Dear Port Weller Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful break thus far and I want to wish you a very Happy New Year! I’m sure you are all curious about what next week will bring. As you are aware, all Ontario elementary students will be learning remotely during the first week of January 4th-8th, with a return to In Person learning on Monday, January 11th.  During this time, students will be learning online with their teachers.

Teachers will be contacting their students on Monday, January 4th letting them know how they will be connecting for the remainder of the week.  We realize that conditions for at home learning will look different for families during this time, and your child’s homeroom teacher will work with you to provide a flexible program for the week.

We realize that some of our students will need to borrow a device from the school in order to learn from home.  If your child has no other access to a device for at home learning, please reach out to your child’s homeroom teacher via email or through their Google Classroom on Monday, January 4th.  You can also email me at [jason.clarke@dsbn.org](mailto:jason.clarke@dsbn.org). We will do our best to distribute available devices as soon as possible.  Prior to submitting a request, please note we recognize many of our families will be sharing one home device, and we are planning with this in mind.

Please visit our Port Weller website and click the orange tab on the right-hand side entitled “Families: Getting Connected Online” to view tutorials that will support your access to the platforms we will be using.

Because this learning from home period is scheduled to only last five days, we will not be allowing family/student access to the building to gather personal belongings except for emergency circumstances.

We greatly appreciate your support as we move into the online learning format.  Though this isn’t how we had hoped to begin the new year, we will work together in providing meaningful learning experiences while learning from home.  We are confident in our practices and know our schools are safe places for staff and students, and we are looking forward to our students returning to in person learning on Monday, January 11th!

Sincerely,

Mr. J Clarke

Principal