



January 8, 2020

Dear Hawthorn Parents, Teachers, Students, and Staff,

It has been a good start to the new term! This week has been filled with inspiring activities and it's been wonderful to see the students' engagement after the break.

As you may be aware, the Ontario government shared a press release yesterday afternoon regarding the extension of school closures. As a result of this announcement, Hawthorn School must remain closed for in-person instruction until January 22, 2021. The exception to this is the Daycare, which will remain open and functioning as usual.

While we understand that this is a challenging situation, there are many ways in which we can appreciate being online at this time. One reason is that for the first time in many months, teachers and students get to see each other's smiling faces in the classroom! By continuously thinking outside the box, our incredible teaching staff have been able to creatively engage and teach our students even through the virtual platform.

Our focus in the last week has been on connecting with our students through synchronous learning, and it has been going well! The students are so excited to be interacting with one another and with their teachers. Going forward, please note that for the next couple of weeks adjustments will be made, particularly with the dynamics of Google Classroom for the younger grades, based on our learnings from this week and the feedback we have received. Further information pertaining to specific grades will follow.

Be assured that we will keep you updated as the situation develops and we look forward to seeing you soon. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at administration@hawthornschool.com.

Thank you for your continued trust and support!

Warm regards,

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