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*“Through Caring and Sharing We Learn”*

**Here are the School Messenger emails that we have sent to families during the month of February, 2021:**

5 February 2021

Greetings Henry Larsen Families:

Your children continue to impress and amaze us with their adaptability and resilience with all of the changes in their lives. It was great to welcome everyone back to in person learning this week.

Thank you for sending in extra masks with your child, as we find in the colder weather the masks can get wet. We also have extra cloth masks at the school available for students.

### **Homework Support for Grade 7-12 students:**

We wanted to share/remind you that our Continuing Education department provides virtual homework support, at no cost in most subject areas Monday through Thursday from 3:45 pm until 7:30 pm. This is available to OCDSB students grades 7-12. If your child is interested in participating, please follow the link provided below. Once this is completed, your student will receive a code to enter the homework support program.

[2020/21 OCDSB After School Literacy/Numeracy Community Registration Form \(Virtual\)](#)

Please find attached here a flyer for from the **Continuing Education Department**.

**Workshop Opportunity:** The Sankofa Centre of Excellent Graduation Coach Program is committed to advancing the academic success of African, Black and Caribbean students in the OCDSB. As part of this aim, we have launched our Pathways to Excellence Series to support students to learn about post secondary opportunities. These virtual workshops are available to secondary students. Please see the attached flyer with information on how to register.

[Sankofa\\_Pathways to Excellence \(6\).pdf](#)

**Chromebook return:** Thank you to everyone who has already returned the school chromebooks. Please continue to do so as soon as possible. Please call the school if you are having trouble returning the chromebook to the school.

**Black History Month:** We have been [profiling black Canadians](#) on the announcements during the month of February. We are also using a [video version of O Canada that was made in celebration of Martin Luther King Day and played at an NHL game.](#)

**Kindness Month + Valentine's Day:** We continue to have daily kindness challenges. Ask your child to share what they have been challenged to do. Please note that we are **not** able to share cards, treats, or materials between students. Our school is planning a red, white and pink spirit day on Thursday, February 11. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Daily Screening Reminder:**

Reminder to please use [Ottawa Public Health Screening Tool for School or Child Care.](#)

**Movement Remains paused between in person and OCV and vice versa:**

**From the School Board:**

*In order to bring stability to the system and to allow schools to work with students and their parents/guardians to make plans for the remainder of the year, movement between in-person learning and OCV will be done on a limited case-by-case basis where circumstances permit. There will not be any general opportunity for parents/guardians to declare an interest in switching from in-person learning to OCV, as was done in August. Students, parents and guardians should assume that their child will continue to learn for the balance of the 2020-2021 school year in the program in which they are currently enrolled.*

Please find linked here the **Extended Day Program** Information Flyer ([link to website](#))

**Important Dates:**

Term 1 Report Cards Available in Parent Portal - **Thursday, February 11th**

**Spirit Day - Wear Red, Pink and White - Thursday, February 11th**

P.D. Day - No school for students - **Friday, February 12th**

Family Day - School closed - **Monday, February 15th**

Toonie Tuesday - **Tuesday, February 23rd** - more information to come

Take care,  
Amanda and Dianne

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12 February 2021

Greetings Henry Larsen Families,

It has been another busy week of learning here at Henry Larsen.

**Please use the screening tool each day before you send your child to school:**

Every morning, all families must conduct a COVID-19 Screening to determine if your child should attend school that day. [COVID-19 screening tool for school or child care](#) ([English](#), [French](#),

[Swahili](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Somali](#), and [Arabic](#) printable). Families can learn more on the [Ottawa Public Health website](#). *If you are unsure whether you should send your child or not, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 613-830-4634. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy.*

### **Grade 8 Families - Welcome to High School Online & PDF Guides:**

The links below are the Welcome to High School presentation in an online and a PDF guide. These links have been shared through the parent/guardian and student updates from the board and on social media, and we thought we would share them here as well.

[Welcome to High School Online Guide](#)

[Welcome to High School PDF Guide](#)

Families can find more information on the [Going to High School](#) and watch the [High School Info Sessions](#) on the linked OCDSB webpages. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or call the school.

### **Report Cards:**

Elementary report cards will be available on the **Report Card Portal** at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February, 18th**. This reporting period reflects learning that has occurred in a modified learning environment as required by the provincial public health guidelines. The pandemic may have resulted in the need for possible adaptations to teaching and assessment practices. Ongoing communication with your child's educators will provide additional information pertaining to their progress. To know more about accessing your child's report card visit the [OCDSB Report Card Portal webpage](#).

