

# Norwood NEWSLETTER #7

We have been so fortunate to have wonderful weather this past week. Teachers have been using the new outdoor learning spaces to provide learning opportunities outside of our school walls. Take a look at our Facebook page for pictures!

- Mrs. Ostapek



## Terry Fox:

On Friday October 9th our students will safely participate in a walk for Terry. Send a Toonie for Terry and help us raise money for Cancer. You can also use School Cash On-Line if you wish to donate some money. We thank you in advance!

## Face Masks:

Students in grade 4 and up are not to wear Gaiters or Buffs to school. If you have any questions please read the KPRDSB Mask Protocol on the KPR website, our school website or by following this link: <http://www.kprschools.ca/content/dam/kpr/documents/FaceMaskProtocol.pdf>

## Shoes:

Just a reminder to not send your child with an extra pair of shoes. The reason why the schools in KPR are not having indoor and outdoor shoes is because it is an added transition in our halls that is difficult to manage with the social distancing rules. Our halls also have been divided in half for directional walking so the shoes would become tripping hazards and if there was ever a fire drill, this would be very dangerous. With students entering first thing in the morning they will not be outside getting wet and if it rains they will remain indoors.

## Illness & COVID - What to do to keep our school safe

As students begin to experience cold and flu-like symptoms this fall, we want to remind everyone of the key points of the KPR Illness Protocol, based on evolving guidance from our local Public Health partners. This process is based on a meeting that was held on Monday, September 28th with our public health nurse. While this information will likely change, this is what we must follow at this point:

- Most importantly, in the event of student illness, families **must** contact their health care provider or a COVID Assessment Centre for guidance and follow their recommendations.
  - If testing is recommended, children must stay home from school until the test result is received.
    - If the test result is negative for COVID-19, but the child still has symptoms of illness, they should stay home until symptom-free for 24 hours (or 48 hours in the case of vomiting or diarrhea).
    - If the test result is positive for COVID-19, Public Health will be in regular contact and will inform families when children can return to school.
  - If testing is not recommended because the primary health care provider has diagnosed that the symptoms are not due to COVID-19, children must stay home until symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours (or 48 hours in the case of vomiting or diarrhea).
- If children are not diagnosed with an illness other than COVID-19, and/or is recommended for testing for COVID-19 but does not get tested, they must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days from the time their symptoms started. They cannot attend school during this 14-day period.

Please know that our school staff are not medical professionals and are unable to diagnose if a student is ill. We just do our best to follow the protocol provided to all KPR schools by our health units.

**Self-Screening** - All families, staff and students are asked to use the self-screening assessment each and every day. A link is here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>