



Northdale Public School

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STAR News UPDATE

STAFFING

We want to welcome Ms. Voogd to our STAR staff. She has accepted the FDK teacher position while Ms. Thomas is away and is excited to join our school community. Please assist us in welcoming Ms. Voogd to our school.

REORGANIZATION WITH CHANGE IN LEARNING MODEL

Families of elementary students were provided the opportunity to request a change in learning models by the deadline of October 16, 2020.

The classroom transition date into Full Remote will be Monday, November 16th.

With the requests that were made by the October 16th deadline, we have a number of students returning to school. The increase for in-person learning has led to some shifts within the building to accommodate the requests. We are making every effort to minimize the impact on the students already attending in-person learning at Northdale.

Our Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate classes may be welcoming some new classmates but their classes will remain the same.

The changes:

Grade 3 – Mrs. Corlett is now Grade 3/4

Grade 4 – Ms. Liesemer is now Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 -- Mr. Buisman remains Grade 4/5

Grade 5/6 -- Mrs. Vens is now Grade 6

There are a few students who will be changing classes to meet the needs of our learners. Any student changes will be communicated home on Friday via email and a paper copy will be sent home with students.

The in-person learning changes are effective Monday, November 2.

The next opportunity for a change in learning model happens in January. You must notify the school by email or phonecall, by January 15th and the change would occur on February 2nd.

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL!!!

We would like to thank our School Council for supporting our students in purchasing 2 sets of Lacrosse Kits. These kits are being used to support our PE classes that are being held outdoors primarily to support social distancing and an opportunity for students to have a break from their masks.

COATS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

Woodstock's Operation Sharing -Coats for Kids and Adults program will not be running the same way as it has in the past. If your family is in need of winter apparel, you must complete a request form and submit it to the Program Coordinators by November 30th. This service is offered free of charge. Pick up of the apparel will take place at Woodstock's Operation Sharing at a pre-registered date and time. If you require a request form, please contact the school.

WEATHER/OUTDOOR TIME

Please be aware that students go outside every day for PE/ recess / outdoor lessons. They need to come to school dressed for the weather. This time is important as it is the only time students will have a break from wearing their mask. Students are welcome to bring an umbrella on those rainy days for recess time and if the teacher deems it appropriate for their outdoor learning time. If the weather is severe such as cold temperatures that public health identifies as a high risk or if it is a thunderstorm, we will not send them outside.

While inside their classrooms, students are required to remain seated with masks on, this is a South Western Ontario Public Health / TVDSB mandatory protocol. We feel it is important that students have an opportunity to have a fresh air break and a chance to move around.

If you have further questions, please contact the school.

SAFE ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE; Safety of our children is always our guiding principle when making any school community decisions. Please support us in our efforts to follow the public health unit protocols of social distancing and contact tracing during drop off and pick up times. We recommend parents wear their masks and keep social distanced. *Please move away from the gate area* after you have dropped off your children in order that other families with students can safely access the fenced in playground.

Please do not walk your students onto school property at either entrance off Northdale Ave. Parents are asked not to say their good-byes at the sidewalk or their vehicle. Thank you for your assistance!

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Every year, schools are required to complete three fire drills, one severe weather/tornado drill and a code red drill in the fall and then again in the spring. This fall, our fire drills will be September 29th, October 7th and October 20th. The severe weather/tornado drill will be October 1st. The drills will run a little differently this year to follow new COVID protocols and procedures. The classes have been divided into three groups. Each group will have its own time to practice the drill on the dates stated. Please note, in the event of an actual emergency, the safety of staff and students takes priority over COVID protocols and all groups will follow the emergency plan at the same time. We are having our first code red drill the first week of November.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Treaties Recognition Week (first week of November)

Thursday, November 5th Virtual Meet the Teacher/Celebration of Learning –more details to come from your classroom teacher

November 11th - Remembrance Day –donations accepted for the Legion if student wish to wear a poppy from school

November 13th -Progress Report Cards go home

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – Third week of November

Reminders

-Student Health Agreement needs to be signed and returned.

-Please go into your Parent Portal and update your emergency contact and complete the student information sheets.



-*Please send 2 labelled filled water bottles to school with your student each day.*

-Please send your student dressed and ready for outdoor play / recess / PE.