

COLBORNE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Happy New Year everyone! Although we are not able to be physically present at school, I hope that your first week back virtually has gone well. Remote learning can present challenges but remember that we are all here to support you with anything that you need. Please make sure to touch base with your teacher or with Mrs. Shuttleworth should you need anything. Chrome books are available to borrow should you require technology. As well, if you are struggling with internet, please contact the school to see how we can support you.

Attendance will continue to be taken twice daily and by now your teacher will have set up a regular routine for your child. Moving forward, we continue to follow the protocols laid out by the Minister of Education and the Ontario Government. You will continue to receive updates on our current learning model as information becomes available by the Minister of Education.

Our School Team

Principal: Joanne Shuttleworth
Secretary: Helen Dekeyser
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JK/SK: Ms. McMurray, Ms. Davy
Grade SK/1: Ms. Martel
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Grade 4/5: Ms. Rusaw
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Grade 7/8: Mr. Morford
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KPR Remote Learning - Tips for Parents

Here are 9 suggestions to help parents support their children's success while learning at home.

Be Present.

You know your child best. Some children will require significant support to manage the technology. In the regular classroom some children require reminders to stay focused on their work. Refocusing the child from a distance might not be as effective and having an adult nearby to support would be helpful. Your child will require assistance with focus and attention. A teacher who would like to work one-on-one with a child will reach out to the parent so that they can be present during this break testing (e.g. testing).

Establish routines.

Set regular hours for schoolwork that reflect the needs of family members. A regular routine will support everyone – encourage movement, take breaks and keep normal bedtime routines.

Identify a work space.

Establish a space where children will learn most of the time - a quiet space where parents can supervise and support their children's learning.

Communicate with Educators.

Educators will communicate regularly through email, or phone for those who do not have access to the Internet. The frequency of these connections will be based, in part, on your children's needs.

Regular Check-Ins.

Check-in regularly with your children to help them understand instructions, organize themselves and set priorities. Great questions include: What are the learning goals or big ideas? What resources do you require? What support do you need?

Help your children own their learning.

Group discussions, asking questions, and collaborating on projects are part of a normal school day. Some of these social interactions are recreated online, but your child will also need to complete their work as independently as possible. If your child is struggling, please contact the teacher.

Establish time/space for quiet and reflection.

Families with multiple children may have challenges managing their children's learning needs. Siblings may need to work in different rooms to avoid distraction. Consider using headphones if they are available.

Encourage physical activity.

Movement and exercise are vitally important for health, well-being and learning. Frequent breaks for movement are encouraged.

Be mindful of your child's stress or worry.

Your continued attention to your children's questions and concerns is important. You can provide reassurance by listening and talking with them.

Other Considerations:

*Be aware that when your child is involved in synchronous learning, any voices or images in camera and mic range can be seen and heard by all students.

*Like in the classroom, your child's teacher needs to assess work that is completed independently. It is normal for submitted work to need correcting. These are 'teachable moments' and reflect your child's current development. Teachers will gather all kinds of information about what students know and are able to do as they plan future lessons.

*Help your child to become as independent as possible in other ways. Our youngest students are quickly able to learn how to mute and unmute themselves. When called upon, they may not know the answer to the teacher's question, and that's okay. Feel free to give them encouragement and "think time", acknowledging that it's okay not to have an answer.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council Meeting will be postponed for this month.



School Council has developed a new school logo! They will soon be offering the opportunity to purchase masks, t-shirts, hoodies, and more! Items can even be personalized with your child's name. Stay tuned for further updates on how to purchase our new swag wear



SCHOOL CLOSURE ON SNOW DAYS

The KPR Board has made an important change to inclement weather (snow)

days this winter. This was a collective decision made by the KPR Board and was done in order to maintain the health and safety of all members of our school community.



During snow days, SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE LEARNING FOR STUDENTS TO WORK AT HOME. The delivery method will depend on your child's age and/or established communication with your child's teacher (e.g., EDSBY; Google Classroom).

If all school buses to a school are cancelled, the school will CLOSED for the day.

- When ALL buses are cancelled across the entire School Board, ALL schools will be closed for the day

- When ALL buses are cancelled within a specific region (e.g. Northumberland County), schools in that region only will be closed for the day

- If ALL buses are cancelled for a specific school or group of schools, only that school or group of schools will be closed for the day.

- When only a few buses are cancelled, or buses are delayed, schools will remain open.

Please go to the STSCO website for the latest bus cancellation information: www.stsco.ca. Go to the website and click on "CANCELLATIONS & DELAYS"



#STOPHESPREAD

Now more than ever, we need to be vigilant about the health and safety of everyone in our community. COVID-19 is a significant concern for everyone, so we are all doing our part to #STOP THE SPREAD.



We continue to work directly with our public health advisors and assure you that Colborne PS is doing everything it can to minimize the risk to our community. Rest assured that we continue to be a safe space for children and staff.



DAILY SELF-SCREENING

Please self-screen every day using the Ontario Ministry of Health COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School. The link is: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/schoolscreening> and stay home if feeling unwell.

Please download the free COVID Alert app from <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>, to learn of any possible exposures to COVID before symptoms appear.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact HKPR Health Unit Education Support Line at: 1-866-888-4577 (ext. 5020).



Join a free Triple P Seminar Attend one or attend them all! Online via ZOOM

For parents & caregivers in Northumberland County with children 12 and under

- January 18, 1:00-2:30 pm - The Power of Positive Parenting [Register](#)
- January 25, 1:00-2:30 pm - Raising Competent, Confident Children [Register](#)
- February 1, 1:00-2:30 pm - Raising Resilient Children [Register](#)

Register by calling or texting: 289-251-5374 (registration required)

Be sure to check our website for Triple P's full lineup of programs and events



Concerned about your child's anxiety? Learn how you can help



Join a free Triple P Fear-Less Seminar For parents with a child 6 to 14 years (online via Zoom)

- February 9, 1:00-3:00 pm Register [here](#)
 - OR
 - February 11, 6:30-8:30 pm Register [here](#)
- Register by calling or texting: 289-251-5374



What we'll discuss:

- How anxiety works
- Parents as models
- Being an emotion coach
- Avoidance and exposure
- Constructive coping and problem solving
- And much more!





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For parents & caregivers in Northumberland County with teens

- February 3, 6:30-8:00 pm - Raising Responsible Teenagers [Register](#)
- February 10, 6:30-8:00 pm - Raising Competent Teenagers [Register](#)
- February 17, 6:30-8:00 pm - Getting Teenagers Connected [Register](#)

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Positive Parenting Northumberland www.PositiveParentingNorthumberland.org



Join a free Triple P Discussion Group

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For parents & caregivers in Northumberland County with children 12 and under

- February 24, 1:00-3:00 pm - Dealing with Disobedience [Register](#)
- March 3, 1:00-3:00 pm - Managing Fighting & Aggression [Register](#)
- March 10, 1:00-3:00 pm - Developing Good Bedtime Routines [Register](#)
- March 24, 1:00-3:00 pm - Hassle-free Shopping with Children [Register](#)

Register by calling or texting: 289-251-5374 (registration required and limited)

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