

Principal's Message:

We are so excited to see all our students back to school on Monday February 8th. When students return to school, we will continue to undertake enhanced cleaning and disinfection of high traffic/touch point areas. Please remember that students in Grades 1-8 must always wear a mask. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands each time they enter the school building. During recess and lunch hour students are to stay with their grade cohorts in their marked zones of the yard. Recess equipment will be provided to students in each class. Please do not bring any equipment or toys from home. We want to limit the number of items coming from home into the building. Here is a copy of our school times:

8:30 am School begins

11:10- 12:20 Lunch hour (70 min. lunch)

3:00 pm School Ends

Continued Principal's Message

All students are asked to arrive at 8:30 am and enter the school building through their designated doors. At Fairman we have 4 entries and exits for our 10 classrooms that have been designated for each class. The north door is for our 2 intermediate classes, the east door for our Grade 3 class, the south door for our Grade 1 and 2 class and the west door for our Grade 4, 5 and 6 classes.

Term 1 Report cards will be emailed out to parents on Wednesday February 17th. Please ensure that your email is up to date on the Parent Portal. We will not be sending home any paper copies. There will not be formal interviews scheduled at this time, however please contact your child's classroom teacher, if you would like to discuss your child's report card.

We would like to remind all students and families to do their part to help keep everyone safe by conducting the mandatory self-screening for COVID-19 each morning before leaving for school.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we follow provincial direction to ensure schools can re-open safely.

Learning Online at EA Fairman PS

#mycntower from Ms. Montaigue's class that were built as part of their unit on structures.







I am one of the lucky ones.

I am one of lucky ones who has gotten to experience an elementary education, Unlike 73% of South Sudan's female population.

I am one of the lucky ones who gets to have clean water to drink,

Unlike in Ethiopia where almost 60 percent of the population doesn't have access to clean drinking water, it really makes you think.

I am one of the lucky ones who gets to live and grow up surrounded by my loved ones, Unlike the 20.4 million refugees who have to leave behind their own daughters and sons.

I am one of the lucky ones who every morning can wake up and taking in a big breath of fresh air, Unlike the children of Nepal whose air quality is 15 times worse than ours, imagine how hard that is to bear.

I am one of the lucky ones to lives in a country with gender equality, with education, and with employment for women, Unlike in Syria, Afghanistan, and Yemen.

I am one of the lucky ones to live in a country where I am able to speak up and speak out about what is right, Unlike in Iran where there is censorship of their news, and media, if you don't obey you get thrown in jail, you can't even put up a fight.

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I am one of the lucky ones who gets to live in a county with distinct changes in the winter, spring, summer, and fall, Unlike in Antarctica where temperatures range from -42 to -65 celsius, along with frequent snowy squall.

I am one of the lucky ones to life in a country that tries to protects it old growth trees, Unlike in Haiti who over the years has cut down 99.2% of their original forests, what's next the seas?

I am one of the lucky ones to have a safe place to sleep every night, Unlike the 1.6 billion people in the world who live without adequate housing, every night I would be filled with fright.

I am one of the lucky ones who has accuses to free medical care,

Unlike in the Republic of Sierra Leone where there are 30 doctors per million people, causing health care to be rare.

I am one of the lucky ones.

By Keira C.M. Westwood

Durham Region Health Department Immunization Information

The Immunization of School Pupils Act ("ISPA")

For the 2020-2021 school year, an ISPA Reminder letter will be mailed directly to students in late February/Early March. This year, only one ISPA Reminder letter will be provided. Students will **not** be at risk for suspension for overdue immunizations. Parents should follow-up with their healthcare provider when available, as we currently do not have any immunization clinics scheduled at this time. Starting in mid-February, parents will be able to submit immunization records online at <u>www.durham.ca/immunize</u>. If parents have any questions regarding submitting records online, please call the Immunization program at 905-666-6242.

Immunization Clinics

Due to the priority COVID response measures, at this time the Durham Regional Health Department's Grade 7/8 school based vaccine clinics are on hold. Please continue to refer to durham.ca for further notice of clinics and locations being offered in 2021.

A reminder that the second dose of HPV9 and HepB need to be 6 months from the first dose for HPV9 and HepB vaccines.

If parents have any questions or concerns, please call the Durham Region Health Department Immunization Line at 905-666-6242.

