



February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Hello Cecil B. Stirling Stingers and Families,

I hope this email finds you warm and well as we enter our third week of in-person learning. It has been wonderful to see all of our students smiling, laughing and learning in our classrooms. Students and staff are happy to be back together!

As we move through the last week of February (wow where did the time go), I want to share some information items and dates that are important to our school community.

On Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> Term 1 Report Cards (unsigned) were emailed home. Parents can access their child's Report Card by inputting the student's date of birth as the password. The format is shown below;

### REPORT CARDS ELECTRONIC DELIVERY - ELEMENTARY ONLY

Report cards will be sent out electronically via email on **Friday, February 19, 2021**. The only change from previous electronic distribution is that the parents will need the student's **Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)** instead of their OEN. Messaging to parents will also be sent out via Communications with this information.

Signed Report Cards will be walked home on March 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have a question about your child's Report Card, level of achievement, or classroom program please reach out to their classroom teacher via email or phone call (905-385-5374).

On Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> we are holding our monthly school assembly. The assembly will be broadcast to classrooms via MS Teams. This month we are learning about and recognizing the Grandfather Teaching of Honesty (gwayakwaadiziwin – Ojibwe). I am looking forward to learning about Honesty from Mrs. Gibson's class. Thank you to Mrs. Reid and her team for organizing our school assemblies.

<https://nhbpi.org/seven-grandfather-teachings/>

School Council this month is scheduled for Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start at 6pm. We will be holding the meeting virtually using MS Teams. If you would like to share your ideas about Cecil B. Stirling or just want some more information about the school please consider joining our team by emailing me or our School Council Chair Shannon Lavallee ([shannon.lavallee@outlook.com](mailto:shannon.lavallee@outlook.com)).

I am happy to announce the return of Stinger spirit wear to the Cecil B. Stirling community. Our partners at JML Uniforms have provided the school with quality options for students while respecting COVID safety protocol. All orders and payments are made directly to JML. Orders must be placed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see attached order form.

<https://jmluniforms.ca/>

The next Professional Learning Day for HWDSB staff is Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be in the building collaborating and learning together but there is no school for students on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> Cecil B. Stirling will be welcoming Paul Davis to our school community. Paul is an expert in cybersecurity and social media safety. He presents throughout the country to schools, community groups and businesses about Internet and cyber safety particularly focusing on children and teens. In the afternoon, Paul will be speaking with our Junior and Intermediate students. In the evening of March 11<sup>th</sup> (6pm), Paul will be hosting a Zoom style town hall meeting for the parent communities of our school, Lincoln Alexander and Templemead. RSVPs will be sent out closer to the date.

<https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/>



# Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Last week's snow day impacted our Grade 8 grad photos. We have rescheduled our Grade 8 grad photos for April 1<sup>st</sup> with our photography partner Edge Imaging. As well, students who missed the February 12<sup>th</sup> seating or would like a retake can have their pictures taken on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

<https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/>

Our bus drop-off and pick-up zone has changed to the front of the school. We realize there has been some inconsistency for our students and we have been in touch with HWST (Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation) with the hope of smoothing out any challenges for our students that ride the bus.

Last, please review with your children the HWDSB COVID Safety Protocols. These important steps keep everyone in our community safe. Repeated failure to follow the HWDSB COVID Safety Protocols may result in progressive disciplinary measures.

- Daily Attestation – Review the COVID-19 Symptoms list and do not attend if they fail the daily screening.
- Masking – Students and staff are to wear masks covering their nose and mouth during the entire day. **New – Masks need to be worn when students are outside and physical distancing is not possible.** Students can remove their masks when eating. Students can take “mask breaks” during the school day that are managed by the classroom teacher.
- Hand Hygiene – Students and staff are asked to wash and sanitize their hands several times a day. Bottles of hand sanitizer are in every classroom and “high touch items” are wiped down frequently during the school day.
- Physical Distancing – Students are to physically distance themselves in their classrooms, hallways and during unstructured times (nutrition breaks and travelling to other classes). This means 2 metres apart.
- Cohorting – Students are to stay in their cohorts (classes) during instructional time, nutrition breaks and unstructured time.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's program or questions about Cecil B. Stirling, please call (905-385-5374) or email ([dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca)).

Sincerely,

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