOUSE

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 20

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR
OUR 4th ANNUAL KRHS COFFEEHOUSE!

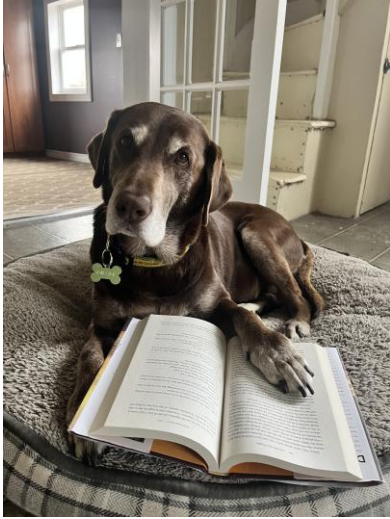
Get ready for an evening of live music, food, and a silent art auction
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD OUR KRHS RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

Anyone interested in donating any art/craft pieces please contact :
 Norah Pendergast
(npendergast@edu.pe.ca)
 or **(902) 887-2424**

Any students interested in performing (music, stand up comedy, poetry, etc.) at the coffeehouse, please reach out to Kirk White!
(kdwhite@edu.pe.ca)

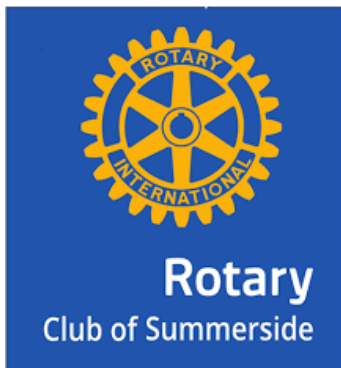
PETS CAUGHT READING
PHOTO CONTEST

Thank you to all students & staff who entered our ***'Pets Caught Reading' Photo Contest***. Congratulations to our winner, ***Kaitlyn Compton, and her dog Diesel.***



ROTARY CLUB OF SUMMERSIDE
DONATES BOOKS

The Rotary Club of Summerside ***donated brand-new books for every Gr. 9 student at K.R.H.S.*** Students had 11 different titles to choose from. Something for everyone.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

On April 15, the K.R.H.S. Student Council prepared a ***Pancake Breakfast*** for all students and staff (no cost) during Block A. It was also ***Pyjama Day.***



Student Council Executive Elections:

The ***K.R.H.S. Student Council Executive*** for next year includes ***Addyson Rogers*** who will be next years' ***Student Council President***, ***Davis Cassell*** who will be the ***Vice-President***, and ***Evan Longuepee Abigail Ross, Alessandria Recio, Jack Pickering, and Liam Arsenault*** who will be an ***Executive Members***. Thanks to all of you for undertaking these student leadership roles and to Stew for his guidance.

A Very Merry Un-birthday:

On April 23 (a day when none of our students or staff had a birthday), the K.R.H.S. Student Council treated everyone to some ***delicious birthday cake*** at lunch.

Easter Seals

K.R.H.S. Student Council donated to Easter Seals on April 25 during the annual school tour.



The Blazer Showdown

The Blazer Showdown will be at noon in the gym from Monday, May 4 to Friday May 8. ***The week-long event takes place in the gym at lunch and consists of only 8 students from each grade competing against each other.*** The event involves each competitor accumulating points for successfully making basketball free throws, throwing a dodge ball through the hula-hoop, hitting the targets on a hockey net and kicking soccer balls at bowling pins. New this year is a wild card round for the second-place finishers in each grade where they will compete against each other and the winner will earn a spot in the finals. The finalists from each grade along with the wildcard winner will compete to see who the winner is. Teachers wishing to compete can also submit their names. All competitors will be notified in the morning announcements when they will compete, and their names will be posted outside the office.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

May is a ***big month for scholarship due dates.*** Keep track of them on the ***Grads of 2026 Google Classroom*** or the K.R.H.S. website.

Important Deadline

A reminder to all grads that the ***K.R.H.S. Administered Awards Application is due on May 10.*** Winners of the awards will be announced on graduation night.

