

Thursday, January 7, 2021

SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 25

Dear KPR Families,

The provincial government today announced that elementary and secondary schools in our area of Ontario will remain closed until January 25 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, all Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) **schools will remain closed**, and students will continue to learn online from home, during that period.

More specifically, the province has announced that:

- All elementary and secondary schools in southern Ontario - which includes KPR - are **closed** to students until January 25, 2021. Therefore, elementary students **will not return to in-person learning on January 11**, as originally announced.
- Elementary and secondary students will continue to participate in remote learning until in-person learning resumes January 25.
- Learning and Life Skills (LLS) students (elementary and secondary) will participate in face-to-face learning at their home school with their teachers and support staff as of Monday, January 11, 2021.

KPR will continue to provide online learning for students to complete at home when the schools are closed. This learning will take place in a variety of ways, using the classroom teachers' regular communication platforms (e.g., Edsby, Google, D2L), based on students' age and grade.

During this period, students will continue to participate in a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning. Synchronous learning refers to real-time teaching when the students and teacher are connected live online. Asynchronous learning involves work being posted online, to be completed by the student independently, at any time.

Learning for students enrolled in the virtual elementary and secondary schools will continue as normal.

KPR continues to respond to requests for student devices to support remote learning. If you are in need of a Chromebook, please complete this [Google Form](#). Please note: we

will continue to prioritize secondary student requests before reviewing elementary student requests for devices.

To complete the [Google Form](#) and request technology at home, families will need their child's or teen's OEN (Ontario Education Number). This number can be found on students' report cards. Secondary students can review their report cards in Edsby.

If you do not have an OEN# or it will not work in the google form, please email kpr_technology@kprdsb.ca In the email, please include your name and email address, your child's full name and their home school.

We will inform families of any further announcements affecting our schools through our website at kprschools.ca, direct email and text via SchoolMessenger, the news media, and social media, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Stay safe and healthy, everyone.

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