

## Weekly Update October 12-16



### Thanksgiving Monday

Remember that Monday, October 12 is Thanksgiving Monday, and there will be no school. Enjoy a safe and happy long weekend.

### Physical Distancing Protocol



Please be aware of distancing when arriving to, and leaving from school property. Concerns have been raised by some EK families about large groups of parents and students walking together after school with no masks. Although this is not always on school property, everyone needs to be conscious of distancing and mask wearing at all times to ensure everyone's safety. We need to model this behaviour to our students, to let them know how vital it is.

### New Student Attestation for Returning Students

Should your child be sent home from school feeling ill, they will bring home an attestation form that needs to be completed and returned on their first day back to school. This form outlines that parents understand and agree to the return-to-school protocols.

### Agendas

Agendas have been handed out to all students. Parents are encouraged to use the agendas for all communication with teachers. Students will indicate important dates/events in their agendas as well. Teachers will not be touching the agendas, they will be on the student desk for the teacher to read, and students will be responsible for writing in the agendas.



### Dress for the Weather

As the weather starts to cool down, please be sure that your child comes to school dressed accordingly. A light jacket or sweater is recommended this time of year as mornings are quite cool. If your child does not want to wear it, please ensure it is in their backpack in case it is needed during the day.



### **Masks on School Property**

This is just a reminder that **EVERYONE** (parents/staff/students) **MUST** wear a mask when on school property. This includes the front yard of the school. It would also be very beneficial to wear them on both Stanley Street and Homewood Avenue during drop off and pick up, when physical distancing can be a challenge.

### **Before / After School Policy**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that as soon as children are dropped off, or as soon as they are picked up, everyone is required to leave school property immediately. This includes the front yard of the school. This is to ensure proper physical distancing and to keep everyone safe.



### **Student Arrival**

With all the new protocols in place, please ensure your child arrives to school on time, as we need to limit any extra travel through the school. This will also greatly assist teachers with finalizing attendance. We also suggest that appointments be made, when possible, outside of school hours, as coming and going from the school increases student contact.

### **Absence/Late/Early Pick Up**

Please be sure that you are using the School Messenger system for all attendance. Absences, late arrivals and early pick ups are all to be entered via this system, which is also available on the Parent Portal under “attendance”.