### **Toonie Tuesday - February 23, 2021:**

On February 23rd, the Education Foundation of Ottawa (EFO) will be hosting their annual Toonie Tuesday event to raise critical funds for OCDSB families in need. The Education Foundation of Ottawa is an independent charity in support of OCDSB students.

You can help. Please donate:

- [On the Education Foundation's website](#),
- Through your School Cash Online Account for \$2, \$5 or \$10
- We are not able to accept cash at school at this time

### **Pink Shirt Day - February 24th, 2021**

Resources for students, educators and parents can be found at

[Pink Shirt Day Resources](#)

[What is Pink Shirt Day? | Explore | Awesome Activities & Fun Facts](#)

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And to our families celebrating today and this weekend: Happy Lunar New Year!



Have a safe and happy long weekend!  
Amanda and Dianne

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19 February 2021

Greetings Henry Larsen Families,

A beautiful and snowy week here at school. Thank you for your continued support with daily screening of your child. We know mornings are busy but this important step helps keep our school safe.

**Message from Ottawa Public Health re: all household contacts must isolate when one person is awaiting COVID test results or has a symptom:**

Schools have been asked to pass on a message to families reminding of the importance of the whole household isolating when either:

1. one household member is awaiting COVID test results, or
2. one household member has a symptom and you are monitoring that person for 24 hours (48 hours for vomiting or diarrhea).

We appreciate all of the hard work that our families are doing using the [screening tool](#) for each child every day - we know that this is challenging, and these steps help to keep us all safe and healthy during this pandemic.

**OCDSB ThoughtExchange Survey:**

In October 2020, the OCDSB asked you to complete a ["Return to School Survey"](#) to tell us what was working well and what could be improved. We are interested in hearing from you again, to build on what we learned in the last survey, monitor the impact of the changes that were made, and plan for the next school year. Your participation is confidential and completely voluntary. You are encouraged to participate regardless of whether or not you completed the survey in the fall.

When you click on the link, you'll be asked to:

1. Answer multiple-choice questions about your child's experience attending school in-person; and
2. Tell us (in your own words) about your child's current experience. You will also have the opportunity to see and rate the thoughts of other parents/guardians.

[I'M READY TO PARTICIPATE](#)

Questions are framed to help us better understand the experiences of an individual child. Families with more than one child are asked to use a different device or a private browsing session for each response. For additional strategies and more information on how to participate, please review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#). For additional questions, please email [READ@ocdsb.ca](mailto:READ@ocdsb.ca).

You can participate until 11:59 p.m. Friday, February 26.

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Have a wonderful and safe weekend Everyone!

Amanda and Dianne

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26 February 2021

Greetings Henry Larsen Families,

We have had another wonderful and busy week here at Henry Larsen. Ask your child about our daily kindness challenge and our celebration of Black Canadians for Black History Month 365.

**Education Foundation - Update on ToonieTuesday:** Thank you to everyone who was able to donate. Together we raised \$261 dollars!! We are still collecting donations through our school cash online if you are still interested in donating. The links will be open on the website until Friday, March 5th. You can also donate on the [Education Foundation's website](#).

**Ottawa Public Health (OPH) advises that you take your child for COVID-19 testing if your child has:**

- any one symptom of fever, chills, new cough, shortness of breath or loss of taste or smell, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, headache, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, or general feeling of being unwell.

If your child is displaying one symptom of COVID, it is necessary to have a COVID test prior to returning to school. **If you choose not to get your child tested**, your child may only return to school after a **minimum of 10 days of isolation at home**, if they do not have a fever, and their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours. **Household members (including siblings that attend school) must isolate for 14 days from initial contact with the ill child.**

**Updated Attestation Letter:**

Since the guidelines from Ottawa Public Health for COVID testing have changed, here is the [link to the updated attestation letter from Ottawa Public Health](#) to send to us when your child is returning to school.

**Pink Shirt Day:**

We wore our pink shirts on Wednesday to symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying. We learned about bullying in our classrooms and on the announcements, and we talked about strategies to help ourselves, our classmates, and our friends if we see or hear about bullying happening. For example, we learned this strategy for ourselves and others to think before we speak:



**Virtual After School Literacy and Numeracy Support Program for Grades 7-12 Students:**

Please click [here to see the information about the program](#), and [here to access the registration form](#).

**Noticing Mental Health Concerns for Your Child - Info Sheet:**

School Mental Health Ontario has created a useful resource for families to help recognize mental health concerns. Please click [here](#) to access the information sheet, and [here](#) to go to the School Mental Health Ontario website.

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Term 2 IEPs go home **Thursday March 11th**