



## Prince Philip French Immersion Public School

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Hello Prince Philip Families!

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Thank you for your continued efforts in helping our students access our virtual classrooms and working with us during these unprecedented times. We are blown away by your communication with us and efforts to support your children in their learning at home! You are awesome!

As you know, the Ministry has announced that school will not reopen on May 4th. No reopen date has been set. Stay posted with this newsletter, the DSBN/School website or your child's Teacher Learning Platform for any updates. WE MISS YOU!

Last week, we were busy!

- DSBN Cares supported over 700 families with grocery cards!
- The DSBN Learn from Home website <https://www.dsbns.org/learn-from-home> continued to be updated
- Ms. Bennett, our Social Worker, reached out and connected with families with whom she works with.
- Prince Philip staff members engaged in their own online learning.

This week, our focus is:

- For some staff to potentially start using online video conferencing tools in Google Meets or D2L next week as a way to connect with students! Homeroom teachers will inform parents if this will be used. We are discussing on individual basis of how this can work for those classrooms who may choose to use this. This is only an option for teacher to use and NOT an expectation as everyone's home situation is unique and we have to allow for accommodations.
- To continue teacher instruction and feedback using Google Classroom or D2L using the Ministry workload guidelines:

Kindergarten 1 hour/day or 5 hours/week  
Grade 1-3 1 hour/day or 5 hours/week  
Grade 4-6 1 hour/day or 5 hours/week  
Grade 7&8 2 hours/day or 10 hours/week

We would love for every single Prince Philip student to try and make an effort this week to get online each day for the designated amount of time and submit the tasks their teachers have assigned.

This is so very important so the teacher can provide feedback and continue to move forward the learning of your children.

We appreciate how this new learning reality is complicated and has many layers. We encourage everyone to be mindful that teachers will return work assignments with feedback when possible and when they are able. Teachers are working hard behind the scenes in servicing from 20 – 32 students in their classes. As you can also appreciate, emails/Remind app notices are at an all-time high, as this is the main way we are communicating. Please understand that staff will return questions and feedback, at the earliest possible time, given their home situations and caring for younger children themselves.

# DSBN REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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## BOARD ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE

### GET IN THE SPIRIT!

PP staff are planning a few fun virtual events for students and families. Stay tuned for more details and follow us on Twitter @princephilipnf. We will be trying to engage our families and staff will be sharing posts on a regular basis of learning going on in our school community and fun activities. We will also encourage families to participate in our upcoming Spirit days. Stay Tuned for more info!

### DID YOU KNOW...

The Ontario Government launched the Support for Families Portal on Monday offering \$200 per child under 12 to offset the costs of having children at home during covid-19? Be sure to check it out!

### PATHSTONES

Pathstones has confirmed that walk-in services are closed indefinitely BUT individual therapy sessions are continuing to happen over the phone.

They have increased the number of staff on the crisis phone and are still able to respond to calls immediately without wait times.

Pathstone Mental Health call 1-800-263-4944.

Kids Help Phone call 1-800-668-6868 text CONNECT to 686868 live chat [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

### COMMUNICATION

#### HOMEROOM TEACHER

Most of your questions can be directed to our homeroom teachers!

Our teachers will be available to connect from 8:20 am - 2:40 pm each day.

#### SCHOOL PHONE and EMAIL

Have a question for the office? Don't hesitate to call as we are monitoring our phone messages and emails daily from Monday – Friday. ([prp@dsbn.org](mailto:prp@dsbn.org)).

#### SCHOOL MESSENGER

If you haven't given us an email address, please consider doing so, so that you will get our School Messenger emails and updates. Information items that require considerable text or attachments can be more easily read via email.

Email addresses can be shared with homeroom teachers or emailed to [prp@dsbn.org](mailto:prp@dsbn.org).

TWITTER (also available through our website <http://princephilips.dsb.org/>)

We would love to see pics of our students engaging in learning from home on our twitter feed! If you would like to post consider following us [@princephilipnf](https://twitter.com/princephilipnf)

Our staff will begin to highlight learning through TWITTER! Follow [@princephilipnf](https://twitter.com/princephilipnf) for daily features and tag us in your learning by using [#princephilipnf](https://twitter.com/princephilipnf). You can expect regular communication from the office in our weekly Newsletters. We will be using our Website, School Messenger or Twitter and teachers will forward our newsletters to you on Mondays.

Most importantly, we hope you and your families are safe and healthy. Please know the staff at Prince Philip consider you all a part of our family and we worry about how you are all doing. Please stay in touch. We look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Continue to stay safe and healthy and We miss you Pumas!

Lynn Tisi, Principal and Warren Dixon, Vice Principal

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