Rosedale P.S.

Welcome Back – January 2021

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and rejuvenating winter break. Although this is not the way we would like to return to learning, we are happy to be back at it.

This week has been a bit of a transition to online learning and it was great to see how many students were able to connect with their classes this week and be engaged in both synchronous and asynchronous learning. A big thank you to the staff here at Rosedale for their work and effort in preparing for the quick shift to online learning. Thank you to parents/guardians for your patience as we distributed all of our available technology to those that need it to work at home.

Full online synchronous learning with your classroom teachers has been ongoing since Tuesday January 5th and you should have received a schedule and details on when and how to contact your child's teacher for support throughout the day. We know online learning brings challenges at home and we are here to support you and your children to help them be as successful as possible. Flexibility is an important executive function and this school year is giving us an abundance of opportunity to practice this skill. If you are having difficulty or have questions, **please reach out to your child's teacher**. Please keep in mind that they are teaching all day but they will respond to your query as soon as they can.

The shift to remote learning does not change the school day or school schedules but requires educators to connect remotely with their students to continue learning.

The Elementary Remote Learning Program will continue without change. Policy and Program Memorandum (PPM) 164 outlines Ministry expectations for learning remotely. Key directions within PPM 164 include:

- The school day is 300 minutes long and "Teachers are to be available to students at all times during the teachers' assigned teaching timetables, as they would be if they were face-to-face in a classroom setting" (PPM 164);
- Learning must be a blend of synchronous (connected) or asynchronous (independent);
- Daily, educators should be connected to their classes for 180 minutes in Kindergarten and 225 minutes from grades 1 to 8. Effective remote learning is a blend of both being on-screen and having students receive direct instruction, and working in groups or individually to complete tasks or assignments, with the educator checking in on students, being available for questions, or undertaking assessments (observations and conversations).

As we continue into 2021 we are all hoping this year proves to be better than 2020 and we are hoping to be back in class on January 11th. **Should this not be the case**, remote learning will continue for all classes as it has been happening this past week unless otherwise informed.

It is important that all children follow the norms and rules for proper Digital Citizenship. Please review with your child the following standards for when they are online:

- No personal conversations on chat
- Should be on mute at all times unless speaking background noise is very distracting
- No sending large amounts of memes/emojis
- You are to be polite to everyone in the class
- Respect each other and be kind
- Use the chat to answer questions if you do not want to unmute your mic
- Use the hand raising feature to answer/ask questions
- The chat is only to be used during school hours

We are looking forward to seeing all the children's faces in person on January 11th but please monitor the news and the HWDSB website for any changes that may come down from the Province in the next few days.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at 905-549-4233. Thanks so much!

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