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Weekly Update for January 25, 2021

Our Remote Learning journey continued this week. Our daily attendance tells us we have many students engaged in the synchronous learning. Each week, the process is refined and improved. I hope the glitches or interruptions from the first week have lessened and everyone's knowledge of navigating the Hub and MS Teams has sharpened. The conditions remain the same for everyone- balancing school work, engagement and working from home. Ongoing communication between home and school helps the learning and well-being of students and educators. Please send an email or call the school to speak with your child's teacher.

Tips and Tricks for MS Teams: If your child is meeting with an educator and small group of students, it is helpful when your child is working in a quiet space with no background noise. During lesson time, students should be engaged and listening to receive instructions before leaving their workspace.

On January 29th, it is a PA Day for teachers to prepare student report cards. There will be no remote learning for students. Teachers continue to gather their assessment data based on their observations and student work in remote learning to compliment their data from in-school learning earlier this year. Report cards will be shared with parents in February. Final dates and details will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

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. The deadline is Sunday January 24th. More details, click here, https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/elementary-school-transitions/

<u>Families Worrying Less Together:</u> You may have missed this opportunity. 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 contact the school if you would like more information. (Please 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.

