

AYJ Parent Council Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Q & A

(advance questions)

Question #1:

“Can students receive pdf versions of their textbook? For example, Geography textbook for grade 9 and grade 9 science, would also like to receive grade 10 science since some topics may not be taught in order to avoid falling behind next year. Students are not always receiving the pdf textbook versions since eLearning has started.”

- Sheleen



Answer #1 (Part A)

We canvassed some departments and found:

Science – Publishers released most textbook licenses to the public

French – Online versions of texts and links were shared

Answer #1 (Part B)

Computers – Department does not rely on printed texts, staff created resources used

Math – All Nelson textbooks had pdf versions available

In General – Many publishers have made their texts available online

Answer #1 (Part C)

*Caution – online pdf versions are subject to copyright laws therefore proper permissions must be granted before staff can post them on their Google Classrooms

Online, Virtual Library link:

<https://archive.org>

“Sign out” pdf textbooks, renewable multiple times

Other versions of textbooks are accessible online for student use over the summer for reach ahead studying

Question #2:

“What role has the Special Ed Team played in supporting children with online schoolwork?”



Answer (Part A):

ALL non-instructional staff (EAs, SNAs, SWs, CYWs, etc) have been given specific tasks in support of students and staff during remote learning. Some supports are directly noticeable, presence in virtual classrooms, direct contact with individual and groups of students.



Answer (Part B):

In less visible ways through supporting staff with differentiated tasks in those classrooms. If there is additional Special Education support required for our identified students, please reach out to our support team through the classroom teacher/counselor/VP



Question #3:

“Since school closure back in March, I am wondering if you have looked into a full sanitation of the premises including class rooms, cafeteria, gym, washroom, lockers , common public spacing, doors, etc.”

-Karyn



Answer:

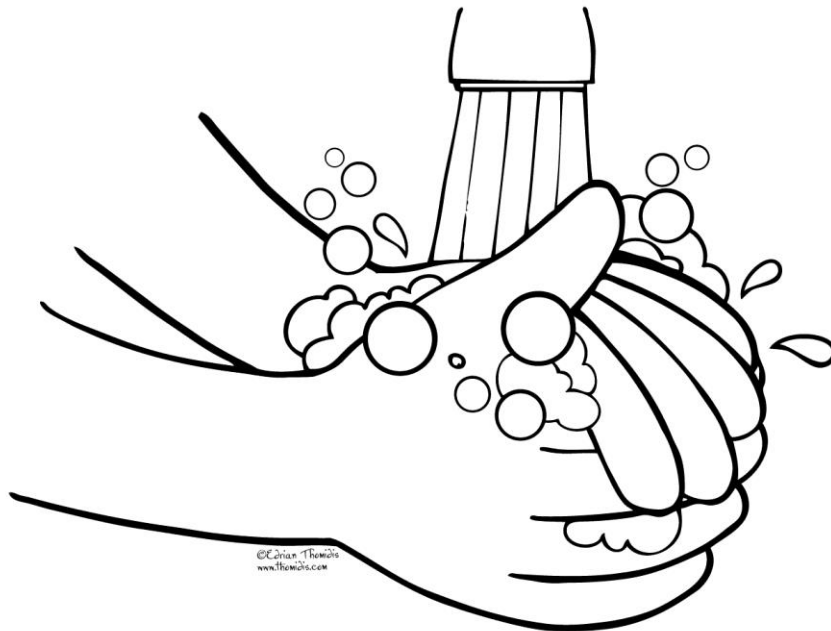
Since the closure, the school has undergone a “Deep Clean” including all of the areas you have listed.



Question #4:

“Also would like to know if there is sufficient supply of soap in the washrooms and change rooms, as this was a concern prior to COVID 19.”

-Karyn



Answer:

If/when we return there will be a heightened attention to the details of sanitary items like washroom soaps.



Question #5:

“Has the school considered keeping all the hallway doors open while kids are travelling thru the halls to touching the handles or changing them to sensor doors?”

-Karyn



Answer:

Unfortunately, major structural changes like automated doors are not likely in the immediate future however, we will follow all recommendations of the Public Health Agencies with regards to best strategies for school hallways (note some doors must remain closed as they are designated fire doors and are subject to regular fire codes)

Question #6:

“I would like to know if the school has invested and installed multiple Purell hand sanitizer dispensers.”