Chromebooks - please return

If your child(ren) in Grades K to 6 are returning to in-person learning and have received a loaned electronic device (i.e. Chromebook and/or mobile internet device), we ask that you please return the devices and power cords to the school as soon as possible.

Please note that child(ren) in Grades 7/8 should keep their Chromebook and all students scheduled to transfer to DDSB@Home on February 22, 2021 should keep any loaned devices in anticipation of the transfer.

Government of Ontario Support for Learners

Apply for a one-time payment to help with additional costs due to COVID-19.

- \$200 for each child/youth up to Grade 12
- \$250 for each child/youth with special needs up to age 21

To apply visit <u>ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners</u> The deadline to apply is February 8, 2021



COVID-19 SCHOOL SCREENING

Parents/guardians can check their child for symptoms of COVID-19 using the Government of Ontario's easy to use COVID-19 school screening tool at https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/.

If your child does not pass the screening, please ensure that your child does not come to school and follow the directions outlined in the self-screening tool in order to keep everyone safe.

Masks required for all students Grades 1-8



Government of Ontario Support for Learners

The Ontario Government is offering parents/guardians the opportunity to apply for a one-time payment to help offset costs due to COVID-19 during the 2020-21 school year.

Eligible parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child/youth up to Grade 12* (including students who are in secondary school that are over 18)
- \$250 for each child/youth up to age 21 with special needs

*Please note: Originally, the \$200 was only available for each child up to the age of 12. However, beginning January 11, 2021 Support for Learners is expanding to include students ages 13 to Grade 12, including students who are in secondary school that are over 18.

The deadline to apply is Monday, February 8, 2021.

To learn more about the Support for Learners program visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners.

To view the application, visit <u>https://www.iaccess.gov.on.ca/SupportForLearnersWeb/public/index.xhtml</u>.



New Student Registration 2021/2022

Starting January 11, 2021 Kindergarten registration at French Immersion schools begins at 4 pm Starting January 12, 2021 All new student school registration to the Board opens

IMPORTANT: French Immersion registration is on a first come, first served basis

For more information visit ddsb.ca

If your child was born in 2017, it's time to start thinking about Kindergarten. The Durham District School Board looks forward to welcoming you and your child to our school community. To register for Kindergarten, visit our website at:

https://ddsb.ca/en/our-schools/register-for-scho ol.aspx?_mid_=200

The DDSB 2021-2022 school year online registration for Year One(JK) Kindergarten students.

January 11, 2021 - Registration opens for French Immersion single track Kindergarten.

January 12th, 2021 - Kindergarten opens for all.



School Climate / Well-Being Survey For Parents/Guardians 2020-2021

Links will be open from Wednesday, January 6th to Thursday, March 11, 2021

As outlined in PPM 145, Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour, each school must complete an anonymous School Climate/Well-Being Survey of their students, staff and parents every two years. The purpose of the School Climate/Well-Being Surveys is to gather data on how safe and accepted students feel at their school. This data can then be utilized by the Safe and Accepting Schools Team to develop a Safety Action Plan, and to create a goal within the Board Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plans.

Please complete the Parent School Climate Survey by using:

Link to Parent Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWB20-21Par424

When completed, parents/guardians MUST click "Submit" at the end of the survey. The survey will then automatically redirect to the DDSB homepage

2021 Fairman Spirit Days & Character Education

<u>Assemblies</u>

Fri Jan 29.....Pyjama Day Wed Feb 3......Character Education Assembly/ World Read Aloud Day Wed Feb 24.....Pink Shirt Day & Assembly Fri Feb 26.....Hat Day Thurs Mar 11.....Crazy Hair Day Fri Mar 26.....Fairman Day Wed Apr 7.....Character Education Assembly Thurs Apr 22......Earth Day/Green & Blue Fri April 30.....Toronto Blue Jays Day/Blue & White Wed May 5.....Character Education ASsembly Fri May 28.....Decades Day (50s, 60s, 70s, etc) Wed June 2.....Character Education Assembly Fri June 25......Hawaiian Day

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Your labels will ship directly to you for FREE.



Common COVID-19 Symptoms

- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fever over 37.8 deg C
- Sore throat
- Difficulty Swallowing
- Changes to sense of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion (not caused by seasonal allergies)

Follow Us...



EA Fairman PS is now on Instagram. Follow us to see pictures and receive information on what is happening at the school @eafairmanps