



Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

May 31st, 2021

Dear Cecil B. Stirling Stingers and Families,

Where did the month of May go? The days are flying by, which might be a good thing considering the challenging nature of remote learning. That said, days are getting longer and temperate is warming up as we transition from spring to summer. After a day sitting in front of a computer screen, it is nice to go outside and be active with a walk, bike ride or some gardening. Staying active is an important step in maintaining our physical and mental health.

As we enter June, I want to keep the Cecil B. Stirling community up to date with some key information and dates ahead on the calendar.

HWDSB is asking parents to select the mode of learning (in-person or remote/online) for next year. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey via HWDSB's Parent Portal. The survey closes on Tuesday, June 1st. Families that do not respond will default to in-person learning. For more information follow this link; <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/covid19/elementary-remote-learning-2021-22/>

On Tuesday, June 1st at 4pm Cecil B. Stirling will be hosting our Kindergarten Orientation. This information session will provide our newest families with an overview of what the full-day Kindergarten programme entails and introduce the school team that will be working with our littlest learners. Thank you to Team Kinder (Mrs. Oliveira, Miss Jones, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hoeber) for putting together this important event.

This Friday (June 4th) is a PA Day and there is no school for students. Teachers will be collaborating and assessing student work in preparation for Term 2 Report Cards. Report Cards will be emailed to families on June 24th.

Graduation for our Grade 8s is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd at 6pm. Details of the celebration are still being determined and are dependent on information/decisions at the school board, Ministry of Education and Public Health. The biggest factor is whether we return to in-person learning or remain in remote for the rest of the school year. Rest assured we will celebrate the accomplishments of our outgoing Grade 8 class.

Congratulations to our award winners, who were recognized during May's school assembly where Cecil B. Stirling students learned about The Grandfather Teaching of Respect (*Mnaadendamowin – Ojibwe*). Thank you to Mrs. Cove and her students for teaching us about Respect. In June, Mrs. Benning's class will be teaching the school community about Love (*Zaagidwin – Ojibwe*) in our final assembly of the year. Thank you to Mrs. Reid and her team of Grade 8 hosts for organizing and leading our assemblies.

While acknowledging the challenges of online learning, I want to encourage students and families to finish the school year strong by maintaining good academic habits around attendance and engagement. Students should continue to attend their class every day and engage in learning by participating and submitting assessments.

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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