

May 18th, 2021

Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

Hello, Stingers and Cecil B. Stirling Families,

It's been a month since Spring Break and our move to remote/online learning. I know it has been a challenge for both staff and students. I want to start by thanking staff, students and caregivers at home for everyone's hard work in maintaining the learning momentum.

Please continue to encourage your child to stay connected to their classroom/classmates and engage in the online learning. Our school day remains the same, with learning starting at 8:45am and ending at 3:05pm. Teachers are sharing their daily classroom schedule via email or posting to their online classroom. The day includes two 40 minute Nutrition Breaks for students to eat, recharge and walk away from their devices. If your child has a technical issue, forgotten their login credentials or you have a question about their learning program please connect with the classroom teacher via email or a phone call.

Cecil B. Stirling School Council's meeting for May is scheduled for May 27th at 6pm on MS Teams. Attending School Council is a great way to find out what's going on at the school and share your input. If you are interested in joining School Council, please email our School Council Chair Shannon Lavalee (cbstirlingSC@hwdsb.on.ca) or myself (dschroed@HWDSB.on.ca).

Grade 8 students and their families will be happy to know we are planning our Grade 8 Graduation celebration for June 22 at 6pm. Currently, the celebration will be a video celebration (similar to last year) and a photo-op swag pick-up event. Graduates will be receiving their graduation diploma, a graduation lawn sign and a gift from the school.

Planning is well under way for the 2021-2022 school year. Next year we are expecting an enrolment of 246 students, giving us 11 classrooms. We are currently building our timetable for students and staff. The next step will be class building. Building positive classroom learning environments is our top goal and teacher professional judgment a key element in this collaborative process.

This upcoming weekend is the Victoria Day long weekend. There is no school on Monday May 24th. The weather is supposed to be wonderful, so I hope that our Stinger community is able to get outside, enjoy some vitamin-D and practice some self-care. Enjoy the well-deserved break.

If you have any questions about Cecil B. Stirling, please call (905-385-5374) or email me (dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca). All the best during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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