



Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Stingers and Cecil B. Stirling Families,

I hope this message finds you well. We are solidly into our second month of school and we are trucking along with learning happening in classrooms and laughing on the playground. It's a good place to be!

This weekend is Canada's Thanksgiving Holiday. It's a long weekend (no school on October 12) with an extra day for everyone to rest and recharge their batteries. Thanksgiving is also an opportunity to reflect on the things you are thankful for. Here at Cecil B Stirling, I am thankful for an amazing team of adults that make our school a happy and safe place students to learn and grow! Thank you TEAM CB!

Next week we will be holding our Terry Fox Run. On October 15th, each class will be getting outside, and engaging in 40 minutes of physical activity. Please donate if you can to this fantastic cause and help us exceed our fundraising goal by following the link below;

<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=910196>

Parents that would like to switch the mode of learning their child is engaging in (from in-school or remote) are now able to do so. Parents may indicate their choice through Forms in the Parent Portal from **Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to Monday, October 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.** The form is called *Elementary Transition Between Remote and In-Person (Optional Update Form)*. For more information follow the link below;

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/remote-in-person-transition-for-elementary-students/>

As I have mentioned students and teachers are rolling up their sleeves and lots of learning and work is happening in classrooms. Students are demonstrating what they know, and teachers are collecting work samples and making observations in preparation of Progress Reports. These reports will be sent home with students on October 29th.

I am happy to announce this month will we be restarting monthly school assemblies. The assemblies will be virtual, using our board's MS Teams technology with students watching the assembly from their classrooms. The return of assemblies is exciting because they are a chance to build school community and celebrate accomplishments of our students! Our first assembly will be on October 30th.

Halloween at CB Stirling will be celebrated on October 30th. Students may wear their costume (no weapon-like accessories) and teachers may plan some in class/cohort activities. We are asking parents not to send in treats or gifts to be distributed amongst students. While it is a lovely gesture, it contravenes our COVID safety protocols.

This week, we completed our third and final evacuation drill of the fall. These drills while disruptive to routines and learning are important to keep everyone safe. Later in the Fall, we will be holding drills for other emergency procedures; Hold and Secure (Nov 17th) and Lockdown (Dec 15th). I will share specific information about these drills closer to the date.



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PE class and DPA (Daily Physical Activity – with homeroom teacher) are for the most part, happening outside. Please make sure your student is appropriately dressed to participate outside as the weather gets colder.

Last, I wish the entire Stinger community a wonderful Thanksgiving and as always please call (905-385-5374) or email (dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca) with any questions you may have about Cecil B. Stirling and your child's program.

Sincerely,

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