



# Janet Lee Update

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this update finds you all well! Please see below important information and updates.

## READINESS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

At the request of the Ministry of Education, and in the event that we have another school closure because of COVID, HWDSB is asking elementary families whose students are currently learning in-person to assess their preparedness to have students learn from home. This survey is not intended for parents/guardians of students in our remote learning. The Readiness for Distance Learning Survey was first launched on Friday, November 6 and the deadline has been **extended to Friday, November 20, 2020 at 11:59 PM**. Please visit **FORMS** in the [Parent Portal](#) and look for the Readiness for Distance Learning Survey. Please complete one per child in your household. In the event you do not have access to the Parent Portal, feel free to contact us at Janet Lee. A digital copy of the survey, available in a fillable pdf, can be found by [clicking here](#). This version would require a printer to deliver a hard copy with your child to the school, or saved and attached to an email sent to the school office. We are asking families to assess their preparedness to have students learn from home should a school close due to an outbreak or in the event the Ministry of Education directs us into a full remote learning scenario.

**Please complete all other FORMS available in the Parent Portal as well. (Media Consent, Verification Forms, etc)**

## PARKING LOT DROP OFF/PICKUP SAFETY

We have had a number of parent concerns regarding student safety in our parking lots. It is extremely important that parents navigate our school parking lot appropriately to ensure the safety of all our students. **We encourage all parents to use the Kiss and Drop if not walking children to the back playground.** This is the most efficient way to support safety for all. Also, it allows parents of our younger students to park so that they can safely walk children to their line. **Parents are not permitted to park in the staff parking lot nor the front of the school.** If the parking lot is full, **please do not enter**, as this congestion greatly impacts the safety of our students. We appreciate your immediate cooperation to improve this situation. Thank you for your support.

## SECURE SCHOOLS SAFETY PROCEDURES

As stated in an earlier JL Update our school has been practicing secure schools protocol drills so that staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency. To date we have completed a Hold and Secure and Shelter in Place. This Thursday Nov. 19, we will be practicing a full Lockdown. It is also important that we all remain aware of secure schools terminology used in all of Ontario's publicly funded schools. **While the drill will align with Public Health Guidelines and we will continue the use of masks and will remain physically distanced, in the event of an emergency or crisis, public health advice related to COVID-19 may not be achievable based on the response required. In an emergency/crisis event, priority is on the imminent threat, not enhanced public health measures.** You can learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools at <https://hwdsb.info/secureschools>.

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### DAILY SELF SCREENING PROCESS

Please ensure that you are reviewing the self screening checklist daily with your child(ren). If children come down with Covid related symptoms during school, we **must** follow Public Health protocols to support the safety of all students and staff. The first step to this process is that parents pick up **immediately**. We recognize that this may be challenging for some parents, but we are required to adhere to Public Health protocols. Although we are not Dr.'s, we respond according to what your child tells us they are feeling, by observing their general demeanor and by determining if the symptoms they are reporting are Covid related according to the protocol. 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.

RETURN TO SCHOOL ATTESTATION FORM: If a student fails the screening for any of the above reasons and is absent from school, the student requires a completed "Attestation for return to school following illness or self isolation." If a student is sent home from school, we will provide a hard copy of this form to families to complete upon return of the student. If a student fails the screening while at home, please contact the school when the student is ready to return to school and we will help you with this attestation process.

### PD DAY NOVEMBER 27

Friday November 27, 2020 is designated as a Professional Activity Day for all HWDSB schools. All staff will participate in a half day of mandatory violence prevention training. Elementary schools will use the remaining half day for communication with parents/guardians/caregivers regarding student progress. There is no school for students on this day.

*Please continue to stay informed by reading our Janet Lee Updates and other HWDSB communication on our website.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich  
Principal*

