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Janet Lee Update

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a memorable first week we had at Janet Lee! Our students and staff are adjusting to the changes and adapting to interacting and learning in new ways. A heartfelt thanks to all staff, students, families and caregivers for a great start to the safe reopening of our wonderful school. It was so amazing to see the children in our classrooms and on our school grounds this past week!

This year, I will no longer be publishing a monthly newsletter. Instead, look for *Janet Lee Updates!* I will send updates whenever I think there is information that needs to be shared. We continue to live in unusual times so regular updates are more timely and appropriate at this time. Looking ahead, I would like to share some information to help make the coming weeks run smoothly for our school community.

Drop off and Pick Up

Parents, Guardians and Caregivers are asked to please wear a mask at all times as soon as you enter on to school property. In order to support the safety of all students and staff, we also ask that you **stay off of the playground** and remain at the yellow line. JK/SK B and C, please continue to walk in front of the pylons closest to the school.

Safety Protocols and Cohorting

Last week, our staff spent time supporting all students in understanding the new safety protocols for the safe reopening of our school. These safety protocols included the use of cohorting both in the classroom and outside on the playground. With the enhanced safety protocols, all students must stay in their designated cohort recess area at all outside break times as well as line up in their cohorted line up spaces. As we navigate our new safety measures, it is important that you speak to your children about the importance of following these rules. If the new safety measures are ignored, we will work with you and your child to continue to educate with the possibility of progressive discipline measures. Please continue to speak to your children about the importance of the new enhanced safety protocols at school.

Visitors to the Office

All HWDSB schools will be limiting traffic to school offices. To help with this, we are asking that no drop off of student materials is done during the school day unless it is an emergency. Please call us at the school or email the school's email at janetlee@hwdsb.on.ca for general school inquiries. Please email your child's teacher for any classroom or program related questions.

Ipad Return

A reminder to those families that have returned to school and had borrowed a school ipad during the March- June school closure to please return this ipad and all the accessories (cords, charging blocks) to the school ASAP. These ipads belong to classroom kits and are required for classroom support and instruction.

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Daily Self Screenings

Please ensure that you are reviewing the self screening checklist daily with your child(ren). This was sent home last Friday on green paper. Post this where you can see it and review it every morning. Now more than ever, it is important that children do not come to school sick. If children come down with Covid related symptoms during school, we must follow Public Health protocols. The first step to this process is that parents pick up immediately. If a student has a symptom that is normal for them related to a known cause or condition, parents, guardian/caregivers are encouraged to provide this information as early as possible, before symptoms display themselves. A Dr.'s note is not required for this purpose. Please take a reasonable approach to these situations considering your child's history and symptoms presenting themselves. If your child feels sick or feels they may have the cold or flu, because the symptoms are similar to COVID-19, you are advised to speak with a Dr. and contact public health to arrange a COVID19 test.

Student Masks

A reminder that unless exempt, all students must wear their masks outside while on school property as they leave the school each day.

Parent Permission and Information Forms

This year, there are many forms that the school typically sends home in the 'First Week Package' that are now available electronically on the Parent Portal. Please ensure that you complete all the required forms on the parent portal for the start up package. On Friday the Generic Permission Forms for Off Property Activities was sent home. Please sign and return this ASAP.

Prevalent Medical Conditions

Every year in HWDSB, we support many families and students that have prevalent medical conditions such as anaphylaxis, diabetes and/or epilepsy to feel safe at school. Please contact the office if your child has a medical plan that requires updating. If you are new to Janet Lee and your student requires a medical plan in place at the school, please email us at janetlee@hwdsb.on.ca asap and we will support this process for you and your family. For those families that have a current anaphylaxis plan in place, we will be asking once again, that we have **two epi-pens** at the school in order to store one with your child and one in the office.

School Council 2020-2021

While we await direction on what the adjusted timelines are as well as what the method of meetings will be for school council for the 2020-21 school, please email janetlee@hwdsb.on.ca if you wish to be part of the school council this coming school year. Once we receive confirmation on process, I will email those interested directly regarding the school council procedures. Stay tuned!

Terry Fox Run

Please link to the attached letter to learn more about our Terry Fox Run happening on Wednesday Sept. 30th.

Just a reminder to please check our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/janetlee/ for updated information regarding school activities and events. Once on the website, click on the subscribe tab and enter your email address on the contact page to receive automated updates when new events are added.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich
Principal

Beyond the Classroom

READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A
reads at home



20
min/day

STUDENT B
reads at home



5
min/day

STUDENT C
reads at home



1
min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Source: <http://readdbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-day/>