



**Kinkora Regional High School**

*Home of the Blazers*

# *Kinkora Blazers*

## *March Newsletter*

*May you have warm words on a cold evening,  
a full moon on a dark night,  
and the road downhill  
all the way to your door.  
~ Irish Blessing ~*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 7 - Jersey Day.** Show some spirit and wear your favourite jersey!
- Mar. 8 - Professional Learning Day.** No classes.
- March 12 & 13 - Annual P.E.I. Humane Society Cupcake Day Fundraiser** at K.R.H.S.
- March 14 - Easter Beef Show**
- Mar. 15 - Dress up for St. Paddy's Day** and wear green!!
- Mar. 22 to 28 - March Break.** No classes.
- Mar. 29 - Good Friday.** No classes.
- Apr. 1 - Easter Monday.** No classes.
- April 8 to 13 - Annual High School Hockey Tournament** hosted by KISH.
- Apr. 18 - Parent/Teacher Interviews** from 3:30 to 8 p.m.
- Apr. 19 - Parent/Teacher Interviews** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. No classes.
- May 3 - WATA Day.** No classes.
- May 20 - Victoria Day.** No classes.
- May 24 - Relay For Life.**
- June 24 - The 62nd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation.**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Hayden McGuire, Oliver Murphy, Morgan MacLellan, and Madison Trainor.** Special thanks to the *Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.

### TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Sincere thanks to all *students & parents* for the delicious treats, tasty meal, and kind gestures during *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.* We are certainly very appreciative of the efforts of so many students & parents for helping to make Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week special here at K.R.H.S. A huge thank you to the *Consolidated Credit Union* for our meal on Feb. 16 as well.



### CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE

In an effort to support the *South Shore Food Share*, we were invited to participate in the *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.* Blazers donated 100 boxes of cereal. In total, *413 boxes of cereal* from the three schools were donated to the South Shore Food Share through this challenge. Many thanks to Somerset Consolidated for organizing the Cereal Box Challenge and congratulations to Amherst Cove Consolidated for winning the challenge!! Part of the challenge was that the jersey of the winning school would be worn for a day by the Principal & Vice Principal of the other two schools who lost. Thanks to Mr. McAleer & Mr. Killeen for being such good sports.



### CUPCAKE DAY ON MARCH 12 & 13

K.R.H.S. students & staff will once again be participating in the *Annual P.E.I. Humane Society Cupcake Day* by baking & selling *cupcakes* as a fundraiser for *The P.E.I. Humane Society.* Delicious homemade cupcakes will be sold on March 12 & 13. There will also be a live noon-time auction for *Staff Parking Privileges* for a week and an auction to be a *'VIP Blazer for a Week'*. So bring your appetite and your dollars to help support P.E.I.'s furry friends. 100% of all proceeds will go to The P.E.I. Humane Society. If you would like to volunteer your baking talents or help with cupcake selling, please contact Leanne Arsenault. **\*\* If we raise \$1000, Amanda Moffatt has agreed to wear a dog suit for the day while she is teaching.**



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

**School Spirit – Addison Balwin**  
**Club Member – Kloe Robinson**  
**Grade 9 – Alva Pacatcatin**  
**Grade 10 – Kimberly Destreza**  
**Grade 11 – Oliver Murphy**  
**Grade 12 – Kate Bell**  
**Good Citizenship – Haven Green**  
**Administrator’s Choice – Austin Harding**

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

**School Spirit – Denika LeFurgey**  
**Club Member – Mya Beaulieu**  
**Grade 9 – Haven Green**  
**Grade 10 – Taylor Compton**  
**Grade 11 – Madison Trainor**  
**Grade 12 – Alyssa Nimer**  
**Good Citizenship – Heidi Eggert**  
**Administrator’s Choice – Carmen Moffatt**



**ENRICHMENT**

On Feb. 20, the *Agr. 621/801 students* & Mrs. Reeves went for a tour and presentation about the careers at *Green Diamond Farm Equipment* in Summerside.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulations to *Gr. 10 student Avrie Smith* for winning the \$100 *PEI Women’s Institute Island Appetizer Recipe Competition* for her ‘*Island Seafood Chowder*’ entry.

Congratulations to *Savanna Kropf and Brodie Ellsworth-McCarville* for capturing the \$100 *PEI Women’s Institute Island Main Dish Recipe Competition* with their entry of ‘*Island Cottage Pie.*’



**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Soccer? Hockey? Football? Baseball? Basketball? Whatever the sport is, the choice is yours! On Thursday, March 7, the K.R.H.S. Student Council will be having a *Jersey Day* at the school so show some spirit and wear your favourite jersey!

