



Kirkbride Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy during this time. We miss seeing your children at school and are looking forward to their return. Remote learning will continue for all students until June 25th, however schools will also be offering in-class learning, beginning on June 1st. In-class learning is optional and the decision of each family. We will continue to support students whether at home or as we welcome them back to school.

As we prepare for this next phase of learning and our ‘new normal’, our number one priority will be the health and safety of our students and staff. Below is an outline of some of the health and safety initiatives we will use to support physical distancing and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Parents and other visitors will not be permitted to enter the school building without prior permission from school staff.
- Families must maintain appropriate physical distancing (2m apart from other families) during drop off and pick up.
- Children cannot be sent to school if they have any signs of illness. (runny nose, fever, headache, cough, sneezing, sore throat, etc.)
- Children who become ill while at school will be asked to remain in a supervised, illness isolation room until a parent is able to pick up their child as soon as possible. These students will be asked to self-isolate for 10 day.
- Students must bring a packed lunch, snack and water bottle to school as we will not be able to accommodate lunch drop-offs and students will only be able to use the bottle filling dispenser on our water fountains.
- Students will frequently wash their hands throughout the day.
- Seating will be spaced apart and students will be encouraged to stay in their own spot.
- Schools will have a day custodian. High contact surfaces will be the priority for cleaning ex. doors and handles, washrooms, light switches, desks and chairs, and sports equipment.
- More time will be spent outside, so please dress your child for the weather.
- There will be no fieldtrips, assemblies or other events.
- Classes will be half of their normal size.

- Students in Kindergarten to grade 5 will be invited to attend school two days per week:
 - Group A: Monday's and Thursday's
 - Group B: Tuesday's and Friday's
- All students in grade 6 and 7 will be invited to attend school one day per week:
 - Either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, according to the teacher's schedule
- Remote learning opportunities will continue for the balance of the student's weekly schedules.
- We have set up the groups so that siblings will attend school on the same day(s). However, children may not have their regular classroom teacher, classmates or classroom. Your child's teacher will contact you later this week with more information about their schedules.

As staffing allows, we will be offering five days of in-school support for the children of Essential Services Workers (ESW) who do not currently have child care during the school day. We will also be offering up to five days of in-school support for students with special needs, who will require additional support, after consultation between the school and parent. Over the course of the week, these students may be working in multi-age groupings and will be supported by different staff members throughout our school.

As I am sure you can appreciate, this is a complex, logistical process. In order to assist us with our planning, please fill out this brief [SURVEY](#) about whether or not your child(ren) are returning to in-class instruction. We recognize that families may still be considering both options. If possible, please complete the survey by Wednesday, May 27th. Please note that schools will not be making daily safe arrival calls to those families choosing to continue with remote learning for the remainder of the school year.

While we look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back into our school, we recognize this partial return to school may be causing some anxiety and stress. Some of you may be fearful of sending your child(ren) back to school. We understand your concerns and will support whatever decision you make.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we transition into the next phase of our school year.

Sincerely,

Martin Bobik
Principal