

April 2nd - 2nd email to parents

Hello again, I hope that you are still doing well. I am reaching out again to let you know how we are moving forward with distance learning. As you are probably aware, the Government has set in place expectations for Ontario students to continue learning at home with support of their classroom teachers until it is safe for them to return to school

Mrs. Dickenson and I have courses available in the Hub which students can begin to access for Online Learning. They will login to the Hub through the HWDSB student homepage using their HWDSB student username and password. This is the same password they use at school to access computers and Google Drive for example. Students' HWDSB mail is also available from this homepage; please encourage them to check this regularly for communications from their teachers. When you first login to the Hub by clicking on the icon they will likely be in the Learning Commons Course which is a school library area where they can access online research materials and take out ebooks from the library. If you want more information about this please reach out.

From here students will click on the waffle (nine dot icon) to select the course they wish to access. All grade 8 students will access Math and Science activities from Mrs. Rashid's course: HR8-8C-Homeroom8- Karen Rashid (1920). Students from 8B (Mrs. Dickenson's homeroom) and 8C (Mrs. Rashid's homeroom) can access Language, History, and Geography activities through Mrs. Dickenson's Hub Course: 9Lan8-8B-Language Grade 8 Jennifer Dickenson (1920). As of the morning of Thursday, April 2nd you can access first Science Lesson as well as a Hub Scavenger Hunt to become familiar with the tools we will be using on the Hub. More activities will continue to be added over the next couple of days with ***the expectation that all subjects will be active and students will begin working by Monday, April 6th.***

It is probably easiest to work in the Hub course using a laptop if possible or even a tablet such as an iPad, especially when first learning how to access; however, it is also possible to use a phone if necessary but the icons will not show up. When using a phone, students can access the different portions of the Hub courses using the drop down menu found at the top with the three bars (hamburger).

Please email me with any questions. Also, please spread the word. We are able to see from the class-list the last time a student has accessed the Hub and so far we only have a portion of each class, so it would be helpful if students pass the word and encourage friends they are in contact with (virtually) to check their board emails regularly and login to the Hub.

As always, I hope that you, your family, and everyone you love is safe and healthy.

Mrs. K. Rashid