



Spring Valley's Bulldog Bulletin

Friday, January 20, 2021

Message from Mr. Cooper:

Happy Friday, Valley families.

We are so excited to be welcoming your children back to school on Monday. It has been at least 5 weeks since we have seen each other, in-person, and, as a staff, we want to acknowledge all the work that you have been doing to support your child(ren)'s "Learning at home" over the past few weeks. Well done and congratulations!

In anticipation of our return to "normal", next week, there are a few things listed below that you and your child(ren) need to be aware of and prepare for as you all get ready for the return.

Have a wonderfully restful weekend and we'll see your child(ren) on Monday.
Mr. Cooper

What you need to know:

- **Enhanced Mask protocols:** (click on the link for full details)
 - Masks are now mandatory for all students in Grades 1 to 8 and strongly recommended for Kindergarten
 - Masks are to be worn everywhere on school property where physical distancing is not possible. This includes while outside at recess whenever children are within 6 feet/ 3 meters of their peers - essentially all the time. Consequently, we suggest sending an extra mask or two in case one gets a little too wet to be effective. We can provide some if necessary.
- **Daily COVID self-assessment screening:** Please ensure that you complete the recently enhanced [Provincial School Screening self-assessment](#) before they head off to school each morning.
- **Entry and Exit routines:** These will remain pretty much the same as prior to the holiday break. Upon arrival, students will need to proceed directly to their class/cohort zone, **keeping their masks on** as physical distancing if a significant challenge at this time of the day.
- **Technology return:** If your child took home or received any form of technology from KPR to support their learning at home, we ask that you ensure that it is safely returned to the school with your child, on Monday, with the power cord and any other peripherals that may have been issued with it (e.g. headphones, earbuds, mouse etc.). We will collect, inspect, and sanitize them in preparation for use in the school.
- **Kindergarten Registration:** If you know of anyone in the community who has a young one that will be starting school, with us, in September, please encourage them to register their child as soon as possible through the [KPR Kindergarten Registration portal](#).
- **STSCO News:** STSCO will be opening their online Out of Boundary and Daycare/Babysitter requests in the Parent Login on the stsco.ca website for the 2021-2022 School Year on Monday, January 25, 2021.
 - You will need your child's OEN and birthdate combination to log into the parent portal.

- Parents of JK students should use this link: <http://www.stsco.ca/newRiders.asp>
- Requests should be submitted by May 30th to be considered for the first day of school in September.
- **Mental Health and Bell's "Let's Talk" campaign:** Both your child's physical and mental health is so very important to us, as it is to you. January 28th marks the 11th year of this campaign that has raised over \$100 million to support mental health initiatives. On Bell Let's Talk Day 2021 Bell will contribute 5 cents for every applicable text, call, tweet, social media video view, or TikTok video using **#BellLetsTalk**. Here at the school, we will be continuing our on-going efforts to support your child's mental health.
- **Challenging times:** Northumberland Food 4 All supports our school nutrition program and the [Brighton Food Bank](#). If your family or a family you know about could use some food/nutrition support, the local food bank is a great place to make a withdrawal.

Important dates for the calendar:

Jan. 25 - In-person classes resume. Please return KPR technology to the school

Jan. 28 - **#BellLetsTalk campaign**

Feb. 1 - PA day - no classes, virtual or otherwise

- Black History Month begins

Feb. 3 - Grade 8 Grad. and picture retakes

Feb. 19 - Term 1 Reports to be available on Edsby at the end of the school day.

Mar. 12 - March Break begins

Resources you can access:

1. [Daily COVID School Self-Screening tool](#)
2. KPR's "[Important Information and Resources: COVID - 19](#)" - Frequently updated with timely information from the Board
3. KPR's "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" for parents and the larger community.
4. [STSCO Pandemic Guidelines for Parents](#)



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