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## TOM LONGBOAT JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Andrea Chisholm, Principal

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Dear Tom Longboat Families,

As we are approaching the end of our second week of learning remotely, there are still many questions that are arising. Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher, our office staff or myself if you have any questions. We are happy to hear from you and are here to help.

### **TDSB Technology Distribution**

The TDSB is continuing to distribute technology to families as quickly as possible. We had over 29,000 requests for a device. The process for retrieving Chromebooks involves borrowing these from individual schools, while still following the Toronto Public Health social distancing guidelines. The board is sending out approximately 1000-2000 devices each day. Receipt of the device will depend upon when it was requested, and the grade of the student (the board is trying to send Secondary student their devices first). Those who requested a device over two weeks ago should be hearing within the next few days to a week. We already have received word that 12 families have received their device, but we have many more still waiting. Thank you for your patience. Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher and they will share the classroom assignments as appropriate.

### **Online Safety**

Our School Resource Officer PC Claudia Bednarczyk of 42 Division has compiled the following list of **Safety Tips for Students** to stay safe online:

1. Make sure your accounts are on PRIVATE setting.
2. Understand that everything you post (even if deleted) stays online FOREVER.
3. DO NOT add strangers to your friends list.
4. Only connect with people that you know.
5. Remember that people are not always who they say they are. If you are unsure, talk to an adult.
6. DO NOT post personal information about you, a member of your family or another person.
7. Always THINK before you share, send, or post.

8. Recognize CYBERBULLYING, don't do it and REPORT it if you see it. Police are still investigating reports and some cyberbullying can be a crime (threatening, harassment etc)
9. If something happens online, inappropriate comments/bullying, SAVE the text/posts/emails and REPORT to an adult or Police.
10. Don't be a BYSTANDER who ignores the problem, that makes you part of it.
11. Choose not to like, forward, or further distribute hurtful comments, pictures and posts.
12. Remember you have NO CONTROL once you hit post.
13. Always use strong PASSWORDS and NEVER share them with friends.
14. Remember it is easy to lie on the internet, there can be fake information, websites, pictures and videos. Don't believe everything you see or read.
15. Always respect yourself and others online.

Please review these safety tips with your children. They are very valuable lessons to remember.

### **School Spirit Days**

Our school spirit days will be continuing next week. Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> is **Crazy Hair Day**, and Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> is our **Tom Longboat school spirit wear day**. Have your children post their photos! We are looking forward to having a May newsletter filled with spirit day pictures!

As you have heard this week, the school closures have extended beyond May 4, 2020. We do not yet have a date for a return to school. However, we will continue to teach our students and make learning fun and engaging!

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend with your families. Please stay healthy and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Chisholm  
Principal  
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