



Upcoming Dates

- Apr 10th Good Friday (Holiday)
- Apr 13th Easter Monday (Holiday)
- Apr 24th Culture Day - have your family dress in culture wear today! :)



April 2nd, 2020

Please remember that Corvette JPS is a NUT-FREE building. Please do not send any nut products with your child to school. Thank you!

We hope that you and your families are well and safe within these very challenging and stressful times. Like you, the staff of Corvette Jr. P.S. are following the expectations by the Federal and Provincial Governments. The staff at Corvette continue to be in contact with each other and have expressed to us their concern for our students and families. Our thoughts are with the entire Corvette Jr. P.S. community.

All families should have already received updates from the TDSB with regards to the Ministry of Education Learn from Home links. The TDSB has also shared learning resources. They, among others, are listed below for your reference. While we recognize that these are not replacements for in-class teaching, you and your child/children may wish to refer to these resources as helpful learning tools. We expect more updates and details to be communicated by the government and the TDSB as to how we can provide more robust distance education opportunities for students as social distancing moves into a more prolonged

period. What we know from the Ontario government is that schools *will not* re-open until at least May 4th . The TDSB is continuing to gather information, assess needs, and formulate plans about the continuation of learning and this will be communicated with schools and families as soon as these plans are finalized. I'm sure we all understand the challenges associated with such an unprecedented situation. It is important to note that these online resources are not mandatory or graded and are meant for families to use as optional resources to support independent learning while students are at home. Please do not feel guilty for not 'homeschooling' your child right now. There is not an expectation that parents fulfill this role. We know these are challenging times for students and families and the TDSB is committed to working with the Ministry of Education to support students during this unprecedented interruption to student learning.

You may also wish to follow our school on **TWITTER @TDSB_Corvette** to receive updates, additional links to free resources, etc. For updates regarding TDSB specifically, be sure to check <http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/>

Stay Well ~ Ms. Brown & Mrs. Pegg

School Twitter Account

Please follow the Corvette Twitter account and see photos, receive information, and more from the school.

@TDSB_Corvette

School Website Address

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/corvette>

Resources for your information:

Mental Health:

For many of us, elevated stress levels have been a part of everyone's lives the past 10 days or so. Please be sure to take the time to take care of yourselves over the coming weeks - not just physically, but emotionally as well. The impact of the events taking place in our community and around the world on our mental health is important to be aware of, and to address through various means. Here are several links to assist students who may be struggling with the disruption emotionally:

TDSB Resources:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Health-Active-Living/Coronavirus/Learning-Resources>

Public Health and Other Supports:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Residents experiencing stress or crisis and requiring emotional support related to COVID-19 can access the following community resources:

1. Distress Centre of Greater Toronto

- Call 416-408-4357, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Text 45645 between 4 p.m. and midnight
- Translation is available in many languages for crisis calls only

2. Kids Help Phone

- Call 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Service is available in English and French

3. Gerstein Crisis Centre

- 416- 929-5200, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Translation is available in many languages

Virtual Walk-In Clinic: <https://cover.health/>

Internet Access:

Much of the learning students will be trying to do over the coming weeks will be online. I realize if you are reading this you already have access- please share this information with those without internet access:

[@ShawInfo](#) has opened its Wifi networks. See <https://shaw.ca/internet/wifi> if you are close to one of the hotspots. No login required.

Resources for your information:

Learning at Home:

On Friday, March 20, 2020, an update was provided to all staff regarding the continuation of learning for our students in these unprecedented times. This was in response to an announcement made by the Ministry of Education regarding their Phase 1 support for student learning through the launch of their [Learn at Home](#) website. The TDSB also provided additional [online resources](#) to support the Ministry's Phase 1.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Health-Active-Living/Coronavirus/Learning-Resources>

TDSB Assistive Technology: This includes the full version of Read and Write for Google Chrome, which can be accessed at home or at school by logging into Chrome using TDSB credentials. Assistive technology are tools that enable students to access school life and to perform tasks as independently as possible.

