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The Easter Bunny could not be more disappointed that she cannot see the kids at school this year. Luckily she and the Tooth Fairy are immune to Covid – 19, according to Premiere Ford, so hopefully they will get around to everyone at their own home instead.

The staff and I hope that everyone gets a bit of a rest this long weekend and a chance to just do something fun with your families. We wish a 'Happy Easter' and 'Happy Passover' to those who celebrate those occasions!

It has been a very busy week for the staff and for parents getting used to distance education. I thank everyone for their patience and resolve as we work through the challenges together. This has been very new for our staff and many of them have had to attend on-line learning courses in order to be able to use Edsby and Google Classroom effectively.

We know that all families have different situations and challenges. Some have computers and tablets and others do not. Some have internet and others are depending on telephones for communication. In addition, we have parents that are essential service workers and are still working full-time, others may be experiencing a significant financial burden right now. Our intention is to minimize stress on families and make sure that everyone has access to learning for their children.

This past two weeks we made sure that all staff had the technology and resources they need to teach your kids. We

also distributed technology to Special Needs students who depend on that for their learning. We are now ready to start lending some of our school technology to families that have already indicated to us that they do not have access to a device for their children. I will be calling those families next week to arrange a time to pick up a computer or an iPad. The devices have been re-imaged by our IT staff so that they do not contain anyone's personal information.

We recognize that you may experience frustrations through home learning. If something is not working or you need more time to complete work or you just need some help, please start by emailing your child's teacher. Most issues can be resolved by them. If you are still having difficulty or need other support, then please feel free to email me at: martin_twiss@kprdsb.ca. I have received consent to use some of our Breakfast Program funding to support families with grocery gift cards if they need help buying food. Please know that this help is available and you just need to send me an email requesting assistance and I will call you. In addition, if anyone is experiencing mental health challenges, the 'Kids Help Phone' is a good support and we can also connect students with our Board Counsellor, Mr. Hadzi, if needed. Again, please contact me if you have a child needing support.

Principals have virtual meetings with the Superintendents and the Director each week to address concerns in the system and to make sure we are consistently supporting our schools. Our Board is in close contact with the Ministry of Education and Peterborough Public Health each week as well. I thank the Senior Administration as well as our teaching staff since I can see how hard they are working and how much they care about our students and families.

This is a very difficult time for all of you, but please know that the world faces the same challenges with you as does our united school community. You are not alone! Please stay safe, stay strong and know that all of you are loved by the staff at North Cavan P.S.

Sincerely,

Martin Twiss
Principal





Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for 2020 – 2021 is ongoing. Please contact the office and leave a message to register your child and please share this news with friends and neighbours who have kindergarten aged children.



Grad Photos, Sibling Photos:

Grade 6 graduation and SK composite photos will not be able to be taken at this time. We are hoping that when school resumes we may be able to take them then.



Grade 6 Graduation:

We know that many of our Grade 6 students will be concerned that they will not have a graduation this year. Don't worry. We can always look at hosting a graduation event in the fall or once school has resumed.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU:

We are very lucky at North Cavan to have such a strong volunteer base. **Thank you** to all of our volunteers who help with such things as: driving to events, School Council, Breakfast Club, joining us on class trips, assisting at school lunch events, school drama events, playground clean-up work, classroom helpers and many other activities. All of the volunteers help to make North Cavan such an awesome place to learn and be part of a community of caring. **Those who can do...Those who can do more volunteer!**

School Council:

Unfortunately, we are required to suspend our School Council meetings until it is safe to resume them.

Good Character Makes a Difference:

This month's character trait is *Perseverance*. **PERSEVERANCE IS THE WILLINGNESS OR ABILITY TO STICK TO SOMETHING UNTIL IT'S COMPLETED.**

*"Stick with your learning at home and don't give up!
You can do it!"*

At North Cavan we try to build good character in children by encouraging students to be **responsible, respectful, honest and hard working at home, at school and in the community.**



Free Dental Program for Children:

Eligible children can receive Free Dental care through the Healthy Smiles Ontario Program. To find out more visit ontario.ca/healthysmiles.

HAPPY EASTER!!

