

## WENTWORTH Janet Lee Appate

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all safe and healthy.

First, let me begin by thanking all of you for the support you are offering your children and our teachers daily. Although remote learning is a necessity right now, I know that it is challenging. Second, a huge thank you to all of our Janet Lee staff. We have an exceptional team that goes above and beyond to support our students. Learning the various platforms, teaching them to the children and then populating them with grade appropriate content has not been easy. Third, our Janet Lee students are AMAZING! I've had opportunities to drop into classes and am astounded at what our teachers prepare and what our students can accomplish remotely. The excitement and enthusiasm from the children when they see me warms my heart!

## **FEBRUARY TRANSITIONS**

I hope that those of you that want a change for your child's learning completed the survey due yesterday. This information was provided multiple times on the HWDSB website. This next transition will take place on **February 25th**, and is dependent on available space, both in school and in remote classes. You were only required to complete the form if you wanted a change. Keep in mind that this transition day may change if the Ministry of Education announces a longer shutdown of our in school classes.

## PD DAY— FRIDAY JANUARY 29

A reminder that Friday is a PD Day. This day is set aside for teachers to prepare Report Cards. There will be no remote teaching on this day.

## **REPORT CARDS**

Teachers are beginning to prepare term one report cards. With a staggered start to begin the year and a shift to remote learning this month, we are sensitive to the impact of these challenges on students thus far this school year. Report cards will continue to focus on the learning that students have been able to demonstrate.

The Ministry of Education released a new Mathematics curriculum this year. Teachers have been using this new document to guide the mathematics lessons. One of the changes this new curriculum introduces is a more cohesive approach to assessing mathematics. Previously, students would receive a separate grade on each of the five strands covered in class on their February and June report cards. The new policy introduces a single grade to reflect the overall learning of the student in mathematics. If you would like to learn more about the new mathematics curriculum, this resource contains more details on the changes to how mathematics is being taught and assessed in your child's classroom. https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8. As of now, elementary schools will be sending home electronic versions of Term 1 Report Cards through School Messenger on Tuesday February 19th. More information to follow.

I miss seeing all of our Janet Lee staff and students. Please know that we are here to help. Do not hesitate to reach out to our teachers or the office team with any questions, concerns or compliments!

Thinking of you all!

Mrs. S. Costa-Popovích Principal

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