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/tdsbat/home>

Math: An online resource Mr. Wood recommends for his Grade 7/8 Math students is:

<https://code.org/student/middle-high>

Code.org is a fantastic website with all kinds of computer programming lessons and tutorials. Loads of MATH and STEM related learning here. Students can sign-up for a free account, so they are able to save and continue working on things later.

Code.org has also created a specific learn at home page at <https://code.org/athome>

IXL supports students, parents and educators with resources to help students learn keep learning while at home.

<https://ca.ixl.com/resources/at-home-learning>

Centre for Education in Math and Computing: CEMC at Home - Most weekdays, the CEMC will post something for each of four grade levels: Grade 4/5/6, Grade 7/8, Grade 9/10, and Grade 11/12. The goal is to provide a wide variety of fun and educational ways to do mathematics and computer science while at home practicing social distancing. The resources will include games, new problems to solve, applications, videos, pointers to existing materials and more:

<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/cemc-at-home.php>

Resources for your information:

Toronto Public Library Resources: You can still read books from our Toronto Public Libraries; download Ebooks and Audiobooks for free. Go to www.torontopubliclibrary.ca for more information, and look for the 'OverDrive Ebooks and Audiobooks' tab on the lower left side of the landing page.

If you do not have a library card, you can try **Open Library**, a non-profit project. All you need to do is open an account at www.openlibrary.org. There are thousands of free ebooks available here too.

Amazon has canceled the subscription of books and audio stories for children and students of all ages as long as schools are closed. All stories are free to stream using the following link: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>.

TIME for Kids: This link takes you to TIME magazine for kids where they have launched free grade specific digital editions of the magazine that includes teaching tools, worksheets and quizzes. <https://time.com/tfk-free/>

Keep Calm and Structure On: How to manage emotions and build structure at home during COVID-19; <https://makesociallearningstick.com/keep-calm-and-structure-on-how-to-manage-emotions-and-build-structure-at-home-during-covid-19/>

This includes 3 videos for parents about what they can do at home (e.g., the importance of maintaining a routine and how to set up a schedule, how morning check-ins and evening debriefs can help with managing emotions during this stressful time, helping your brain notice positive things, calming strategies, ...). It also includes downloadable material to help parents implement the strategies (some you can click on in the link and others are free but you need to give your name and email for them).

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Health-Active-Living/Coronavirus/Learning-Resources>

Activities Guide: Enhancing and Practicing Executive Function Skills with Children from Infancy to Adolescence:

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/activities-guide-enhancing-and-practicing-executive-function-skills-with-children-from-infancy-to-adolescence/>

This link takes you to the Harvard Developing Child website. Click on the PDF link to get activities and games that parents can do with their children to develop executive functioning skills. It is organized by age.

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Scholastic: This link takes you to Scholastic in the US. It is organized by grade level and covers a variety of subject areas. It includes videos students can watch and then activities related to them that they can do. Some are US focused, but most are not.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

Open access to **Pearson Resources** at Home - K-12:

www.pearsoncanada.ca/athome

Virtual Trips to Museums: These links let you visit museums, art galleries and other arts related events (concerts, operas, plays, ballet). The first one is for Canadian sites (ROM, Vancouver Art Gallery, Canadian Museum of History, AGO, Canadian War Museum, National Ballet of Canada). The second has links for the arts around the world.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/bored-during-self-isolation-tour-these-museums-from-the-comfort-of-your-couch-1.4852971>

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/what-to-do-at-home-streaming-art-museums-concerts-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>

Comic for Kids Explaining Covid-19:

The first is a comic to help explain the Coronavirus to kids. The first link takes you to the comic. The second link has links to the comic in other languages.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/03/07/811616161/kids-around-the-world-are-reading-nprs-coronavirus-comic>