

**Dear Valleyview families,**

Summer vacation is coming to an end and the start of a new school year is just around the corner. It has been a long time since we have seen our students in a face-to-face setting and we are looking forward to seeing their smiling faces and their energized Viper spirit in our buildings once again!

We thank you for your participation in the survey. This communication is intended to provide our Valleyview families with important return to school information.

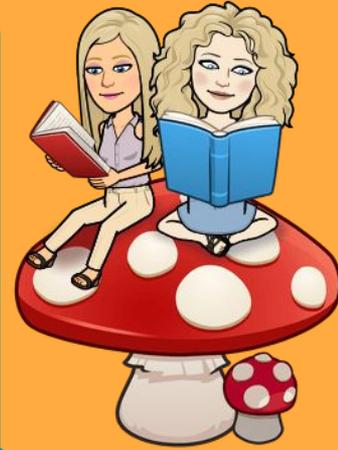


KPDSB has identified the need for a staggered entry in all elementary and high schools. The staggered entry will help students, parents and staff successfully transition into the new school routines and adapt to the new safety protocols.

Parents with kindergarten students have been notified by the school of their start dates. Please contact the school if you did not receive a message from us.

Students in grades 1-6 will return to school following this staggered entry schedule:

- Thursday, September 3, 2020 - Grades 1 & 6
- Friday, September 4, 2020 - Grades 2 & 5
- Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - Grades 3 & 4





The safety, mental health and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority as the school reopens. We have been working hard behind the scenes to make our learning environments safe and to ensure that the atmosphere in the building remains somewhat normal for our students.

To maintain a healthy school environment, homeroom teachers will spend a great deal of time establishing proper hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and social distancing routines within their classrooms, common spaces in the buildings and on the playgrounds.

To keep our community safe, it is important families complete the [Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment](#) prior to entering the school.



Schools must follow the direction given by the local medical officer of health and the provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health when positive tests are communicated to the school administration.

Therefore, it is of high importance that our **school records have updated parent/caregiver and emergency contact information** in the event that we have to send students home who display [any symptoms of COVID-19](#) and/or for contact tracing purposes. Please **contact our admin assistants at 548-4205 to ensure we have the most recent contact information on file.**

It is a requirement for students in Grades 4-6 to bring cloth or non-medical masks to wear at school. Masks are encouraged for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3. We recommend Grade 3 students assigned to the 3/4 split classroom wear masks with their Grade 4 peers.

Students and families are asked to become familiar with the [mask guidelines](#) as they will be strictly adhered to as the safety of all individuals in the school is paramount. Please prepare your child(ren) on [how to wear a mask properly](#) prior to the first day of school.

[KPDSB Mask/Face Covering Accommodation and Exemption Request Form for Families](#)

## RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE



For staggered entry, upon arrival all students will go directly to their designated homeroom. It is recommended students who walk to school and/or get dropped off by parents/caregivers do so after 8:30 a.m.

Bus students will go to their homerooms as soon as they get off the bus. Aftercare students will transition to their homerooms at 8:20 a.m.

Parents are encouraged to say goodbye to their children at the kindergarten or main entrance gates as they will not be permitted to enter the building.

In order to comply with social distancing measures and cohort groupings, students will not be congregating on the school grounds upon morning arrivals and end of day departures.



**KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE**

**Morning Arrival Info**

Classroom instruction begins at 8:50 a.m. If your child(ren) will be absent or late for school, notify the admin assistant immediately. It is important parents/caregivers contact the school to report an absence, late arrival, early departure or an appointment.

Students who arrive late, will report directly to their homeroom. Late slips from the main office will not be issued this year.



## Late Arrivals & Student Absences



# End of Day Departures



At the end of the school day, students walking home and/or to be picked up, will be dismissed immediately at 3:20 p.m. and we ask all pick up students to wait in the green fenced area out front of the school.

Supervised classrooms have been designated for the kindergarten to Grade 3 bus students until the arrival of their school bus.

Grades 4-6 students will be supervised in their bus lines on the upper playground. All aftercare students will transition to Firefly supervisors.

As always, we ask that you send your child to school with a [healthy lunch](#), a labelled water bottle, and remind them not to share food or drinks with other students. Remember we are a nut and fish/seafood free school.

In order to keep classroom floors clean throughout the day, students will require indoor shoes.

We are asking parents to label all student belongings. Student personal belongings like stuffed animals, Pokemon cards, games, etc., should be kept at home. **The school will provide students in all grades with essential school supplies for learning.** During the first week of school, some homeroom teachers may send a supply list for families.



## LUNCHES, INDOOR SHOES STUDENT BELONGINGS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES



It saddens us to inform our parents and caregivers that we will be limiting visitors to our school until further notice. If you require communication with the admin team, please do so via email, phone call or book an appointment for a virtual meeting. In special circumstances, we can arrange a face-to-face meeting after school hours. Please contact our admin assistants at 548-4205 to make an appointment. Any visitors to the building will be required to complete the [Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment](#) prior to entering the school and school protocols for entering the building will be shared.



# School Visitors

**Homeroom assignments will be emailed to families tomorrow.** In order to meet the NWHU guidelines pertaining to cohorting of students, we cannot accommodate changes in homeroom assignments at this time.

Please give students time to settle in over the first few weeks of school and to adjust to new routines, classroom environments and social interactions with their new classmates. If your child is nervous about returning to school and/or families are worried about this transition, an important wellness strategy is practicing self-care during challenging times. Visit [Self-Care for Students 101](#) from [School Mental Health Ontario](#) for strategies. Remember, whenever we experience something new, there will always be butterflies.



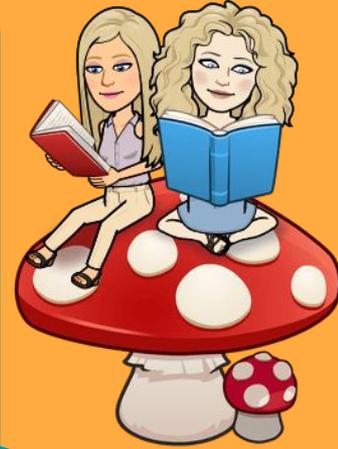
## REMOTE LEARNING

Kindergarten students will be provided with 180 minutes of remote instruction per day. Students in Grades 1-6 will have 225 minutes of instruction per day. Remote learning activities involve a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning.

The school will provide chromebooks to students who identified in the KPDSB Return to School Survey who identified their child(ren) will be learning remotely and require a device. The technology distribution process will be communicated with families in the near future.

Students in virtual schools can expect to hear from their teachers, and school administration soon. As we build our virtual school and classrooms you will receive more information, including student the school website, technology distribution and much more!

To our students our remote learning students this fall, we wish you the very best and a successful school year!



***Please note - Families must notify their child's school two weeks prior to these dates to change the delivery model for their child.***

- November 2, 2020 - Families to notify schools of their intent to switch models by October 19, 2020
- February 1, 2021 - Families to notify schools of their intent to switch models by January 18, 2021

## **Elementary Change Dates to Switch Between In-person and Remote Learning**



Please be advised that due to the unusual circumstances surrounding COVID-19, we are not able to accommodate changes at this time, however, families requesting a switch can contact the school to be put on a waitlist and will be contacted when we can accommodate the request.



**Families for Requests to Change Between  
In-Person and Remote Outside of  
Predetermined Dates**



**SEE  
YOU  
SOON**



We will continue to send out updated information to families over the next few weeks to keep families informed.

***Stay safe and healthy  
and we can't wait to  
see you!***