

Norwood NEWSLETTER #10

As winter approaches it is time to review a few key information items.

Preventing the spread of Covid-19

- 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/>
- The KPRDSB Checklist is an easy one to keep posted in your house as a reminder.
- Anyone who is sick must stay home - this includes staff and students.
- Make sure your child does not have any toys or stuffed animals - items from home stay home.

What families are asking...

Can I drop my grade 6 daughter off at 8:30 in the morning?

No. There is no supervision prior to 8:40.

My child's teacher has asked that indoor shoes be sent to school, can we do this?

Yes. If you haven't sent indoor shoes in, please do so.

What happens when a student refuses to wear a mask? I am worried.

Thankfully, this has not been a problem. Our students are all being so responsible for their safety and the safety of their loved ones. Every student is doing their part, even the young ones! Just make sure that you pack at least 2 masks per day, especially now that the weather is turning.

Will teachers still go outside to teach when it is snowing or cold?

Yes. Be sure your child dresses for the weather. More time outside is more time with clean, mask free, fresh air.

Will I be able to meet with my child's teacher to talk about their progress report?

You can contact your child's teacher anytime and they will be happy to arrange a time for a phone or Zoom meeting.

I am hearing that KPR may close schools if buses are cancelled on snow days. Is this true?

At the time of this newsletter, we have not had any confirmation that this is happening. For now, we continue with our current procedures - if buses are cancelled your child is excused from school and you do not need to report their absence. If your child is a walker then you must call their absence in. Should our policy change, you will be notified.

What enhanced cleaning protocols are in place to ensure best practice for safety?

Great question! We have our head custodian who cleans all touch points repeatedly throughout the day. She also cleans washrooms, common areas, and desks 3 times a day (minimal). There is also a custodian who comes for an hour a day to double down on the cleaning mid-day. Our night custodian continues the work well into the evening and then we have a spray team that comes in during the week.

Updates:

School Food Drive - Each classroom has a theme and all donations will go to our local food bank Dec. 10th.

Christmas Concert - For now, it is on hold. We will have additional spirit days but we will follow the health unit recommendations and one of the rules prevents us from singing so there will be no caroling this year.

KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE



Do not come to school if...



You or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days



You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19



You have any of the following symptoms

- Fever
- New or worse cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches
- Chills
- Runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause
- Nausea/vomiting
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Difficulty walking
- Abdominal pain
- Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste



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