



March 15<sup>th</sup> 2021


Hello CB Stirling Stingers and Families

I hope the email finds you well. Spring has sprung, days are longer and the temperature has begun to warm up. Last week with the wonderful turn in the weather, it was great to have our classes go outside for DPA and gym class. Hopefully, you and your family were able to get outside and enjoy the sun on your face this past weekend.

Last week was challenging with our first positive COVID-19 case since December. The situation caused us to close our Kindergarten classroom until March 23 and affected four staff members. The situation is being made worse by a shortage of occasional teachers in the board. I am very appreciative of everyone's (staff, students and parents) understanding and flexibility as we navigate this situation.

On Thursday, March 11, our Junior and Intermediate classes (along with Lincoln Alexander's Grade 6s) had Paul Davis (<https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/>) speak to them about safety and security around using technology and social media. His message is curt and didn't pull any punches. In summary, many students are too young to have a device and to use social media properly. Hopefully, the students and the parents (in the evening) were able to glean some useful information and tips from Paul's presentations.

This year's round of spirit wear is finished. CB Stirling had about 35 pieces ordered from our supplier JML. I love seeing students in CB gear, showing off their pride and building school spirit/community. Thank you to McKenna, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Walowina for creating this opportunity for our school!

On Wednesday (March 17<sup>th</sup>), we have our Green Day (St Patrick's Day) spirit day. We are encouraging our whole school to wear .

Here are a few other school events to be aware of later on in the month;

- March 25
  - o School Assembly (9 am) - This month our school will be learning about and honour the Grandfather Teaching of Wisdom (Nibwaakawin – Ojibwe). Thank you to Mr. Walker's class who will be helping the school understand this Teaching. Thank you to Mrs. Reid and her team for organizing this monthly community event.
  - o School Council (6 pm) – Find out what's going on at CB Stirling and share your ideas about how to make our school even better by joining the school council. Contact me or email our school council chair Shannon Lavalley ([shannon\\_lavalley@outlook.com](mailto:shannon_lavalley@outlook.com)) to join.
- March 26 is Beach Day for our students and staff. Everyone is encouraged to wear their beach-themed clothing (school-appropriate) and think warm thoughts.
- March 30 – We will be practising our Lockdown Safety Drill at 10 am. I will be sending home more information about this important safety procedure closer to the date.
- April 1st – Edge Imaging is returning to our school to do grad pictures for our Grade 8s and photo retakes. Smile and say “CHEESE!!!”
- April 2 - Good Friday – There is no school, nor is there on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> which is Easter Monday.



# Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Please remember to continue to remind your children of the COVID protocols our board has put into place. These measures are in place to keep everyone at school AND home 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. 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 a reminder, if you have questions about your child’s learning and/or classroom program please connect directly with the classroom teacher via phone or email. They are the experts best equipped to answer your questions. For general questions and concerns about Cecil B. Stirling, please continue to call me (905-385-5374) or email ([dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca)).

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