The K.R.H.S. Administered Awards have been posted on Google Classroom. ***There are 20+ awards you could potentially apply for on one application.*** Please read the descriptions carefully

and write your essay to help address how you meet as many qualities as possible. *All applications are due on May 10th at 11:59 PM, no exceptions.*

The Scholarship section of the K.R.H.S. Website has been updated for April, May and June. Please refer to it for upcoming due dates:

- ~ *May 3: The Brodie McCarthy Student Athlete of the Year Self Nomination*
- ~ *May 3: The Elmer MacDonald Memorial Bursary, Crapaud Exhibition Self Nomination*
- ~ *June 1: The Nicholas Lambe Memorial Award*

****REMINDER TO ALL GRADS:** All grads are reminded to let Mrs. McCarthy know if they have won a scholarship outside of school. *She needs to have a copy of the official letter or email that offered you the award in order to recognize this achievement in the graduation program.* In the coming months, you may start to hear back about scholarships and awards you have won. If you would like to be recognized for these awards on graduation night (which we suggest you do!), Mrs. McCarthy needs a copy of the official email or letter in order to put it in the graduation program. We do **not** receive notification at the school so we are depending on graduates to share this information with us. If Mrs. McCarthy doesn't have a copy of the official letter then it won't be announced on graduation night.

Forward jlmccarthy@cloud.edu.pe.ca the email, or bring the letter in and she will make a copy. This includes:

- Entrance scholarships to universities or colleges
- External Awards - community groups up to national organizations



GRADE 9 ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students as their team won the *Grade 9 Activity Challenge* on March 25: *Kaitlyn Compton, Uriel Domenden, Dekon Gallant, Lyric MacFarlane, Jack Mackay, Piper Muttart, Elly Noonan, and Logan Peer.*

ANNUAL K.R.H.S. HOCKEY POOL

FINAL standings are:
1st – The Emerald Flyer (\$250.00)
2nd – Lorraine Mulligan (\$150.00)
3rd – Norah Pendergast (\$50.00)
 Thanks to the 94 entries for supporting Blazer Athletics.



BLAZER HOCKEY

The *Annual High School Hockey Tournament* took place from Apr. 6 to 11. This was a friendship tournament organized by KISH. Both the *Kinkora Blazer* Boys & Girls played hard and represented the school well. There were *nineteen teams representing nine different high schools* participating. Lots of exciting games and school spirit was high. Congratulations to the Bluefield Girls & KISH Boys for claiming the championship titles.



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

Personal Finance & Investing Club is over for this school year but it was a great opportunity to meet and discuss finance & investing with other like-minded students. This group was facilitated by former grad *Alex Trainor* who just finished his *4th year of Science at U.P.E.I.* and will be starting med school at *The Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University* in Halifax in September. Many thanks to Alex and to Teacher Advisor Shelley Tremere.



K.R.H.S. LIBRARY NEWS

The K.R.H.S. Library is open *every day* before school, at breaks, during class, at noon, and after school as well as throughout the school day. K.R.H.S. Teacher Librarian is Shelley Tremere. Be sure to return any *overdue books* lurking in your lockers or at home.



BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to *Kaiden Corney* who placed 3rd in the *Regional West Badminton Singles Meet*. Then *Kaiden Corney & Reynaldo Contreras* and *Caden Raymer & Jackson Cox* both finished 4th place in the *Regional West Doubles' Badminton Meet*. *Kaiden, Reynaldo, Caden & Jackson* went on to represent K.R.H.S. at the *P.E.I.S.A.A. Badminton Provincials*.

Senior Men's Flag Football ~ Coach is Owen Longuepee.

Senior Women's Flag Football ~ Coach is Jeff Ellsworth.

Intermediate Boys' Flag Football ~ Out of ACC.

Intermediate Girls' Flag Football ~ Coaches are Jenna Muttart, Addyson Rogers, and Avah Muttart.

Track & Field ~ Coach is Norah Pendergast.

Senior Men's Ball Hockey ~ Coaches are Matt Killeen and Roy Villard.



WELCOME BACK, ELMER!

We couldn't be more thrilled to welcome our beloved *Custodian Elmer Croken* back to K.R.H.S. after hip surgery. Many thanks to Daniel Arsenault & Gomer Coronel for stepping up during Elmer's absence.



K.R.H.S. IMPACT QUEENS

Join K.R.H.S. Queens and step into your voice to create change, give back, and take part in fun activities promoting leadership and empowerment skills. Thursdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the Library. Sign-up sheet outside the Youth Worker's door.

*Focus on the journey, not the destination.
Joy is not found in finishing an activity
but in doing it.*

~ Greg Anderson ~

*Unless we think of others
and do something for them,
we miss one of the greatest sources
of happiness.*

~ Ray Lyman Wilbur ~

A day without laughter is a day wasted.

~ Charlie Chaplin ~

*In the spring, at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt.*

~ Margaret Atwood ~

