# Central Public School



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# MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Dear Central Families,

Spring is in full swing (and hopefully we are done with the late season snow!) We hope that you and your family are well and are finding some time for the things that make you happy.

The Province of Ontario has not yet released any information about the learning model for the rest of the school year. Please be assured that the TVDSB will communicate with families as soon as this information is available. In the meantime, our staff members are working tirelessly to provide quality online education for our students and ensuring that student safety and well-being remains a top priority.

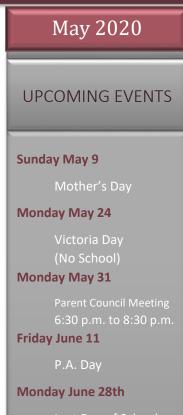
Planning for next year is in the initial stages and is dependent upon your declaration of learning model for the 2021-2022 school year. As soon as possible, before June 1, 2021, please log into your parent portal and select either in-person or full-remote learning for your child next year. Please be aware that this is a year-long commitment to your selected learning model. There will not be an opportunity to change model mid-year. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further information. If you need assistance accessing your parent portal or have questions about this process, please contact the school office.

As always, we are here to offer help and support in any way that we can. Please contact us at the office or reach out through your child's teacher if we can be of assistance.

Mrs. James and Miss Shushkewich

## Graduation June 2021

As you may have read in a recent TVDSB email, all graduation ceremonies are to be held virtually this year. Central is in the process of planning a virtual event that will recognize the accomplishments of our Grade 8 students. If you have a child in Grade 8, please be on the lookout for communication from your child's teacher about what we need from you to help make this event a roaring success. More specific information about the graduation ceremony is forthcoming; please stay tuned!





# Parent Portal

In order to access the portal and declare a learning model for 2021-2022 school year, parents/guardians are invited to visit the TVDSB Parent Portal (https://schoolapps2.tvdsb.ca/parents/tvdsb\_parents/) to create a login account using an email address.

## The Parent Portal provides parents with the following functionality:

- Ability to declare learning model for 2021-2022 School Year
- ability to view student attendance for the current school year
- ability to view student information

ability to update Parent/Guardian Consent (re: release of student personal information during the month of September and the month of February). All other time periods during the school year, the parent will only be able to view the information on-line and will have to contact the school if changes are required.

- ability to view student report cards for the current school year
- if applicable, ability for parent to consent to view his/her child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) online. Once consent is given the parent can view available IEPs for the current school year, and provide comments on the most recent one
- links to forms



#### **DECLARATION OF LEARNING MODELS FOR 2021-2022**

We are beginning to plan for September 2021 in TVDSB! To support our elementary students and focus on their success and well-being, we are requesting families help us with our planning. Families will be asked to select and declare a learning model for the 2021-2022 school year. This information is shared to assist families in deciding the model that best suits their child's needs.

#### **ELEMENTARY LEARNING MODELS**

#### IN-PERSON LEARNING (IPL)

- All elementary programs will be offered
- COVID-19 safety procedures will be in place: physical distancing, masks, hand washing and staff will be wearing personal protective equipment
- Students will be placed in class groups while indoors and larger groups for recesses outdoors
- TVDSB Special Education programs will be offered\*
- Before and After School programs will be available at specific school sites
- Gradual return to regular operations as possible, based on health guidance (e.g., use of shared space, extra-curriculars)
- \* Students who are unable to attend a Special Education class in-person, due to complex special needs, may be offered the opportunity to join the class for a portion of the day through a web-based video connection.

#### **FULL REMOTE LEARNING (FRL)**

- Kindergarten to Grade 8 programs will be offered as FRL
- French Immersion will not be offered as a FRL program
- Physical Education and Dance are not offered in FRL
- Students will use Brightspace as a digital learning platform with Google Meet as the synchronous (live) option
- Students will receive 180 minutes (Kindergarten) and 225 minutes (Grades 1-8) of synchronous (live) instruction each day
- Students will be combined from various TVDSB schools into remote classes
- Potential for larger class sizes
- · Adult supervision at home is required

Note: Attendance is taken and required each day in both In-Person and Full Remote Learning.

# Home Connections in Mathematics

**Math Trails!** 



Now that the warm weather is here, it is a great time to go for a walk or a bike ride and explore the environment around you. While exploring, stop at different spots and find the math along the way. Get outside and enjoy some physical activity, cooperate, and learn in a fun way that helps kids see how math is everywhere around them. Try these activities to get you started!

#### **Activities**



Estimate how many hands tall a fence is. Now measure how many hands. Do you get a different number with kid hands and adult hands? Why are these numbers different?



Run and JUMP! Who jumped the farthest/shortest?



Look for shapes- how many different shapes can you find on your walk? Name them, talk about what makes a triangle a triangle, for example.



Make a collection of sticks from the yard. Order the sticks from shortest to longest. Can you find a stick that is half the size of another stick? How do you know it's half?



Can you find 6 different rectangles? How many sides does a stop sign have? What about a yield sign?



How many steps does it take to walk around the playground?



Find 5 rocks and line them up in order from lightest to heaviest.



Time how long it takes to run from lamp post to lamp post.

How many times can you go down the slide in 1 minute?

Math is all around us so get out and explore!