



Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Friday, Nov 23rd 2020

Hello Stingers and Cecil B Stirling School families. I hope this message finds you warm and dry after a very cool and wet Sunday. I would like to share with the school community a few important dates and some reminders.

On Thursday November 26th at 6pm Cecil B. Stirling's School Council will be holding their third meeting of the school year. The meeting is being hosted virtually on MS Teams. Are you interested in hearing what going on at CB Stirling? Would you like to get involved? If yes, please send myself (dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca) or School Council Chair Shannon Lavallee (cbstirlingSC@hwdsb.on.ca) an email, and we'll send you an meeting invite so you can participate.

This Friday, November 27th there are no classes for students because it is a professional activity day for school staff. A portion of the day is allocated to staff to communicate with parents regarding student progress in the classroom. If you have not heard for your child's teacher and would like to discuss their classroom learning, please reach out to your child's teacher via phone or email.

I am excited that on Monday November 30th we will be holding our second school assembly of the year. As I've mentioned before, our monthly assemblies and awards are grounded in the Seven Grandfather Teachings and borrowed from Anishinaabe First Nation. The seven Teachings are about being a good person and community member. This month's Teaching is about humility.



It is important that we do not become lackadaisical in our efforts to keep the school safe for students, staff and families at home. Please continue to reinforce with your child the importance of following our school's layered approach to COVID-19 community safety. Our layered safety protocols are:



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- Daily screening and attestation – Do not send your child to school if they are sick.
- Wear a mask – Wearing a mask that covers the nose and mouth keeps us safe indoors.
- Hand hygiene – Washing and sanitizing hands frequently when entering and exiting classes.
- Physical distancing – Students need to be aware of staying 2metres apart whenever possible.
- Student cohorts – Students need to stay in their designated their cohort areas during nutrition break.

Teachers have been actively preparing students for the possibility that a student, a class(es) or the entire school may need to shift learning to fully online. Teachers have been demonstrating the use of MS Teams and The HUB (online classroom) as components of their regular teaching program to help familiarize students. Please make sure that your student knows their HWDSB username and password. Having this information accessible at home will help with the transition online if the need should arise.

Last, a request from our office, we will not be making phone calls for items forgotten at home and needed at school such as indoor shoes and water bottles. This is to limit traffic into our school

As always, if you have any questions about Cecil B. Stirling or your child's classroom program please do not hesitate to call the school or email me.

Sincerely,

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