**K.R.H.S. LIBRARY**

Mrs. Tremere will soon be placing a *book order* for the K.R.H.S. Library. If there are any titles you would like to see in our Library, please drop by and let her know.

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

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*.



**GRAD NEWS**

The *62nd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation* will take place on Monday, June 24, 2024.



**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 Feb. 23, students attended the *International Potato Technology Expo* in Charlottetown and then went to *Potts’ Sleigh Rides* in Bonshaw for sledding, a sleigh ride, and some hot chocolate.

Don’t forget that March is *Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month!* Be sure to visit the K.R.H.S. Library to pick up some *great agriculture-themed books*.

**2024 RELAY FOR LIFE**

Our *2024 K.R.H.S. Relay for Life* will be held on *May 24*. Special thanks to Teacher Advisor Jessica Reeves and to *Co-Chairs Heidi Eggert & Madison Trainor*. The 2024 K.R.H.S. Relay for Life Committee attended *Relay for Life University* in Moncton on Feb. 27.





### 2024 HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO CONTEST

Create a two-minute original video that captures the importance of workplace safety. You could win a **\$1000** prize for your video creation plus **\$1000** for your school. Show us what workers can do to stay healthy and safe at work. All styles of video are welcome: drama, comedy, documentary, music video, stop-motion, animation — the choice is yours! The entry deadline is *April 3*, so check out the contest now on the *Workers Compensation Board of P.E.I. website*: [wcb.pe.ca/workplace/contest](http://wcb.pe.ca/workplace/contest)



### 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 2023/2024 school year are Gr. 12 students *Heidi Eggert & Denika Lefurgey*. They will be promoting young worker safety. Their most recent activity was a *Photo Booth*.



### MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH

Making sure students eat a healthful diet is no easy task! We know it is important to eat a balanced diet, which includes the milk and alternatives group. No other single food provides as much nutrition as a glass of milk, which is our number one source of calcium. Milk and milk products offer many nutrients that build and maintain strong bones and teeth and keep muscles working well.

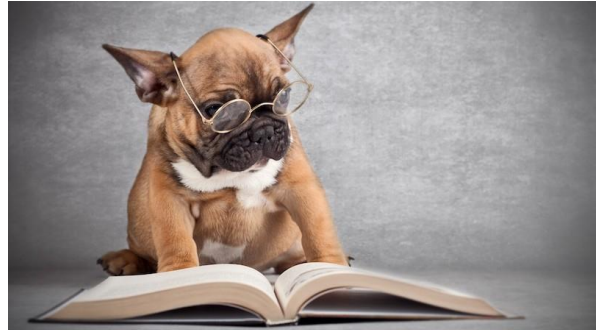
March is National Nutrition Month



### 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 a favourite 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 [sdremere@edu.pe.ca](mailto:sdremere@edu.pe.ca).

Deadline is March 31.



### COSPEI GOLD RUSH

We are excited to announce that K.R.H.S. has joined the *COSPEI Gold Rush* as a fundraiser. To support K.R.H.S. and possibly win some cash, please go to <https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io> for your chance to win half the pot while helping to create opportunities for students at our school.

It only takes a couple of clicks to get set up, the site is very user-friendly and easy to use. *Remember to pick Kinkora Regional High School from the dropdown menu.* The funds paid to our school after each draw is directly related to the number of participants who played in support of our school. You can purchase your tickets weekly or choose Autoplay to ensure you are entered in every draw. Thanks for supporting K.R.H.S.!



### BLAZER BUDS BAKING CLUB

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

### 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.



### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

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

### SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

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

### BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

**Powerlifting** - Coach is Trent Ranahan. Congratulations to *Lukas Stetson and Evan Smith* who represented K.R.H.S. on Feb. 23 at the *P.E.I.S.A.A. Powerlifting Provincial Championships*. Lukas placed *1st* in his weight class and finished *2nd overall* out of 50 lifters. Evan Smith finished *10th overall* out of 50 lifters and *4th* in his weight class.

**Senior Women's Basketball** - Coaches are Jill Parker, Lilla Johnston, and Sydney Muttart.

**Senior Men's Basketball** - Coaches are Rowan Cameron, Craig Harris, and Willow Harris.

**Badminton** - Coach is Trent Ranahan.



### 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](http://officepools.com) for results. ID is kinkora & password is guest.

**Current standings are:**

1st – Luke Reeves-Rollins

2nd – Sheldon McMurrer

3rd – Liam Ranahan

# Hockey Pool

### K.R.H.S. YEARBOOK NEWS

The Yearbook Committee will be collecting the following items from grads for the yearbook. Thank you to those who have already submitted their items.

