

Wagmatcookewey School Parents and Guardians Update October 2, 2020

We are glad to provide this information update to Wagmatcookewey School parents and guardians.

In-school program

After being apart for over five months students and teachers started the 2020-2021 school year on August 31, 2020. Students and all school staff were elated to see each other and to start another education journey together. All students adapted very well to the planned health and safety measures aimed at keeping everyone safe and healthy. Most students are attending school and are actively participating in-class and program activities. All students received an iPad or Chromebook for the in-school and e-learning (at home) program. Over a two-week period, students will be in school fifty percent of the time.

E-Learning (at home)

Most students are doing well with the e-learning schedule. Teachers email course requirements and on-line class schedules to all students and parents. Elementary students receive copied work to complete at home each week.

Some students are absent from the e-learning classes. It is important for parents/ guardians and students to remember that **missing e-learning classes will result in a student not grading or graduating in June 2021**. Teachers are available during regular school day hours for students

and e-learning teaching sessions. Remember attendance is taken during scheduled e-learning periods and it will impact year-end outcomes.

Health and Safety Measures

From the minute a student steps on a school bus to the time they leave at the end of the school day, new health and safety protocols have been implemented to ensure student and staff safety. We have split the student and staff population to reduce the number of persons in the school at one time and to ensure social distancing measures. A day- time cleaner has been hired to clean all high touch surfaces. Daily body temperatures are taken and recorded for anyone entering the school and for possible contact tracing. Busses are cleaned twice a day and the school is deep cleaned at the of the school day. Masks are required on the buses and in common areas of the school. Masks are required in classrooms when physical distancing cannot be met. Breakfast and lunch are served in the classroom and the kitchen is cleaned daily. The ventilation system was cleaned and certified.

November Progress Reports

We are considering issuing student Progress Reports in early November to update parents on student progress in the modified school program. Further information on this will be available later in October.

Virtual Staff Meetings

This week, we started virtual meetings with teachers and professional staff. Teachers meet in their respective teams with administration to discuss program implementation matters and student progress.

Communication Between Teachers and Parents

Parents and guardians should have received emails and course information from their child's teacher. Teachers are required to communicate with parents on a weekly basis to provide updates on a student's progress or

other matters. If you have not received emails from your child's teacher, please contact Marjorie and Louise.

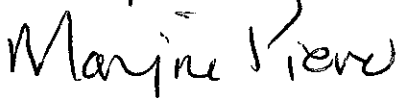
Covid-19 Monitoring

Chief Norman and a dedicated senior management team continue to monitor covid-19 conditions and have prepared for a possible second wave in the province. If the virus becomes a threat in our area the school will be closed again. Teachers will be providing their students an instructional plan for their grade or course(s) shortly. The 100% at home learning plan will be shared with parents.

Be Safe Be Kind

We wish all parents and guardians our thanks for supporting the modified school program. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Marjorie Pierro or Louise Witzell at (902) 295 3491.

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Marjorie Pierro