

Contents:

- Principal's
Message

- HPSD Board
Priorities

-AECS

Attendance
Matters!

- Upcoming Events
and School
Information

- We're Listening!



February 2026

Kinuso School Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to the second semester! It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year already.

January was a lot of fun!

- Kevin Lewis was here with his team to go dog sledding with grades 3-6. It was a bitterly cold day but the kids had an amazing time and learned a lot!
- Goota Desmarais was here to present to grades 1-6 students. Students were excited to learn all about her Inuit culture!
- Our Winter Carnival was well attended and it was great to see students, families and community members having a great time in our school!

Here is what's happening this month at Kinuso School:

- Book club for grades 4 and up continues on Mondays after school in the library.
- Archery Club for grades 5-12 has begun and takes place on Wednesdays from 3:30-5 pm.
- There is no school from February 4th-6th due to Teacher's Convention.
- On February 4 - 6, the Career Coaches will accompany up to 60 students from across the division on a three day campus tour field trip. Students will visit the University of Calgary, Mount Royal University, SAIT and the Alberta University of the Arts. 10 students from Kinuso School will be attending!
- Our annual Grad Cake Auction will take place on Thursday, February 12th at 10:45 in the gym. Please come out and bid on a delicious cake and support our grads!
- Our January Awards Assembly will take place on Friday, February 13th at 10:45 am in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Val-O-Grams will be sold again this year between February 9th and 12th. Purchase a rose and a Hershey's Kiss for only \$5. Val-O-Grams will be delivered to students on Friday, February 13th.
- Kinuso School will host the 4th Annual Maskawatsiwin Round Dance on Saturday, February 21st from 4-11 pm in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- The library will be running an art exhibit called "Riot on the Wall" from January 29th to February 5th. Come and check it out!
- Kinuso School is looking to gauge interest in a Forest Kindergarten Program for the 2026-27 school year. If you have a child gearing up for kindergarten this year, please take our survey. If not, please pass it along to someone you may know! Access the survey here:

https://hpsd.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3fNkFZ9twQheVtc

