

January 5, 2021

Dear South Meadow Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new school year. This January is not as we had hoped it would be as we start 2021 in our new school, South Meadow Elementary school, but we are excited to be able to connect with students and families through remote learning this week and we look forward to when we welcome you into the new school. The staff have been busy through the break and this week preparing classes for students and preparing for remote learning.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we shift to remote learning this week. We are pleased to see such active participation as students have begun working remotely with their teachers. If you do not have access to internet please reach out to your child's teacher or call the office.

Just a reminder, daily attendance will be taken at 8:25 AM and 1:05 AM each day by the classroom teacher. Please ensure your child is logged on to their classroom platform by these times so our staff can mark students as present. If your child will be absent for a school day this week, please follow our regular Safe Arrival procedure and input the absence in SchoolMessenger. Although students are not physically in the building, we are still required to track student attendance while learning remotely this week.

Our regular school day hours are 8:25 AM- 2:45 PM with nutrition breaks at 10:05 AM-10:45 AM and 12:25 PM -1:05 PM. Homeroom teachers have shared class schedules through the HWDSB HUB platform, MS Teams or through email. Should you have questions about your child's class schedule or expectations, please e-mail your child's teacher.

The main office is available to assist through phone or e-mail should you have any questions or concerns throughout this week. We are still in the process of setting up the school website for your access and the board is still working on changing the school name on several applications. We appreciate your patience!

This weekend we will send out a communication regarding first day routines and reminders for next week to all families.

Please continue to monitor the HWDSB website, news sites and social media for any changes to remote learning timelines.

Respectfully,

Eddie Grattan

Principal

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Vice Principal