



*From the Office of the Principal, Mr. C. McInnis....*

Hello Winger families,

I hope you and your family are doing well during this very difficult time. We miss you!! I wanted to give you some updates in terms of our "Learn From Home" initiative. Each home-room teacher has reached out to the parent/guardian of their students either by phone or by email. They have communicated with me regarding families who have barriers to technology and internet. We have provided some technology to those families and internet will be coming in the next few weeks. Teachers began posting lessons and activities online for your child(ren) on Thursday last week. Each teacher is approaching the learning from home differently and, for those of you who have more than 1 child at Winger, the platform, expectations, and methods of teaching will likely look very different. It is an expectation that teachers provide lessons for students than require a minimum of 1 hour a day to complete for primary and junior and 2 hours a day for intermediate students. Not all activities are screen time related. We hope that you and your family have been able to successfully navigate the websites, understand the lessons/activities/suggestions and have established a routine at home for completing the work. Please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if you have any concerns.

We recognize that these are stressful and unexpected times so while attempting to get work completed for school, please consider the mental health of your child over work completion. It is not necessary for them to complete every activity if they are experiencing stress, struggling to self-regulate or not feeling well enough to do the work and you are the best person to determine what is best for your child.

Food Bank Information-I also wanted to send you some information for those families who may need to access a food bank in order to provide food on their table on a consistent basis. The information below is from Renee Kievit, the Community Life Pastor of the Wainfleet BIC Church. "I wanted to let you know about something important for the Wainfleet community. The United Way and Open Arms Mission food bank have set aside food for the Wainfleet community. The Wainfleet BIC Church will become a hub for distributing that allotment of food. Our church will be open for picking up food on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10am-1pm and 4pm-7pm. We will put the items directly in peoples cars, not requiring them to get out. However, if a family or senior can't get to the church, we have volunteers who will deliver food to their home. If possible, could you send this information to the school families or at least to the ones you know are in need of assistance. It will NOT be necessary for the family to prove financial need in any way, they can receive food with no questions asked, or they can pick up food for their neighbour or family member."

And finally, please remind your child(ren) that the playground at Winger is closed and they should not be using the equipment.

Thanks and I hope you are doing well.

Mr. Chris McInnis

March 30, 2020

Dear students and families of Winger Public School,

Welcome back from a very unusual March Break. In these unprecedented times I hope all families and students are safe at home. I miss everyone and can't wait to welcome you back into our great school.

We have been working on developing plans to continue to engage students and keep your learning moving forward during the school closures. Due to the extension of the shutdown of schools, we will be moving to a model of online learning. We will all require time to adjust to this new approach to learning. We appreciate your patience as we sort out all of the details of this transition.

In making this adjustment to your classes we encourage students and parents to check in with your teachers through email, D2L, or google class. Here are the teacher's emails and they would have sent you an email today or called you. Stay in touch, thanks.

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We know that many families or students may not have a device or Internet access, and we are making plans to support you. I am asking that you reach out to me and we will determine a plan moving forward to support your learning. The Ministry has posted some materials <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>. The DSGBN has added a link to our website <https://www.dsgbn.org/learn-from-home> to provide you with some additional learning resources. We will continue to add to these over the next few weeks.

We encourage you to continue to follow public health directions about social distancing to help decrease the spread of the Covid-19 virus to others.

If you have questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Please share this message with anyone in the community, stay safe and healthy.

Chris McInnis

Principal Winger Public School, Go Wolverines Go

***Dear Winger Families***

***School Cash on-line pizza orders have been refunded to your account . The dates refunded are as follows,***

***Friday March 27th***

***Friday April 3rd***

***Thursday April 9***

***Friday April 17th***

***Friday April 24th***

***Friday May 1st***

***Please allow 7-10 days to show up in your accounts.***

***Milk refunds will be issued in the coming weeks as well, for those of you who ordered by month, term orders may be refunded later in the month.***

***Should you have any questions regarding School Cash on-line or any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, at***

***Catherine.Bisson@dsbn.org***

***Thank you for your patience, stay safe and hope everyone is well.***

***Missing your smiling faces***

***Mrs. Bisson***



### **Grad Photos**

**Grade 8 grad photos and Senior Kindergarten grad photos, please contact, [customercare@edgeimaging.ca](mailto:customercare@edgeimaging.ca) You will need to provide their student # found on a report card.**