-Karyn



Answer:

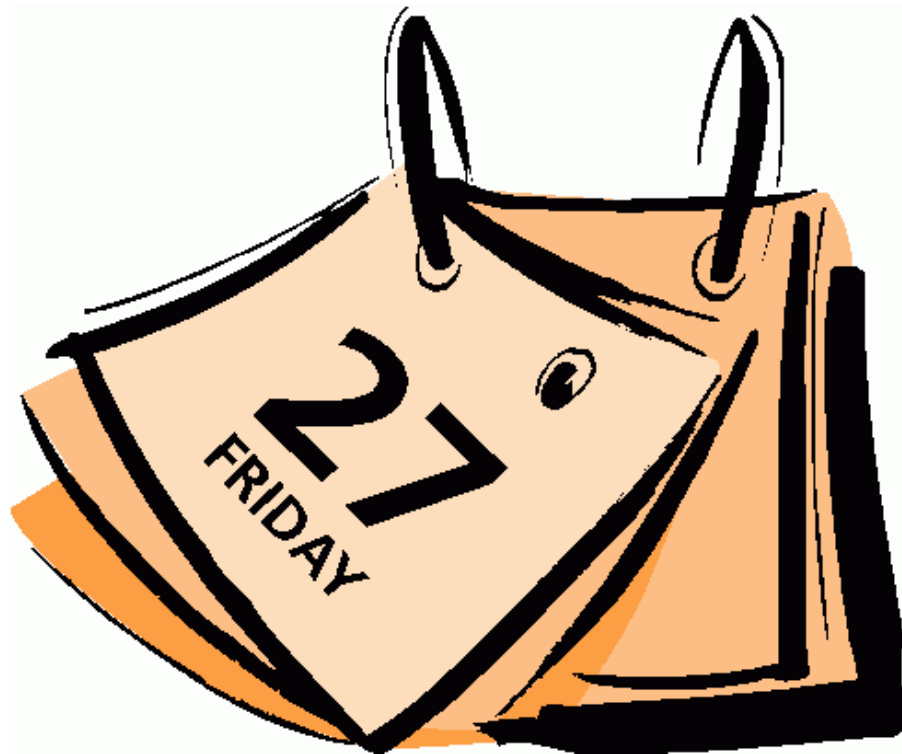
Prior to the pause the Parent Council donated over 50 “Purell” hand sanitizers which were placed in every classroom. I am confident that the schools will be stocked in a similar fashion upon any return.



Question #7:

“When is the last day of classes?”

-Lorraine



Answer:

Friday, June 26 is the final day of instruction.

Although instruction will continue until the final day, evaluations will have an earlier final due date in order to prepare final marks/report cards.

Question #8:

“When will students be able to get their belongings from their lockers and classrooms?”

-Lorraine/Joyce



Question #9:

“Will there be a yearbook, even if it's at a much later date?”

-Lorraine/Joyce



Answer:

As a part of our year-ending/school closing activities, locker clean-out, personal belonging recovery & yearbook distribution will be addressed. The parameters of these processes are being discussed centrally, each school will determine local procedures.

More details will follow . . .

Question #10:

“Will there be any kind of virtual graduation, even if it's just you and a few staff members saying a few words of wisdom, congratulations, etc.?”

-Lorraine



Answer:

With the current Public Health Procedures in place banning any large group gatherings until July 31st, our regular Spring Convocation will be deferred to a date in the Fall. Scholarship & Bursary winners will be notified and any awards will be distributed in June. Recognition will follow at the Fall Ceremony.

Question #11:

“What will school look like in the Fall (and beyond)?

- potential Fall second wave of virus?
- pre screening?
- attendance expectations?
- staff/student illness & attendance?
- continued remote learning?”

-Joyce



Answer:

All contingency plans for the Fall and beyond are being put in place with the TDSB's Senior Team in consultation with the Public Health Authorities. Schools will follow in line with these plans as they play out and implement them with their own specific, local nuances

Thank you for your participation tonight!

We hope that everyone stays well and keeps safe!

We look forward to seeing everybody together again as soon as possible!