

WEST LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Upcoming Important Days

- February is Black History Month
- Feb. 11, Term 1 Reports Go Home
- Feb. 14, Valentines Day
- Feb. 15, Family Day



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Hello and Welcome!

And we're back! On behalf of all West Lynn educators and staff, thank you so much to all West Lynn families who have worked so hard these past four weeks while we have been in remote learning. The demands that the pandemic are placing upon all of us are great but I know and truly believe that working together will make it best for our students.

All educators and staff (and students and parents!!) are looking forward to the return to in-school learning this coming Monday, February 8. Earlier I sent you an email outlining some of the changes and enhanced protocols that students must follow when we return and I will outline them again in this newsletter.

COVID-19 Self Assessment

All Grand Erie students and staff are required to conduct daily COVID-19 self-assessments before arriving at school. The easiest and most comprehensive tool is the Ontario *COVID-19 school and child care screening tool* which can be found at the following link:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Thank you for ensuring we all remain safe at school. If you have any questions regarding Grand Erie's COVID-19 protocols, be sure to visit the Board's website at <https://granderie.ca/board/parentportal/COVID-19-in-Grand-Erie-Schools>.

Masking

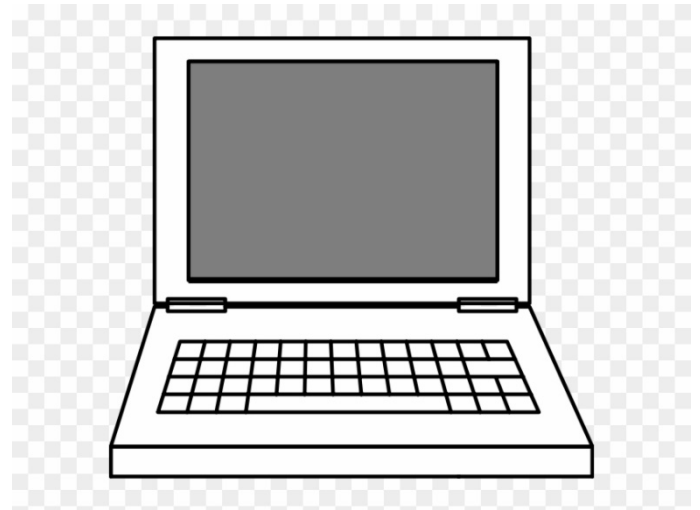
One of our enhanced protocols is the masking of all students K-8. All students will be required to wear masks at school or while using Grand Erie services offered by Student Transportation Services.

The Ministry of Education's new guidelines for COVID-19 also require students and staff to wear masks outside, where physical distancing of a minimum of 2 metres cannot be maintained. This means that in most outside scenarios at recess masks must be worn. Experience has taught us that maintaining 2 metres of distance is very challenging for most

students.

Return of School Computers

If your child made use of a school-provided computer, please return it to the school on Monday, February 8, complete with the cord and AC adapter. Computers will be collected and disinfected prior to being returned to classrooms. Thank you for your support in returning out technology safely and promptly. As well, do not forget to bring back all those important items that you took home before Christmas. Pencil Cases? Book? Indoor Shoes? Be sure to remember to bring it all back!



Keeping Warm and Indoor Shoes



Please remember to send indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing with your child(ren) during the winter months. Hallways can be wet and children in socks is not safe. Any shoes, so long as they are clean and dry, will do. Our enhanced protocols around masking means appropriate outdoor gear is essential as teachers will work to ensure that students have time outside, physically distanced, to allow reprieve from mask-wearing. February can be a cold month, so hats, mitts, boots coats and snowpants are essential. Thank you for your cooperation with ensuring West Lynn students are prepared for our Candian weather



Valentines Day

Valentines Day is normally a fun time to share messages of friendship and small treats with friends at school. Unfortunately, our normal routines for Valentines have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please do not bring treats or cards to distribute with classmates to school this year. Teachers will plan a safe and engaging way to celebrate the Valentines at school this year.

Picture Day in 2021

Thank you for continuing to stay tuned for updates regarding the date and time for student pictures. Remote Learning has required adjustments to the times shared in December's newsletter.

Term 1 Report s Come Home February 11

Term 1 Report Cards and Kindergarten Communication of Learning will be sent home Thursday, February 11. Please remember to sign and return the "cut-out" portion of the grades 1 through 8 report cards. Page 3 of the Kindergarten Communication of Learning also needs to be returned. There are no scheduled interviews for these reports, but feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss the report if necessary.