



Harriet Tubman School Weekly Update

April 9, 2020



From Your Admin Team.....

We hope all our North Stars are staying safe and healthy. To our parents/guardians who are working in health care, retail, food services, letter carrying or any other essential service, our staff would like to thank you for working so hard to keep our community functioning and safe!

We know that this long weekend will be very different. Gathering with friends and family to celebrate Easter or Passover will be done at a distance. We hope you enjoy this holiday as a family and create some lasting memories. *Our staff will also be taking the weekend to spend time with their immediate families. Please be aware that they will not be available to respond to inquiries from Friday, April 10 until the morning of Tuesday, April 14.*

Technology Needs

PLEASE...if your family does not have access to technology in your home reach out to your child's teacher or email our school account at htb@dsbn.org. We will be contacting families on Tuesday, April 14 to pick up Chrome Books for our Phase 3 Deployment on Wednesday, April 15th. When our staff call you with a pick up time their number will be **"BLOCKED" or "UNKNOWN CALLER"** as they are calling from home.

It is also VERY IMPORTANT that you come to the school at your assigned time. We are practicing physical distancing and want to ensure your safety but also the safety of our staff. We **DO NOT** have a date for Phase 4 so please contact us **ASAP** if you need technology or WIFI.

NUTRITIONAL NEEDS

We know these are very difficult times for some of our families who are not working. If you need any help accessing food items please email htb@dsbn.org and we will submit your name to our DSNB Cares program. We will ensure you get support. All inquiries and requests will be kept in confidence.

Learn at Home Program

We have had some inquiries from students and parents asking if the Learn at Home assignments provided by teachers is mandatory. It is an expectation that students engage in the assignments provided by ALL teachers. We know that some students may struggle with some assignments. If this is the case, please contact your child's teacher. We have supports available to help our students. We also suggest that students work on their assignments during the day as this is when staff are available to help either online or on the phone. Please connect with us, we are here to help.

From the Learning Commons...

- All you BINGO lovers, we are having a special game of FAMILY LITERACY BINGO! Download or Print your own copy of our BINGO card (please see the attachment), complete fun literacy activities together as a family and enter your completed card for a chance to win a 25\$ gift certificate to SOMEDAY BOOKS!
- Every Monday-Friday Ms. Bonisteel, along with some special Staff guests, are hosting HT LIVE from their homes at 11:30am via FB. Join us for a chance to say hello and listen to a story or share an activity together.
- Did you know that if your child is in Grade 4 and 5 they can participate in an online Book Club through Google Classrooms? Our students are currently reading **Clara Humble by Anna Humprey** together and students can read along on Epic or listen to Ms. Bonisteel read to them via their Google Classroom. The class code is, **hnkoptj**
- April is National poetry month and Ms. Bonisteel is working on our OWN HT Poetry Anthology. If you would like to submit some of your own poetry (along with any pictures of your art to help illustrate our collection) you can share it with her on Google Drive OR email it to her at elizabeth.bonisteel@dsbn.org What better time to create beautiful words and art to put together than the spring? For more details visit the Poetry Month page on our HT Library LC website. <https://sites.google.com/dsbn.org/harriet-tubman-llc/home>



Harriet Tubman School - Spirit Week April 14-17

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: center;">Hat Day</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Beach Day</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Mismatch Day</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">North Star School Spirit Day</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">School Colours Or Spirit Wear</p> 

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can I go into the school to clear out my child's locker?

No, the Premier of Ontario has deemed educational buildings as "non-essential services" and have mandated us closed. We are not permitted to enter the building. Once it is deemed safe, we will allow students back in the building.

We were supposed to have Pizza Day in April, will I get my money back?

Yes, any purchases that you have made via School Cash Online for hot lunches or our PJ's and Pancakes event will be reimbursed within the next week.

My child's class had a trip booked, will it still go on?

At this point all trips have been cancelled. Once we return to school our primary focus will be on instruction in the classroom.

Is grade 8 graduation cancelled?

We don't know. At this point large group events are cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic. If the Medical Officer Health deems it safe to go ahead with large group events, we will go ahead with it. As with all schools in the DSBN, we will follow the directive from our Senior Administration team.

The technology that we are borrowing from the school isn't working, who do I call?

If you are having difficulty with your borrowed technology email htb@dsbn.org with your child's name, your contact information, the type of device they have (Chromebook, laptop, iPad) and the specific issue you are having. We will forward that information to our tech department who will contact you.