1. **Grad Write Up** - the paragraph that goes beside your photo. There are instructions on how to do this on the Grad Google Classroom.
2. **Quote** - an appropriate quote that speaks to you. Please provide the source if known.
3. **Flashback Photos** - any photos from grades K-11 would be appreciated. You can email them to [jlmccarthy@edu.pe.ca](mailto:jlmccarthy@edu.pe.ca), or upload them to our yearbook site by visiting [hjeshare.com](http://hjeshare.com) and entering the code "Blazer"
4. **Baby Photo** - ages 0-5
5. **Bucket List Item** - something you would like to accomplish in life

6. **Six Word Memoir** - using 6 words in total, sum up your life so far. Eg. "I'll just do this for homework" or "Live everyday like it's your last"



### ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 Meredith (McIver) Riley** is a *registered dental hygienist* and owner of *Island Mobile Dental Hygiene*. She has a complete mobile set-up to provide comprehensive dental cleaning services right in people's homes.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1987 Teddy Tremere** recently won the *2023 Jack Fairhurst Superintendent of the Year Award* from the *Atlantic Golf Superintendents Association*. This award is presented to one Golf Course Superintendent in *Atlantic Canada* each year who exemplifies the profession and reflects dedication through continuing education, maintenance practices, and management skills. The award was presented at the 2024 Atlantic Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show held February 13-15 in Halifax, N.S. Teddy has been the Superintendent & General Manager of *Red Sands Golf Course* in Clinton, P.E.I. since 1999.

# alumni

### 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 *volunteers*. Please contact Nadine Wood or e-mail [crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com).

Any students 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.

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the *Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake* in Summerside at the Credit Union Place on Saturday, March 2. There are two shifts and we are looking for two volunteers for each shift from



9-12 and 12-4. Community Service Bursary hours are available. If you are interested, please leave your name in the office.



### FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

#### **Grade 12 Information:**

Mrs. McCarthy is busy finishing her second round of grade 12 appointments. These appointments will deal with deadlines for applying to your school (if you haven't done so already), making final decisions on where attending, and scholarships.

Please see Mrs. McCarthy anytime, visit the **2024 Grad Google Classroom**, or check out the school website for more details and links to these scholarship opportunities.

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

#### **Scholarship Deadline Reminders:**

March 30 - Retail as a Career Scholarship

March 31 - Holland College Entrance Awards



### ATTENTION GR. 11 STUDENTS/PARENTS

#### **Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarship Program**

- open to current grade 11 students who are planning on entering a university program in the fall of 2025
- demonstrate financial need (\$65 000 or less net family income)
- Involved in extracurricular and community activities
- Integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Average of at least 70%
- Be a Canadian citizen

**Applications due March 15, 2024**

<https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/>

### DENTAL CLINIC

**The School Oral Health Preventative Program** will be operating at Kinkora Regional High School in March.

**Fees:** There is no cost involved.

**Contact:** If you have any questions, please contact 902-315-1017 or 902-888-8145.



### ESSENTIAL SKILLS ACHIEVEMENT PATHWAY (ESAP)

The Essential Skills Achievement Pathway (ESAP) began at K.R.H.S. in February 2024. *ESAP offers students in high school the opportunity to earn a high school diploma that prepares them for post-secondary education, apprenticeship, or the world of work.* Students will personalize their learning with opportunities to explore their skills, talents, interests, and abilities all while developing the nine federally identified Skills for Success. Mastery of these skills are demonstrated and evaluated through the Essential Skills classroom, problem and project-based learning experiences, community experiential learning, workplace opportunities, and standard curriculum courses. The ESAP program prepares students for their future work, training, and life by developing skills and competencies that build confidence and success.

#### **ESAP Updates**

- ESAP students helped organize Pink Shirt Day activities on February 28. Thank you to *Savanna Kropf, Aliya Hagen, and Kylee MacDonald* for face painting. Special thank you to *Savanna Kropf* for all her hard work in preparing the anti-bullying poster.
- ESAP students attended the PEI Potato Expo on February 23 with the ADP students. After the Expo, students went for a sleigh ride and sledding at Pott's Sleigh Rides.
- On March 1, *Etta Esler from Apprenticeship PEI* presented to the ESAP class on Apprenticeship routes available to Island students. ESAP students also learned about Skills Canada.
- ESAP students assisted the *Kinkora Early Learning Center* in their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. ESAP students helped with the setting up and dressing of the tables.
- ESAP students are busy preparing for the *P.E.I. Humane Society Fundraiser* this March. ESAP students have created posters to promote the fundraiser and students *Drew Sutherland and Taylor Compton* have volunteered to be the auctioneers for the fundraiser auction on March 14.

**Take a rest - it is a field that has rested  
that yields bountiful crops.**

~ Ovid ~