hpsd.ca



780-775-3694

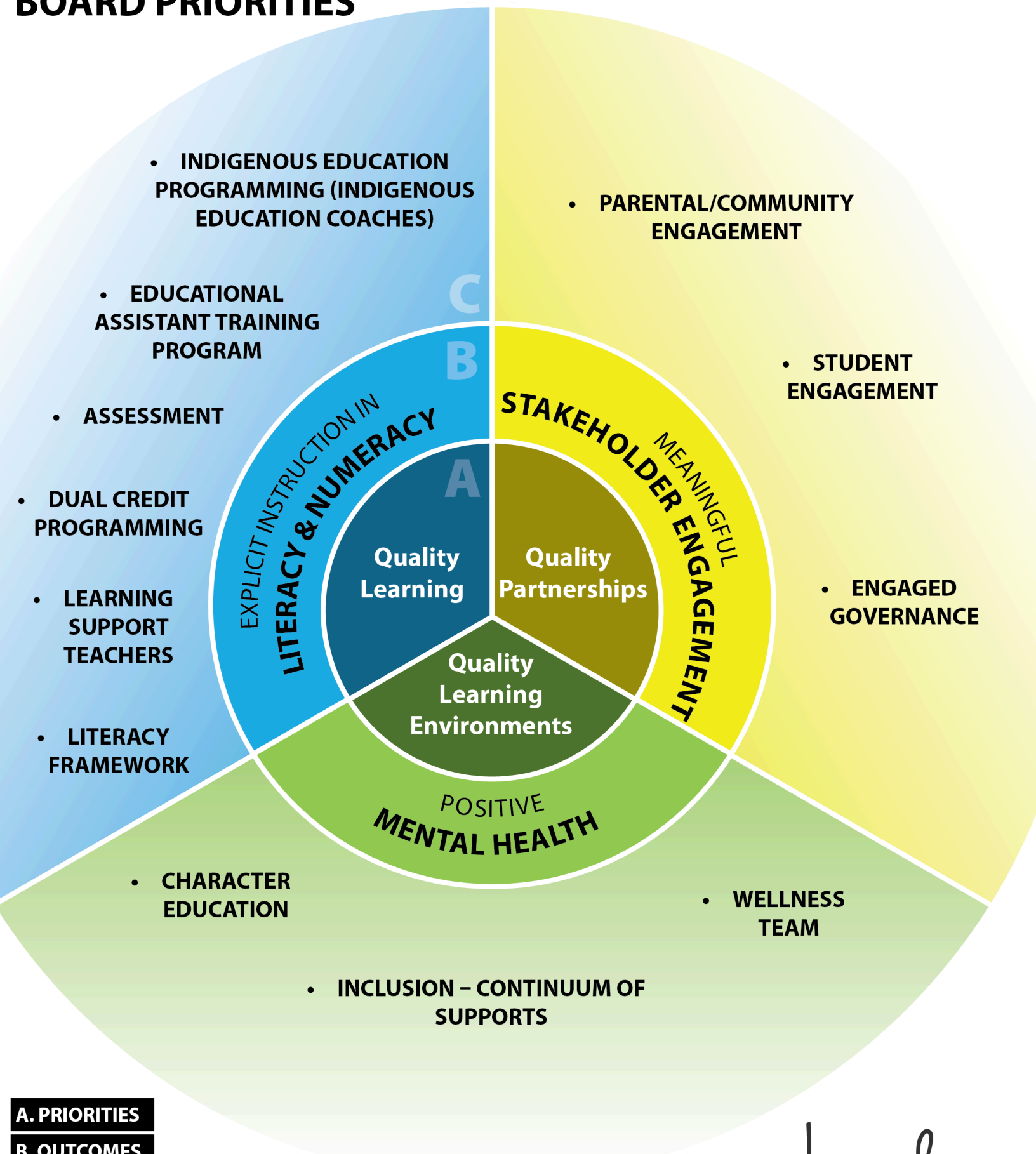


kin.hpsd.ca



kin@hpsd.ca

HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD PRIORITIES



- A. PRIORITIES
- B. OUTCOMES
- C. STRATEGIES

hpsd.ca

Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement

Dear parents/guardians:

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a world-class education for Alberta's children, Alberta Education and Childcare will be conducting our annual survey of grades 4, 7 and 10 students and their parents or guardians. The survey will gather important information about students' and parents' school experiences and will help to inform continuous improvement in our education system.

The survey will also be sent to all teachers in the province. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above, and their parents or guardians, will be surveyed.



Your input supports improvements in our education system

This year's survey will take place from January to March 2026, and we strongly encourage all eligible parents or guardians to participate and share your feedback on your child's or children's education.

Survey participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, including:

- welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments;
- student learning engagement; and
- parental involvement in their children's education.

Survey participants are not required to provide their names or personal details, and all survey responses are confidential.

By completing the survey, you are helping both Alberta Education and Childcare and your local school authority identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. When the results are in, Alberta Education and Childcare sends them back to school authorities, who in turn share them with their local school communities and use them to inform their annual education plans.

***Parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10, please watch your email for a survey code and link!**



Surveys will be provided by your school

Completing the annual education survey is easy. Your principal or school administrator will provide you with a unique, single-use access code on behalf of Alberta Education and Childcare that you can use to log in and complete the survey online confidentially.

- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate single-use access code for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your child's school principal.
- Participants can skip questions for any reason and may opt out of the survey at any point.



Students fill out their surveys at school

Students are surveyed during the same time period as their parents or guardians, but they typically fill out their surveys at school.

- Like their parents or guardians, students are provided with a single-use access code to log in and complete the survey confidentially.
- Students can skip questions for any reason and may opt out of the survey at any point.
- You can see examples of the survey questions your child receives online at www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey.

You can find out more about the Alberta Education Assurance survey online at www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey.

More information about planning and reporting in the education system is available at www.alberta.ca/accountability-education-system.

Please contact your school principal if you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in the survey.

Attendance Matters!

As you know, regular attendance plays an important role in your child's success at school. We review attendance each week, as schools are required to do, to help ensure students are present and supported in their learning

Did you know?

According to the Alberta Education Act (section 7) Every person who is a resident of Alberta and has a parent who is a resident of Canada, from ages 6- 16 years of age, shall attend school.

