



January 29, 2021

Good afternoon Princess Elizabeth families,

As I am sure many of you have heard the DSBN was **not** on the list for school boards that can return to in person learning on Monday. We will continue to learn virtually for the next little while. As we get more information regarding a date of return we will be sure to share.

Term 1 Report Card Update

Due to the extension of remote learning, the Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning will be issued over two days between February 18-19. Families can expect to receive additional information about the Report Card distribution process from their school administrator, once further information about the return to "in-person learning" becomes available.

Report cards give a summary of student achievement at the end of each term. Teachers use their professional judgement and consider factors such as consistency, recent improvement and amount of evidence in order to determine students' grades or marks. Teachers and students work together to gather evidence of their learning over time from observations, conversations and student products.

This year, the Ontario Ministry of Education updated the math curriculum for Grades 1 to 8 which started in September 2020. The new mathematics curriculum is part of a four-year math strategy designed to:

- improve student performance in math
- help students solve everyday math problems
- increase students' employability to attain the jobs of the future

Updates to Assessment and Evaluation in Mathematics (Grades 1-8)

To foster a cohesive approach to both instruction and assessment across the elementary mathematics curriculum, achievement in mathematics will be reported in the Elementary Report Card as one overall letter grade (Grades 1-6) or percentage mark (Grades 7-8), with supporting comments. Comments will describe significant strengths demonstrated by the student, and identify next steps for improvement. Teachers may also describe a student's growth in learning.

The Ministry has provided more information about the new math curriculum for parents on the following website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8>. If you have any questions, please make arrangements to speak with your child's teacher.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

January 18 - ongoing - Kindergarten registration - <https://www.dsbm.org/earlylearners/registration>

January 4 - Feb 16 - French Immersion Registration for SK students - <https://fiapplication.dsbm.org/>

February 1st 2:15 pm - Virtual Monthly Assembly - click here if you would like to join:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

February 12 - PD Day

February 15 - Family Day

February Kindness/Caring Challenge

Our character trait for February is Kindness/Caring. We will be running a kindness challenge. Students will have the opportunity to complete 16 acts of kindness. Teachers will share the chart and a list of possibilities. Once they have completed their 16 acts they can email the checklist to becki.falardeau@dsbn.org and jaime.sinnett@dsbn.org by February 19th. We will then draw for some lucky winners who will receive a skip the dishes lunch.

Here is a link to the chart and ideas:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UK4velkQ-o7fZbli9LN1c3f5CF1Xkf8kPsW-kWobW0o/edit?usp=sharing>

As always we are always here to support. We are working from home but do check phone messages throughout the day. If you are in need of anything or need to reach out, email is the best way to reach us.

Feel free to email us at:

jaime.sinnett@dsbn.org or becki.falardeau@dsbn.org

Sincerely,

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

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