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Weekly Update for May 3, 2021

We hope our school family continues to be safe and healthy. This week is Mental Health Week. We would like to support students and families by sharing different strategies from School Mental Health Ontario (website: <https://smho-smso.ca/>). We know remote learning requires different skills than in-person learning. If you have any questions or concerns with remote learning, please contact your child's teacher or the school. We would kindly ask you to review the following information items for parents. Stay well!

Attendance: Now, we are learning online. Attendance is taken twice daily: teachers will take attendance during their Teams meeting between 9:00 -9:50 am everyday and then again after 1:30 pm nutrition break. If your child's absence is unexplained, you will receive a phone call from the School Messenger system. If your child is absent, you can enter their absence using the School Messenger system.

Student Census: As part of HWDSB Equity Action Plan, HWDSB will conduct our first student census, beginning May 3rd. "We All Count" aims to identify and remove barriers so all student can learn in supportive, inclusive and respectful environments. The survey will be completed between May 3 – 21, 2021.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4: Families will receive an email with a secure link to the census form. This will allow families to complete the census online on behalf of their child. Print copies are available by request to census@hwdsb.on.ca. If you have questions, please contact the school. To opt out, families can just simply ignore the email and not complete the survey.

Students in Grade 5-12: HWDSB will email a secure link to students so they can complete the census online during class time, with educator support. Families who do not want their Grade 5-8 child to participate to complete the opt out form in the Parent Portal or to email census@hwdsb.on.ca by April 30th. Students who opt out by this deadline will not receive the student census email May 3. Students who haven't formally opted out can ignore the census email or us the active consent in the census itself where they can agree or not agree to complete the census form.

For more information, families can find more information and submit their questions by visiting <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/equity/we-all-count-hwdsb-student-census-2021/>.

School and Grad Photos: We know families have purchased student or grade 8 graduation photo packages. We have contacted Edge Imaging regarding the delivery of these orders. Before a delivery plan is devised, we are waiting for further information about school closures. We will continue to provide updates.

Human Development and Sexual Health Information: Learning on Strand D: Human Development and Sexual Health will occur between May 3 and June 18th, 2021. System communication, including a notification letter, want sent to parents/caregivers via School Messenger, email lists and school websites at the end of March. A board-wide Parent Information Night was held on Wednesday April 21, 2021. Click on the following link to watch a recording of the presentation: [Human Development - Parent Information Night](#).