According to the Alberta Education Act (section 7), ONLY the following are considered excused absences

- sickness
- unavoidable cause
- the day is recognized as a religious holiday by the religious denomination to which the student belongs



Upcoming Events and School Information

February 2026

February 2026

Mr. Chris King - Principal

Mrs. Yolande Klyne - Vice Principal

Kinuso School 780-775-3694


| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| Sports GRAD Leadership Career Coach School Events Events in Gymnasium | ART EXHIBIT in the Library Jan 29-Feb 25 "RIOT ON THE WALL" | Indigenous Education Coach Feb 21st 4th Annual Maskwasisiwin Round Dance in the School Gymnasium | | | | |
| 1 Municipal Library Indigenous Ed Coach LIBRARY | 2 Book Club 3:22- 3:55 Cheese Smokie on a Bun | 3 Pizza Bun | 4 TEACHER'S CONVENTION - No School- February 4-5-6 Southern AB Campus Tour | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Val-O-Grams on sale at lunch all week, a Kiss and a Rose \$5—Delivery on Feb 13th | 9 Book Club 3:22- 3:55 Chicken Strips and Fries | 10 Grad Meeting at NOON Valentine Craft in the Library Pancakes and Sausage | 11 Archery Practice 3:30-5 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce | 12 Grad Cake Auction 10:45 am School Council 6pm HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE Chicken Noodle Soup & Grilled Cheese | 13 Wear Red and White January Awards 10:45 Chicken Caesar Salad & Garlic Toast | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY  U of A Volleyball Trip |
| 15 HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE ART EXHIBIT in the Library Jan 29-Feb 25 "RIOT ON THE WALL" | 16 Happy Family Day NO SCHOOL | 17 Book Club 3:22- 3:55 Chicken Burger | 18 Archery Practice 3:30-5 Meatballs & Mashed Potatoes | 19 Wear School Colors Hot Dog with Onion Rings | 20 Sr High Trades Exploration Chicken Salad on a Bun | 21 IEC ROUND DANCE in the school gymnasium 4:00pm—11:00pm |
| 22 | 23 Book Club 3:22- 3:55 Sandwiches | 24 Flower Craft in the Library Sandwiches | 25 National Pink Shirt Day—Wear Pink Archery Practice 3:30-5 School Council TBA Pizza | 26 HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE Cheese Burgers | 27 House Rally Tacos | 28 Save the date, Monday, May 4th Italian Knight's Supper & Silent Auction |

Forest Kindergarten

Kinuso School is looking to gauge interest in a Forest Kindergarten program for the 2026-27 school year!

What is Forest Kindergarten?
Forest Kindergarten is a kindergarten program where students spend a significant portion of their instructional time outdoors year-round. Learning is inquiry-based, play-based, and child-led, with intentional connections to the Alberta Kindergarten Program Statement. Students would:
-Learn primarily outdoors in nearby natural spaces
-Engage in hands-on exploration, storytelling, numeracy, literacy, and problem-solving
-Build resilience, independence, collaboration, and respect for the land

Interested?
Please take our survey linked below:
Survey



Come Support Kinuso Grad 2026
Cake Auction
February 12, 2026
Kinuso School Gymnasium
Starting at 10:45am
Auctioneer Lorrie Shelp



Send a
Val-O-Gram
 Spread Love & Friendship

The Student Leadership Team will have Val-O-Grams available to purchase from February 9-12th in front of the office!

Send a rose and a Hershey's Kiss for \$5.00

Val-O-Grams will be delivered on the morning of Friday, February 13th!

4th Annual HPSD MASKAWATISIWIN ROUND DANCE

February 21, 2026
 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
 Kinuso School Gymnasium
 500 Kinuso Ave, Kinuso, AB

FIRST 15 LEAD SINGERS PAID!

MC: Devin Bellefleur
 Stickman: George Isadore
 Pipe Carrier: Dusty Twin
 Fire Keeper: Michael Awenose

PIPE CEREMONY @ 4 PM
SUPPER @ 6 PM

CONTACT KEITH LABOUCAN
 (780) 554-8022
 klaboucan@hpsd.ca



We're Listening!



We want to hear from you! If you have any questions or thoughts about what's happening at the school, please write them down below and give this page back to the school or email us at news@hpsd.ca. Thank you!

Please include your name and contact information if you would like a response.

hpsd.ca