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Message from the Admin Team

We hope that you had time to recharge over the Christmas break. While we were hopeful for a return to in-person learning, we have had to shift our plans to navigate through these next stages of COVID-19. We recognize how difficult these ongoing changes are for families. Please know that we are working hard to organize our virtual classrooms and be ready for what comes our way!

1. Technology Deployment – We had over 65 devices distributed last week. If you still require a device, please call the school at 519-452-8010, or email the school office at aberdeen@tvdsb.ca. Most of these devices are coming out of our classrooms so please take good care of them while using them at home. It will be important that you return them right away once we return to school so that we can use them in our classrooms again. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this process.

2. Tech Support for Parents – Learning online is still new to many families. At TVDSB, your child is part of a Google Classroom which is where their online learning takes place. For more information and frequently asked questions, please contact your child's teacher or visit:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/supports-for-parents-and-guardians.aspx> for assistance.

3. Attendance – Daily attendance will be tracked as it was during virtual learning time last year. Student participation in synchronous or asynchronous learning during the day counts as attendance (e.g., logging into learning platform, email, telephone, handing in an assignment). If you receive an attendance call during this period of remote learning, it is because your child's teacher did not see your child participating in some capacity online that day. If you feel you received an attendance call in error, please contact the school office at 519-452-8010 and we will investigate the situation. Beginning on Monday, January 10 (or sooner) teachers will be offering a full day of lessons and learning opportunities. Please encourage your child to participate as much as possible in order to keep your child connected with his/her peers, teacher, and the curriculum expectations for his/her grade level.

Please remember to put absences into Messenger as you did prior to the virtual learning as the safe arrival software will continue to contact families in the event of an unreported absence.

4. Grade 8 to 9 Transition – Transitioning from Elementary to Secondary school is one of the exciting elements for our Grade 8 students. During the month of January, students will be busy learning about high school and determining courses for next year. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/information-for-grade-8-students.aspx>

Virtual tours and information about each high school can be found here:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/grade-8-parent-information-nights.aspx>

There is an important parent session about de-streaming in high school. The session will be held online on Wednesday, January 12 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The link can be found here:

www.tvdsb.ca/de-streaming

5. Kindergarten Registration – It's almost that time again! Children born in 2018 are eligible to register for kindergarten and will begin school in the Fall of 2022! Registration runs from January 17th – February 4th. Register online at https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/register-for-school.aspx?_mid_=333 and follow up by calling the school at 519-452-8010.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, January 14 – P.D. Day (No school)

Friday, January 28- School Council meeting 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 28- Pajama Day

Friday, February 11 – Report Cards go home

When we receive word that we will be returning to school, it will be extremely important that you complete your child's online daily COVID screening in the portal (or by using the QR code that was provided). **This screening must be completed through the Ontario COVID School Screening website and the results must now be submitted**

to the board each morning before your child comes to school. The first step is to complete the screener questionnaire where you receive either a red or green message. Red means do not go to school. Green means you can come to school. You will also need to scroll down to read the additional information that applies to siblings who also attend school. In some cases, they may be required to stay home if another family member is symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19. Then, you need to go into the declaration portion of the report and indicate the results of your child's screening. This must be completed separately for each child. Please be sure to complete both parts as we still had several students showing up before the break without results entered into the system each day. We were given two weeks in December to ensure that everyone understood how to complete both the screening and the submission of the screening results. Everyone should now be in the routine of completing this daily process. Once we return to school if you have any difficulties completing this process, please contact the main office. A report is produced each day to indicate who has completed and submitted the screening process and we need to ensure that everyone has it done before coming to school. We appreciate your support in helping to keep our school community safe!

We thank you for your patience as we transition to learning virtually again. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need support. We will also be working remotely so we will respond to your email or phone message as soon as possible. We are in this together! We look forward to seeing you again soon!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!