# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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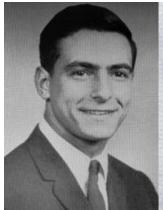
<u>Superintendent's News & Notes</u> May Board Brief

May 26, 2023

Dear School Community,

Kingsway has a proud tradition of honoring the men and women of the Armed services. We take the time to pay tribute to those soldiers who died in all of America's wars so that we, the living, can live free. *Kingsway's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony* began with a small gathering of students around the flag pole in 1994 and has continued as a time honored tradition to remember our fallen Dragons who died in service to our Nation. Although they have fallen, they will never be forgotten.

This year we welcomed Bronze Star Recipient, *Major Rich Colton, U.S. Army (retired)* to deliver the Keynote Address. Major Colton spoke about his experiences as veteran of the Iraq War and connected our current students to the legacy left behind by our fallen Dragons. You can watch our short <u>Memorial Day Tribute Video</u>.









Stephano James Fiducioso Class of '65

Donald Lee Corbin Class of '65

Dennis Philip Martin Class of '68

Ryan K. Iannelli Class of '02

As we prepare to welcome the unofficial start of summer this weekend, we challenge our students to participate in the *National Moment of Remembrance* by taking a moment at 3:00 pm on Monday, May 29th to remember those who have died in

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

Abraham Lincoln

military service to the United States and reflect on what we can do to help make our country better.

## Home of the Dragons

I am happy to share with you recent happenings throughout the district through my **Superintendent's** News & Notes and May Board Brief. Should you have any questions regarding any of the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

## **Honoring Spotlight Students for May**

We were pleased to honor the following students during this month's Board of Education meeting. To view the photos, click HERE.

- Middle School Students (Team) Femy Alam, Daijah Nelson (K), Molly Weinert (I), Skyla Bowen (N), Hanna Buhaievska (G), Tyshon Williams (S), Victoria Dove (W), Bryson Kamwani (A), Chase MacAdams (Y)
- High School Students (Grade) Nicolette Young (9), Dylan Rickards (10), Melinda McGill (11), Aliviyah Mateo (12)

## Seniors of the Month for May & June

Congratulations to our Seniors of the Month Aadi Jain, Cheuk Ying Yeung (April) and Anant Jain, Evelyn Kornegay (June)

## Kingsway's Published Author, Thomas Ninan

Junior Thomas Ninan presented his self-published book, *Coding for Kids: in Scratch* to the Board of Education during the May meeting. This book is designed to help kids and beginners learn the fundamentals behind coding as is available on Amazon. To read the announcement, click **HERE**.

## **Celebrating our Spotlight Teachers**

The Board of Education recognized Zachary Van Der Wall (8th Grade Social Studies Teacher), Kaitlin Kurtz (Middle School Science Teacher) and Kevin Miller (High School Health & Physical Education Teacher) as our April, May and June Spotlight Teachers.



Coding

For Kids:

In Scratch

Thomas Ninan

## **Kingsway Welcomes New Member of our Dragon Family**

The Board of Education welcomed Alysia Thomson (Paraprofessional), Marisa Abruzzo (Cafeteria Worker) and Melissa Muckley (Cafeteria Worker) as new members of our Dragon family. These three professionals began employment in the month of May.

#### **Program Spotlight: Teacher Academies**

Inclusion Coach Nicole Cammarota-Verasco and Technology Coaches Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer joined Chief Academic Officer Emily Virga to present the various ways Kingsway delivers professional development to help teachers learn and refine pedagogy through our Teacher Academies.

## The Class of 2023 Prepares for Graduation

Our seniors have had a banner year. Now that we are winding down, there is still plenty to look forward to. Prom is scheduled for June 2nd and our Annual Senior Awards Banquet is scheduled for June 15th. The Senior Sunset is scheduled for June 20th and Graduation is set for Wednesday, June 21st at 5:30 pm.





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## **High School Graduation Signs**

Board & Brush of Swedesboro is donating \$10 to the Kingsway Education Foundation for each High School Graduation Sign made at their studio. Use promo code KRHSGRAD23. Stop by their creative studio or call (856) 214-3968.

## **Kingsway Welcomes the Class of 2029**

School officials were excited to welcome rising 7th grade students and their parents at our annual 7th Grade Orientation this past week. To learn more about our middle school, click HERE.

## Join Our Kingsway Family - Apply Now!

We are currently hiring a number of positions, including Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Staff, Custodians, Substitute Teachers and Special Education Teacher(s). To apply, click HERE or call (856) 467-3300, Ext. 4323 or email HR@KRSD.US.



## **Calling All Alumni**

Kingsway Regional School District is looking to connect with its alumni to celebrate accomplishments, provide insight post-graduation to current students, share district news and events, and make sure to continue to remain #1DragonFamily after graduation. If you are interested in receiving information from the district, giving back by being a guest speaker, or just staying connected as a whole, please

complete the form link below. This information will only be shared within the district unless otherwise noted on the form. Click here to complete the form

## **Look Ahead/Important Dates**

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's 2022-23 School Calendar or the Athletics & Activities Calendar.

- May 29: School Closed-Memorial Day
- May 31: End of the Year Band/Percussion Concert @6:30pm
- May 31: MS Student Council Trip to Great Adventure
- June 1: End of the Year Jazz Concert @6:30pm
- June 2: Pre-Prom Assembly (within the school day)
- June 2: Senior Prom @6:00pm
- June 13: Powder Puff Game @6:30pm
- June 14: Team Scholastics Class of 2023 Family Night Celebration @6:30pm
- June 15: Senior Awards Ceremony (within the school day and for students only)
- June 19: School Closed-Juneteenth
- June 20: Senior Sunset @6:30pm
- June 21: Graduation @5:30pm
- June 22: Board of Education Meeting @6:30pm

Thank you for your attention to this announcement. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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