



Queen Elizabeth II P.S April Newsletter

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School and Child Closures

The Ontario government has extended the closure of schools and child care centres until Monday, May 4 to protect the health and safety of students, families and staff. This extension was made on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. This decision will be re-evaluated based on Ministry of Health advice as we approach the May date.

All playgrounds are also closed during this time to help curb the spread of the virus and protect public health.

Continuity of Learning

Teachers have been reaching out to families to communicate how learning will continue in the coming weeks. Much of this learning will occur using platforms such as See Saw and Google Classroom. Staff are working diligently to reach all of our families; however, ensuring your contact information, including your email address, is correct and up to date would be extremely helpful. If you need to update any contact information, you can reach us by leaving a message on the school voice mail or emailing Mrs. Pickering at rachel.pickering@lkdsb.net.

You can find supplementary learning on the Ministry of Education's web page "Learn at Home." <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>. You can also access support on the LKDSB site: <https://sites.google.com/lkdsb.com/elementaryremotelearning/home>. On this site, students and their parents can access educational resources to help keep students learning and engaged during the school closures.

Time Guidelines Per Grade and Focus of Instruction (Ministry of Education)

The Ministry of Education has outlined the expectations of what and how many hours students should be learning in the coming weeks. This does not mean parents can't supplement their child(ren)'s learning by providing more, or different activities as well. The expectations are as follows:

Kindergarten-Grade 3:

- 5 hours of work per student each week
- Focus on literacy and math

Grade 4-Grade 6:

- 5 hours of work per student each week
- Focus on literacy, math, science and social studies

Grade 7 and 8

- 10 hours of work per student each week
- Focus on literacy, math, science, history and geography

Mental Health

The Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child & Youth Mental Health website has created a document that has many resources to help parents/guardians support their child(ren) who might be dealing with a variety of challenges at this time. Other supports can be found on the LKDSB website <https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/>.

Community Supports

The CK Student Nutrition Program has partnered with United Way, Ckgives Campaign to help students and families with food assistance during the school closures. Gift cards are being offered to help with grocery needs. To sign up for the program parents can go the www.ckgives.ca or you can call the United Way office at 519-354-0430 ext 202.

EQAO

Ontario's Education Minister has announced EQAO, the province's standardized testing, is cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year.

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