



Lord Kitchener Elementary School

Think with Your Heart:

As a Learner

As a Friend

As a Citizen

May 1, 2020

Good Afternoon Lord Kitchener Community,

We have updated our Birthday Window! A very special *Happy Birthday* to our 46 students celebrating their birthdays this month! If you have a chance, please walk by the library window and see if you can spot your name. Ms. Stewart thought a heart shape would be appropriate for this month, she was certainly "Thinking with her heart!"

An update from Suzanne Hoffman. <https://youtu.be/wjIAOvEV-sg>

"With lots of thoughts and ideas percolating about what the Provincial Government's eventual loosening of restrictions will mean, people are wondering too what that means for schools. In her latest video update, Vancouver School District Superintendent Suzanne

Hoffman shares the District's thinking about what that may look like. In the message, she relays the thinking and discussions within the education system that have taken place over the last week.

She says the District continues to work methodically and thoughtfully through the suggestions and ideas. Noting this topic has been recently addressed by the Education Minister, Rob Fleming, and the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Hoffman reassures that however in-class learning is re-introduced, health and safety will be the top consideration in making decisions.

She adds the District is watching other jurisdictions nationally and internationally that are already or about to return to some form of in-class instruction. Going forward, Hoffman says there are many areas in which planning will be taking place, including communication, connections for students, and what learning spaces will look like - ensuring operations comply with guidelines that will come from the Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Education.

Overall, she notes, District staff continue to adapt well to the circumstances of COVID-19 and will continue to do so as thoughts are turned to the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic response."

Tips For Parents:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/tips-for-parents.aspx

Communicating Student Learning Reports:

- Each student will receive a report card in June indicating their achievement in each of their courses.
- Staff will continue to use strength-based assessments and proficiency scales (the same format that was used for the mid-year report).
- Students will complete Core Competency self-assessments as part of their year-end report.
- All students who were on track to advance to the following grade will advance to the following grade. This will be indicated on the final report.



Technology Reminders:

As more and more students are connecting online, we would like to remind everyone about appropriate online behaviour.

- Students are expected to use appropriate online behaviour at all times and uphold the terms of the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy signed in the fall (please see below).
- Students are subject to the expectations in the District Student Code of Conduct and Kitchener's Code of Conduct. Think with Your Heart: As a Learner, As a Friend, As a Citizen.

Grade 4-7 Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology Policy

1. I will keep my username and password to myself.
2. I will be respectful of myself and others when using technology.
3. I will not view, download, or upload anything that is illegal, inappropriate, or that may cause harm or distress to others.
4. I will not take photographs or video of other students without their permission, nor will I post pictures of others without their permission.
5. I understand that school systems and devices are primarily intended for educational purposes.
6. I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other person's files or information without their knowledge and permission.
7. I understand that if I use my personal devices at school, I will follow the rules set out by this Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology policy and my teacher's instructions.
8. I will immediately report any damage of devices or software, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and other concerns to my teacher.
9. I understand that I am responsible for my actions when using technology both inside and outside of school.
10. I understand that the school will take appropriate action if I don't follow the rules.



Grade K-3 Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology Policy

1. I will ask an adult to use the computer/tablet.
2. I will use apps and webpages that the teacher/school allows me to use.
3. I will ask an adult for help if I'm not sure what to do or if I think I've made a mistake.
4. I will tell an adult if I see something upsetting or inappropriate on the screen.
5. I will be kind when I post about others or myself.
6. I will ask permission before posting appropriate photos.
7. I will find out and follow the online-sharing rules.
8. If I don't follow the rules, I might lose the privilege of using the computer/tablet.





Returning School Library Books

Library books that are at home can be dropped off at the front window of the Kitchener Library. The window will be open on:

Mondays – from 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm

Wednesdays – from 9:30 am until 11:30 am



MAY EVENTS:

Welcome to Kindergarten: Our May 11th Event has been postponed until September.

Professional Development Day: May 15th. Indigenous Focus.

PAC AGM: May 21 @7pm

Have a wonderful weekend!

Take Care, Stay Home & Stay Safe

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Stewart



**Unfamiliar
phone number?
No caller ID?**
It may be your teacher calling!

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