

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2020



Good Morning Parents,

I hope you all are well and staying safe. By now most of you should have heard from your child's teacher either by phone, email or through the classroom's learning management platform. Many of the staff have shared how excited they were to speak with their students on the phone and are looking forward to re-engaging with them beginning next week. There has been a lot of messaging from the board with regard to the continuation of learning and what that will look like. The ministry has outlined the learning expectations and the **minimum** number of hours of learning per week.

- Kindergarten to grade three: Five hours of work per student per week, with a focus on literacy and math;
- Grades four to six: Five hours of work per week, with a focus on literacy, math, science, and social studies;

The ministry letter outlining this information is available on the Percy Williams and Board websites. Be sure to use the ***Translate*** button at the top right corner of our website to access the language you prefer.

A letter also came home from the school board on Sunday outlining information about the continuation of learning, which included a form for parents to fill out regarding access to technology and the internet. If you have not filled out the form, take a moment to do so.

The teachers have been busy this week organizing and planning how they will support your child next week. This style of learning and teaching is a departure from the regular class and will take various forms depending on factors such as the age of the child, and the class's familiarity with remote and technology enabled learning. Some staff have been participating in remote training on Google Classroom and working in division groups to plan lessons that are accessible, interesting and that students will be able to complete at home. The students and the staff are excited to re-engage in the learning process and to reconnect.

I will continue to share information, tips to support your child and to share some of the successes and highlight the learning happening. Be sure to stay connected and look for notifications from your teacher. Also, be sure to check your spam folder occasionally for messages that may be redirected.

We know there are many inherent challenges in this new style of learning. Just remember, the staff and I are here to assist and support you and your child.

Jason Donaldson  
Principal