



April 20, 2021

Hello Cecil B. Stirling Stingers and Families,

I hope this email finds you healthy and safe. It certainly has been a different kind of school year with lots of challenges and uncertainty. That said, our school community of staff, students and parents have been ROCK SOLID in working through the many obstacles COVID-19 has created. THANK YOU!

Last week was a much-needed vacation for staff and students with Spring Break (rescheduled March Break) giving everyone a break from school routines and a chance to rest and recharge. Hopefully, your family was able to relax and engage in some fun activities outside.

During the week before the holiday, students and staff engaged in a school-wide week of fun to relieve some pressure and create some school spirit. During our Spring Fling Week, students in their cohorts participated in arts-craft making, bingo, sidewalk chalk art, a dance party and a Grade 8 led carnival! Thank you to our staff for organizing the events and our students for their enthusiasm.

Starting this Wednesday (April 21st), students will again be engaging in remote learning as directed by the Ministry of Education. Teachers used Monday and Tuesday of this week to contact students and transition their learning materials to online tools. Teachers in their communication with families shared student usernames, student passwords, and their daily classroom schedule. Our school day remains the same, with learning starting at 8:45am and ending at 3:05pm. The day includes two 40 minute Nutrition Breaks for students to eat, recharge and walk away from their device. Teachers will be engaging students with both synchronous (225 minutes - connected) and asynchronous (independent) learning each day using MS Teams and The HUB. If your child needs a device to engage in remote learning, please call the school (905-385-5374)

The online learning students engage in during this period of mandated remote learning is important and it is an expectation that students attend and engage in their online lessons. Student attendance will be taken and the learning "counts."

PARENT RESOURCES for REMOTE LEARNING

Online Education Resources for Parents:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/education/remote-learning/parents>

Family and Guardian Guide to Microsoft Teams:

<https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AHPpey1pL1yTEDo&cid=53C617FAC1BF5355&id=53C617FAC1BF5355%21148053&parId=53C617FAC1BF5355%2167148&o=OneUp>

Special Education Resources for Remote Learning:

<https://education.microsoft.com/en-us/resource/0c6e9c42>

Link to HWDSB's frequently asked questions for supporting remote learning:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/student-learning-resources/distance-learning/>

Ontario Ministry of Education Learn at Home Supports:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>



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HWDSB Learn at Home Supports:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/student-learning-resources/>

<https://www.tvolearn.com/>

Mental Health and Wellness Supports:

<https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/>

Where to go if your child's I-Pad is locked:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/remoteteaching/2021/01/03/my-childs-ipad-is-locked/>

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).

Sincerely,

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