

The Remote Report: Languages

March

Dear Families,

After a long winter, we are all ready for spring and all the wonderful things that come with it. Just a reminder that our March Break has been postponed and will now be April 12th – April 16th. Students will be coming back to school on April 19th.

Congratulations to our students who transitioned to remote just few weeks ago. We are proud of how quickly they have seemed to find a rhythm to learning in their virtual classrooms.

We have many exciting things happening in our Languages remote classes including students representing HWDSB at Robotics competitions, Guest Visitors enriching learning and students engaged in using their French language skills in action. Felicitations!

We are also excited to welcome two new teachers: Monsieur Boua with our grade 1 class and Madame Cain with our grade 5 class. !

As the sun continues to shine, we are excited to be learning together.

Sincerely, Mrs. Panju & Mrs. Gojsic



Remote School Website:

The Remote School Website is an invaluable source of information for Remote Families. Please check in frequently to access important messages and updates.

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

Remote Languages Important Contacts

The Remote Languages 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 remotelanguages@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905 527 5092 x2127 (voicemail only).

Supporting Mental Health Around Covid – A resource for Parents

The mental health and well-being of our students remain our priority. To support their achievement we all want them to feel mentally well, grow up happy and to learn how to navigate life's challenges, but it's not always easy to know what to do.

School Mental Health Ontario is a provincial implementation support team. They help school districts enhance student mental health through the use of evidence-based strategies and service. Among these are valuable resources to support the well-being of a school community which include: Educators, Students and Parents by provided activities and conversation starters to address mental health. A parent toolkit can be found a the following link:

<https://smho-smso.ca/parents-and-families/>



2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration is now OPEN. This two-year, full-day program that helps children get the best possible start in school. For more information, please visit <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>



Spring means that grade 8 celebrations are near! Information will follow shortly from your *homeschool* regarding celebration events including photos and virtual ceremonies.

Weather and Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day and can be a valuable learning opportunity.

When outside consider asking your child to name objects that they see in their first and second language, ask them to draw a picture of what they see and write a journal entry about it. Talking is an important skill when learning a second language.



French at Home

Looking for a way to learn alongside your child? Why not have a movie night with TV5 monde. TV5 monde offers free short video clips that focus on introducing yourself, shopping and more!

<https://apprendre.tv5monde.com/en/ex>

A HUGE FELICITATIONS to our Remote School Robotics Team!

We are beyond excited for our Technados Robotics team who placed 3rd in the Kingston Regional Quarterfinal Competition last month! The team of six included 3 of our own grade 6 French Immersion remote school students: Thomas, Keya and Kate.

In addition to their third place win, the team also earned a "Champion's Award" for showing excellence in all areas, Innovation Project, Robot Game results, Robot Design!

The HWDSB Remote School is very proud of these students whose dedication was clear over the last two months by long hours of work, presentation rehearsals, and robot game programming/testing. Thank you as well to their parent coach Mme Nichol!





Artists in F2B!

Mme Strong's grade 2 FI class has begun to study the art done by Pop Artist James Rizzi. James Rizzi was an American Pop artist best known for his vibrant, youthful graphics and his three-dimensional prints. He was the official artist for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, adorning the famous logo with his noodle-like drawing style. The students used the 'Rizzi' faces to inspire them as they created their own pop art. Check out the work of some of our budding artists!

