



Queen Elizabeth II P.S April Newsletter

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School and Child Care Closures

The Ontario government has extended the closure of schools and child-care centres until Monday, May 31 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 public health as advise as we approach the May date.

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

Lexia

Rosetta stone has generously released free Lexia licenses for all students until the end of June to help meet students needs across the country. This program begins with a simple placement test to ensure the needs of the individual student is being met. The program then determines next steps and provides important data to teachers regarding the strengths and needs of each student. We are so fortunate to have this amazing program and amazing staff working hard behind the scenes to get everyone set up and manage all 300+ accounts. Mrs. Heaton and Mr. Spencer have been very busy ensuring everyone has access to this wonderful opportunity. Classroom teachers are also busy providing everyone with their username and passwords. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work getting everyone up and running. We invite everyone to check out the lessons provided, which your children can work through independently, and let the students show you what they can do!

Continuity of Learning

Parents, teachers and students are working hard on our new e-learning platforms. We will continually strive to provide interesting and engaging activities for all our students as e-learning unfolds. You can find supplementary learning on the Ministry of Educations web page "Learn at 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 under the Mental Health Link-Where to Get Help? Tab. Additional resources can be found at Jack.org on their Covid Response Mental Health Hub <https://jack.org/covid>.

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.

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