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Weekly Update for January 18, 2021

Another week of learning at home ... this is what I learned this week. Educators continue to deepen their understanding of MS Teams and the Hub. It takes considerable time to build the learning day for students. At home, families are juggling the many expectations of home, work and school. It can be overwhelming for everyone! Educators are trying to find balance between asynchronous and synchronous learning. They are trying to find the “just right amount of work” for students to successfully complete in a day. Some families are feeling that the expectations are too much. I assume positive intentions in my role- educators want their students to be well and learn and families want the same. Now that we are in remote learning until February 10th, educators and families will be planning the next steps for success. Feedback and conversations help everyone understand their situation. I encourage you to reach out to your child’s teacher and provide feedback. You can use these questions to guide your feedback: How easily can your child access the meetings? Are they completing work at night? Are they completing the work independently?

Technology: in the past week, I have used words/phrases like: glitches, outages, hiccups, frozen, kicked out, and waiting in the lobby. Some students are using a tablet, laptop, desktop or phone to access their class meetings. Depending on the technology, you may have different experiences. I know there are misconnections for our French, Gym, Music and Library teachers. We are trying to resolve those issues so students and families can easily access these meetings.

There is a learning package available for Kindergarten families.

Move to In-Person/Remote Learning

Last night, families received a call from HWDSB about Elementary School Transition: Remote/In-Person Learning. Families interested in a move will need to complete a transition form in **Parent Portal during the week of January 18th-24th**. More details, click here, <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/elementary-school-transitions/>

Families Worrying Less Together: If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in Grade JK- 2 or Grade 3-6 who is excessively shy, or has intense worries and fears, come learn about the “Families Worrying Less Together” program. This program will give you practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently. Please note: This program is for parents and primary caregivers, children do not attend. Please see attached flyer or visit: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/families-worrying-less-together-learn-more-jan-19/>

Financial Support for Families

Ontario is offering funding for parents to help offset costs during the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline to apply for this one-time funding has been extended to **February 8, 2021**. For more details, click here <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/ontario-financial-support-learners/>.

Attendance

Attendance is taken twice a day- 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. If your child is not present at the meeting, you will receive an attendance call. We recognize some families are balancing many demands and students may be late or absent. You can enter an absence in School Messenger.

Communication

Family Contact Information: If your child's contact information has been changed, please call Mrs. Sherriff and Ms. Sloan so our system can be updated. This contact information is used for School Messenger too.