

School Newsletter

We are officially into the 2021 portion of the school year and although we are not starting the new year with in-school learning, I hope everyone is staying safe at home and in good health. The Westwood staff is working hard to ensure that learning continues as best possible and we appreciate your patience and understanding during these very challenging times. We hope to see our students back in school soon!

We are moving forward with our elementary transition between remote and in-person learning on February 25. Based on this date and their previous commitment to a February transition, we need to be prepared and gather the information now.

Families who wish to switch learning models between remote and in-person on February 25, must complete the Elementary Transition Between Remote and In-Person (Optional Request Form).

The form will be available in the Parent Portal and opens on **Monday, January 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** It will close on **Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.** Only complete this form if you would like to request a change in delivery model.

If we do not hear from you, your child/ren's placement stays the same.

Parents and guardians who choose in-person to remote learning will immediately transition to remote learning if school resumes on February 11.

CHANGES IN MATH REPORTING

The Ministry of Education released a new Mathematics Curriculum this year. Your child's teacher has been utilizing this new document to guide the mathematics lessons taking place in class. 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/categories 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>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Elementary Transition Between Remote and In-Person (Optional Request Form).

- Open January 18th - January 24th (11:59 p.m.)

PA Day (NO SCHOOL)

- January 29th

Kindergarten Registration Starts

- February 1st

Family Day

- February 15th

Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home (digital copy)

- February 19th

City of Hamilton Frosty Fun!

The City of Hamilton is currently running a program called Frosty Fun where members of the community can come and pick up FREE craft/activity kits to take home and complete. They have partnered with the Hamilton Public Library and are offering self guided outdoor story walks.

Westmount Recreation Centre

Activity / Craft Kits

- January 30th, 2021 9:30 - 11:00 am

Story Walks

- January 20th, 2021 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

- February 3rd, 2021 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Instructions for the HUB and MS Teams

Thank you for all of your efforts in helping your children log into the board platforms, HUB and MS Teams. Learning in an online environment is much different than learning in a physical classroom. Please click on the link below for more resources and 'How To' videos that will help you become more familiar with the platforms.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/student-learning-resources/instructions-for-the-hub/>

STUDENT NORMS FOR

Teams Meeting 

IN OTHER WORDS...

GOOD TEAMS ETIQUETTE



MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE WHEN YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING



MAKE SURE YOUR SOUND IS ON



CHECK YOUR VIDEO BACKGROUND, HAVE A WALL BEHIND YOU, BLUR BACKGROUND



CHECK YOUR VIDEO ANGLE, WE WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE, NOT YOUR CHEEK OR UP YOUR NOSE



MAKE SURE YOUR MIC IS NOT MUFFLED, AND THAT YOU SPEAK CONFIDENTLY & CLEAR



USE THE CHAT FEATURE TO ASK QUESTIONS, NOT TO CHAT OR SPAM THE MEETING



BE CONSIDERATE WITH YOUR WORDS



CHECK YOUR LIGHTING, NO LIGHT BEHIND YOU (LIKE A WINDOW)

