

THE REMOTE REPORT: KINDERGARTEN

Dear Families,

We are happy to share with you our first Remote Report newsletter. The newsletter will be shared each month to provide updates about our Remote Kindergarten School.

We want to begin by thanking you for your support as we navigate virtual learning. The students continue to adapt to this new learning model, and we could not have done this without you. As a staff we are humbled by the resilience that our students and families continue to demonstrate. As we move forward in our new reality, we ask for your continued patience and understanding throughout each day. Please know that the mental health and well-being of our students has been and will continue to be our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Panju, Ms. Dunford, Ms. Manfredi & Ms. Turner

REMOTE KINDERGARTEN STAFF

PRINCIPAL: MRS. M. PANJU

Vice Principal: Ms. K. Dunford

JSA Ms. Pearson & Ms. Galvin
JSAA Ms. Corbett, Ms. Blaga, Ms. Bougher & Ms. Down
JS1A Ms. Oreskovic, Mrs. Mullally, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Masson
JSB Ms. Musani & Ms. Frisina
JSBB Ms. Feil & Ms. Thompson
JS1B Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Dowson & Ms. Cole
JSC Ms. Gall & Ms. Akther
JSCC Ms. Meir & Ms. Sciortino
JCTC Ms. Butler, Ms. McManus & Ms. Conrad
JSD Ms. Fennell & Ms. O'Brien
JSDD Ms. Mamone & Ms. Bayne
JS1D Ms. Schinkel & Ms. Slade
JSE Ms. Sebeslav & Ms. Martin
JS1E Ms. Smith & Ms. Cartagena
JSF Mr. Pickett & Ms. Black
JSFF Ms. Petruccelli, Mr. Abid & Ms. Forster
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JSG Ms. Wilkie-Smith & Ms. Szydowski
JSGG Ms. Hammond & Ms. Buchanan & Mr. Tuttolomondo
JS1G Ms. Bishop & Ms. Abdul Malik

Vice Principal: Ms. K. Manfredi

JSH Ms. Kozic & Ms. Dore
JSHH Ms. Esposto, Ms. Angle & Ms. Stam
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JSII Ms. Pliura & Ms. deBoer
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JSJ Ms. Dao & Ms. Barnett
JSJJ Ms. Hill & Ms. Feaver
JS1J Mr. Root, Ms. Nitz & Ms. Tomlinson
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JSKK Ms. Jones, Ms. MacMaster & Ms. Khan
JS1K Ms. Coburn, Ms. Ruzlyo & Ms. Webb
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JSM Mr. Parente & Ms. Arnott
JSMM Ms. Brown & Ms. Knight
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JS1N Ms. Turner & Ms. McLaren

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JS1R Ms. Laufman & Ms. Arsenault
JS1S Ms. Schmidt & Ms. Lone
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JSU Ms. Nicol & Ms. Pollock
JS1U Ms. Vinall & Ms. Josipovic
JSV Ms. Barry-McLean, Ms. Denize & Ms. Hanhan
JS1V Ms. Gailing & Ms. Van Fleet
JSW Ms. Barclay & Ms. Javed
JSX Ms. Bentham, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Naseem, & Ms. Alves
JS1X Ms. Winter & Ms. McIntosh
JSY Ms. Di Giovanni & Ms. Howden
JS1Y Ms. Tancredi & Ms. Bani
JSZ Ms. Labranche & Ms. Newman

REMOTE KINDERGARTEN IMPORTANT CONTACTS

While we are not physically together, the Remote Kindergarten School exists just like a brick-and-mortar school. Should you wish to connect with the school, please feel free to do so by email at remotefdk@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at (905)-527-5092 ext. 2041 (voicemail only)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8: Remote Learning Program Information Night (Virtual)

December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021: Winter Break

REMOTE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Just a reminder that our remote school website contains important and updated information for our school.

Please visit us at:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/remotelearning/>

FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION 2020-2021 for students born in 2015

Online applications for Grade 1 entry into French are now open. Please visit:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/french-as-a-second-language/>

PARENT RESOURCES

Working virtually requires us to navigate a new world of apps and uploads and downloads. Do you need support in navigating this new world? Check out the resource tab on our website which lists supports for MS Teams, the HUB, and more.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/remotelearning/resources/>



REPORTING ABSENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL

Just like in-person learning, attendance is an important component to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. If you know that your child will be absent, please report the absence using the School Messenger system. This will avoid a system call out to you. If you know that your child will be dismissing early from virtual learning, kindly ensure that you advise your homeroom teacher. The safety of your child is our first priority.

 Learning together even when we're apart 

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INSTRUCTIONAL TIME BETWEEN EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS

The Remote Kindergarten School day is organized by large and small group meetings throughout the day, led by educators.

It is important to maximize the instructional time between the teacher and students in order to support the creation of a positive classroom space. Using MS Teams tools like the Raise Hand and unmute buttons help students effectively communicate with each other and their educators. Students develop digital citizenship skills like turn taking and listening to the ideas and questions of others. With in-person learning, students have visual cues where they can see other students who have a question or are waiting to speak to the teacher. The visual cues give them comfort in knowing that their turn will come. In the virtual classroom, cues look different and require some specific skills and practice to make this happen. To support the growth of your child in the remote classroom, please consider the following:

- Ensure that your child can work in a quiet space with little background noise.
- Remind your child to use the participants button to see who else is waiting for the teacher before speaking.
- Encourage them to stay muted until called upon.
- If they are struggling to use an app or tool, encourage your child to ask the teacher to troubleshoot directly with them.

Just like in-person learning during the instructional day, communication must remain between the students and the educators. While there are no walls, the virtual classroom is reserved for the students and educators of that class. As the parent/guardian of a Kindergarten student, it is understandable that there are times when you need to communicate with your child's educators. We ask for your patience in waiting until the end of the meeting or alternatively, please email them directly.



Happy Holidays to all students and their families. Wishing you a season of peace and a joyous New Year. Please stay safe. We look forward to learning together in 2021.

