

Weekly Update November 16-20, 2020



Media Consent Form

Every year, parents are asked to complete a Media Consent form, allowing teachers to include students in school newsletters, classroom social media, school broadcasts etc. This form can be found on the Parent Portal, under “Forms”. Go to “Permission/Agreements” and complete the form at your earliest convenience.

Student Readiness for Remote Learning

Further to the HWDSB notice that recently went out (and posted on the EK website), should schools need to revert back to remote learning, we need to know how prepared students are with regards to devices and internet access. Please go to the Parent Portal, under “Forms” and complete the “Readiness for Distance Learning” form. One form is to be filled out for each child, and although this form was to be completed by midnight Wednesday, November 11, 2020, they will still be accepted until Friday, November 13.

Return to School Attestation (after illness)

Any students that are home sick, must have a “Return to School Attestation Following Illness or Self-Isolation” completed on the day that they return to school. This form is available on the Parent Portal, and **must be completed before the student can return to school.**

Late Arrivals / Early Pick Up

Whenever possible, please try to arrange appointments etc. outside of school hours. With all of the new safety protocols in place, we need to limit the traffic in and out as much as possible. Every time a student arrives late, or is picked up early, parents, students as well as staff are in contact with additional people outside of their cohorts, thus expanding the risk of exposure. If a student is going to be leaving early, please indicate this in their agenda (so the teacher is aware), as well as School Messenger (so the office is aware). This will make the pick up process run much smoother. School Messenger is also to be used to indicate if a student is going to be arriving late.

Donating Items to School

Although we appreciate the offer of donations to the school (toys, books etc.), we are unable to accept any items due to safety protocols.

After School Arrangements

Please ensure that all after school activities (play dates, etc.) are arranged ahead of the school day, and included in the student agenda, so that both students and teachers are aware of the plan

for release at the end of the school day. It can be very challenging to get messages to students near the end of the day, and we do not want to interrupt classroom learning.



Water Bottles

This is just a reminder to ensure that students bring a water bottle that is labelled with first and last names each day. We have a very limited number of cups, and tend to run out each week.

Balls/Toys from Home

Just a friendly reminder that students are not to bring balls/toys etc. from home due to the increased risk of exposure. Each class has their own supply of equipment, that is sanitized before and after use for students to use within their cohort ONLY.



Moustache Day (First Spirit Day of the Year!!)

On Thursday, November 26, we will be participating in Moustache Day! This will be our first Spirit Day of the school year, and will be in recognition of “Movember”. Students are encouraged to wear a moustache in support of Men’s Health. As a reminder, masks are still required, so be creative with how you wear your moustache.

Extra Masks for Students

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with extra masks in their backpack. Although we do have a few extra masks at the school, we are limited in quantity and sizes.

Dropping Items Off At School

Should parents need to drop off an item to the school, please bring the item in a plastic bag. This will limit the number of people touching the item, and allow us to sanitize prior to giving it to the student.



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.



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. Please make sure that all items are labelled with the student first and last name. We do not have a Lost & Found this year, and would like to make sure all dropped items are returned to the proper student.



Masks on School Property

This is just a reminder that, based on School Board protocol, **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.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, November 17: School Council / Home & School Virtual Meeting – 7:00pm

Thursday, November 26: Moustache Day!

Friday, November 27: PA Day – No school for students

Friday, December 11: Holiday Colour/Ugly Sweater Day

Friday, December 18: Pyjama Day