



# Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

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Hello Stingers and CB Stirling Families.

I can hardly believe we are almost finished with September. While its been a different sort of start-up, the first three weeks of school have been VERY smooth. Regardless of the worries outside of the building, students are happy, safe and learning here at CB Stirling!

As we move into October, I'd like to share a few reminders and calendar items.

CB Stirling and all Hamilton schools are utilizing a layered strategy to keep our community safe. These important safety measures are;

- Daily Screening for symptoms
  - o Not attending school when symptoms are being exhibited.
  - o Here is the online screening tool if you are unsure
    - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
- Masking indoors
  - o Keeping your masks on during learning time
- Cohorting in classrooms and Nutrition Breaks
  - o Staying in your classroom and with your classmates
  - o Staying in your cohort zone during Nutrition Breaks
  - o Not "visiting" other cohorts
- Physical Distancing at all time
  - o Remaining in your learning area and classroom.
  - o Not entering someone's personal space or having "hand on."
- Practicing good hand hygiene by washing and sanitizing
  - o Washing hands when entering the classroom after the washroom, nutrition break and prior to eating.

\*\*\*Please review these important measures with the students in your home.\*\*\*

Everyday this week we have called parents and sent a number of students home because they are exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 while at school. Part of this communication is recommending parents call Public Health and they will advise of families of next steps; monitor symptoms, length of stay at home, whether to get a test. To contact Public Health phone 905-974-9848 or email [covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca](mailto:covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca) . Thank you to families who have received our calls, picked up their students and helped keep the school safe.

Here are a few items to add to you calendar;

- September 30<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day – Honouring and remember survivors of Canada's Indian Residential School system. A few resources to explore.
  - o <https://www.angeshirtday.org/>
  - o National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation-Educational Resources [education.nctr.ca](http://education.nctr.ca)
- Evacuation (Fire) Drill. We have two remaining drills scheduled for this autumn.
  - o October 1<sup>st</sup> & October 6<sup>th</sup>



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- Thanksgiving Long Weekend - Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> – Schools are closed
- Terry Fox Run – Our school's run is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Classes will be invited to participate in a variety of physical outdoor activities
  - o For more information or make a donation please follow <http://www.terryfox.ca/CecilBStirlingSchoolHamilton>

For additional information please visit our school webpage (<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cecilbstirling/>) or follow us on Twitter (@cb\_stirling). As always please don't hesitate to call the school (905-385-5374) or email me ([dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca)).

Have a great rest of the week and take care!

Sincerely

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