



École Robert H. Smith School

The Communiqué

January 4 - 8, 2021

Message from the Administration

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families have had the chance to connect and come down a bit from the "year that was". Perhaps that has included some outdoor play, an additional hour or two of reading, or the quiet serenity of cottage/lake time in the winter. I believe it is fair to say that recharging was much needed on all fronts!

As we gear up for the coming months we look forward to reconnecting with your children and focusing on their learning. To the adventures that await in the coming year!

School Patrols

Patrols from 115C (formerly 210) are on duty this week.

Two Weeks of Virtual Physical Education

Mr. Donato is sharing these links to his remote gymnasium. The link brings students to a slide with multiple options. These options include a plan for the two weeks some students will be doing remote learning. You will find links to activities you can try from home. Mr. Donato has also included a physical activity calendar with ideas for physical activities for each day they are at home.

- [Grade 1 to 3](#)
- [Grade 4 to 6](#)

Website link title change from March closure activities to "remote learning physical activity options" and to include links to the remote gymnasiums.

Message Parents Advisory Group (PAG) Update

Happy New Year from everyone at the PAG! Please join us for our next PAG Virtual meeting on Tuesday January 19th, at 7pm. We will be hearing an update from the school, discussing staff appreciation, school grounds/playground, fundraising updates and more! We encourage you to attend. To receive login information to attend the meeting please email Ainsley at: secretary@roberthsmithpag.ca

Don't forget to checkout our **PAG website:** www.roberthsmithpag.weebly.com and our **PAG Facebook Page:** École Robert H Smith PAG (please like and follow us). As always if you have any questions, concerns or would like more information on our PAG please email Melanie at: chair@roberthsmithpag.ca



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Dear Parents,

COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL



Please find below The Winnipeg School Division guidelines for recess periods and/or patrol duties during inclement weather. The windchill reading used will be that of Environment Canada at The Forks.

Please become familiar with the Cold Weather Guidelines. You may want to place these guidelines somewhere visible for the winter months, it explains when we have indoor recess and when our patrols can and cannot go outside.

In the event we have no patrols going outside due to the windchill indicated, we are asking parent volunteers to show up and assist us at 8:30 am and/or 3:25 pm. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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-17°C to -25°C Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal winter clothing generally adequate Pleasant conditions for most outdoors activities Regular recess Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am) Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)
-26°C to -27°C Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm winter clothing recommended Most outdoors activities unpleasant without facial protection Early entry permitted in the morning and afternoon Shortened recess Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am) Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)
-28°C and colder Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm winter clothing essential Outdoor activities not recommended Indoor recess Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am) Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)
-30°C to -34°C Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortened patrol duty (8:45 - 8:55 am) Shortened patrol duty (3:25 - 3:35 pm)
-35°C and Colder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrols cancelled (Adult/parent volunteers required).
-35 Regardless of Windchill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buses cancelled (If the actual temperature is -35 (regardless of windchill) based on the 6:00 am Environment Canada reading at The Forks, Winnipeg)
-45°C Regardless of Air Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buses cancelled. (If the actual temperature is -45 (regardless of air temperature) based on the 6:00 am Environment Canada reading at The Forks, Winnipeg)
- School Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined by the Chief Superintendent. Broadcast by radio and television stations as well as the internet.





A PARENT'S GUIDE TO SUPPORT LEARNING FROM HOME

Winnipeg School Division has developed the following suggestions for families as they learn remotely from home.

1. CREATE A SPACE FOR LEARNING

- If possible, choose a comfortable space where there are few distractions.
- Siblings may need to work in different spaces to avoid distraction.
- If you have headphones or earbuds, these would be helpful.

2. CHECK IN WITH YOUR CHILD IN THE MORNING AND END OF THE DAY

In the morning, ask your child:

- What classes/subjects do you have today?
- Do you have any assignments due?
- How will you spend your time?
- What resources do you need?
- What can I do to help?

At the end of the day, ask your child:

- How far did you get in your learning tasks today?
- What did you discover?
- What was hard?
- What could we do to make tomorrow better?

3. STAY IN TOUCH

- Communicate regularly with your child's teachers for guidance and support.
- Teachers will provide learning opportunities through a number of formats which may include home learning packages, online lessons, or assignments and projects posted on learning platforms such as Seesaw, Google Classroom, or Microsoft Teams.
- Contact your child's teacher should your child have any questions regarding logging into these platforms or accessing assignments.
- Should you require technical support with your WSD device please contact our technical service team by email at studenttechsupport@wsd1.org or by calling 204-775-0231 EXT 534.

4. BE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

- We recognize that parents may also be working from home. Please consider balancing your work schedule with your child's learning.
- The support you provide your child will vary depending on the assignments from teachers.
- You will likely need to make adjustments as you and your child settle into daily routines and as the learning activities change.
- Be curious and let your child know you are interested in what they are learning by asking questions and sharing your own wonderings.
- Recognize that learning takes time, perseverance, and practice. This is also a good opportunity to make meaningful connections.
- Encourage positive communication when learning together.
- Reinforce good learning habits and celebrate and share your child's learning and successes.

5. ENCOURAGE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND EXERCISE

- Living and working at home, we will all need some room to let off steam.
- It is a great opportunity to practice exercising and setting small fitness goals and activities that keep hands busy, feet moving, and minds engaged.