



PRINCESS ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Good afternoon Princess Elizabeth families,

We have made it through another week of online learning. I am so incredibly proud of all our PE students who are logging on each day and participating in their virtual learning or who are working hard on other assignments. I know the amount of work and effort that this requires, not only on students, but also on parents and guardians. Everyone is trying their best and that is all that matters! Please know if you are experiencing any technical difficulties to reach out to your child's teacher. Also please be aware that home situations for everyone are different. If your child is unable to make all the virtual sessions just let your teacher know. We are all navigating this together and can empathize with the stress and difficulties, but want you to know we are here to support you.

Some important information:

Friday, January 15 is a PA day for elementary schools at the DSBN.

As originally planned, teachers will be engaged in professional duties and therefore, your child will not have remote learning or any school work assigned on that day.

We look forward to seeing your child online on Monday, January 18 according to their regular class schedule.

DSBN ACADEMY

Registration for the DSBN academy is now open!



DSBN Academy

Registration

- for the 2021/22 school year at DSBN Academy is **now open**
- has a new virtual home on the DSBN Academy website: academy.dsbn.org
- is open to all current Grade 5, 6, & 7 students

For more information see the below video:

DSBN Academy Video: <https://youtu.be/g0Wi36cYPbc>

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE SPEAKER SERIES

The DSBN is excited to introduce the second presenter in the 2020-21 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Virtual Speaker Series!

Parenting doesn't happen in a bubble. As parents, we can't help but be affected by what's happening in the wider world. Is it any wonder then that so many of us are feeling so anxious, so guilty, and so overwhelmed right now? In this thought-provoking conversation, parenting author Ann Douglas will acknowledge the challenges that we are facing in this moment and share strategies and solutions for parenting through a strange and uncertain time. Expect a conversation that is kind, encouraging, and real and that leaves you feeling anything but alone.

You'll learn

- why this is such a challenging time to be a parent—and a child or teen!
- how to calm yourself and calm your child
- how to parent in a way you can feel good about and that will actually strengthen your relationship with your child
- how to give yourself permission to be a gloriously imperfect parent and to give your child permission to be a gloriously imperfect kid
- how to recognize and celebrate your many strengths as a parent.

Ann Douglas sparks conversations that matter about parenting and mental health. She is a regular contributor to CBC Radio and a bestselling parenting book author. Ann is the creator of The Mother of All Book series and the author, most recently, of Happy Parents, Happy Kids and Parenting Through the Storm. A passionate and inspiring speaker, Ann delivers keynote addresses and leads small-group workshops at health, parenting, and education conferences across the country. A limited number of Ann's book, Happy Parents Happy Kids are available to those who register for her presentation.

Registration link: <https://www.dsbm.org/pic/speakerseries.html>

PRINCESS ELIZABETH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Despite not being able to meet in person, our school advisory council is still working hard and having meetings. Participation in these meetings is beneficial for the school.

As part of School Council you would:

- Focus on improved learning for all students
- Maintain a school wide perspective on issues
- Represent and communicate the view of the school community
- Provide input at committee meetings
- Attend and participate at council and committee meetings
- Become a link between the school and the community

We focus on school wide topics and ways to problem solve and provide solutions. Problems specific to individual students, families or teachers can be discussed with homeroom teachers or the principal outside of these meetings.

We are also reaching out for fundraising opportunities that are allowed during the pandemic. In other schools partnerships with local businesses such as a coupon code to use where a percentage goes back to the school or proceeds from sales going to the school have gone well. If you own your own business or have a connection please reach out.

Our next virtual meeting is Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend virtually please watch for a link to be shared. Any parents/guardians that attend will be entered into a draw for a Tim Hortons Gift Card.

If you are unable to attend but have a school-wide based question for us to discuss at the meeting please email them to our Chair Devon Koudijs - dkoudijs@koudijscanada.com to be added to our agenda.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sinnett - Principal and Mrs. Falardeau - Vice - Principal

