

Crescent Town Elementary School

March 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your loved ones are remaining safe and healthy. These are challenging, unprecedented times here in Canada and all around the world. Some days, it may seem difficult to remain positive and challenging to stay at home and out of our regular routines. But we will get past this and things will eventually get back to normal. Our main priority is the well-being of our students, staff, and families. We will continue to communicate with you through email and phone calls, and I encourage you to contact us if you need any additional support.

As you probably know by now, the Ontario government has announced that schools will [remain closed](#) at least until the first week of May. When we have more information on new timelines, we will share that with you.

The next couple of weeks will be used to set up our system for success. We are gathering information, assessing needs, and formulating plans about the continuation of learning and will be communicating with schools and families as soon as these plans are finalized. There have been several emails, letters and forms from the TDSB and the Ministry of Education over the past few days, each of them providing important information for you and for our system. Please contact us if you have not received the latest letters and we will forward them to you.

In order to help us determine the technological needs of our students, parents/guardians have been asked to complete an online survey about devices and Internet accessibility. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#).

We are committed to continue supporting our students with their learning. For those who are able to access the Internet, the Ministry of Education has provided a [Learning at Home](#) website that provides supplementary learning materials in math and literacy for elementary and secondary students. The website will help keep students learning and engaged during the COVID-19 school closure period. The Ministry has said that these resources do not replace what students have been learning at school, but are intended to help mitigate the loss of learning during the COVID-19 shutdown period.

The Toronto District School Board has additional [online resources](#) that will support the Ministry's Learn at Home initiative. You can also follow the Crescent Town Twitter feed for more resources that have been selected by Crescent Town staff.

Right now, everyone is experiencing a change in routines. We may be on screens a lot more than usual. For many of us, social distancing rules also prevent us from seeing our relatives and friends in person. All of this may contribute to additional stress and feelings of anxiety. Student, staff and family well-being and mental health is an important area of focus for the TDSB. Both school-based staff and Professional Support Services share responsibilities for supporting our well-being. There are a variety of [Mental Health and Well-Being Resources](#) for students and families available on the TDSB website. For the Crescent Town community, there will also be a stress-management workshop brought to you by Rumana, our Settlement Worker. Please see the details below.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us directly. Ms. Myrvold and I will keep the Crescent Town community informed in an on-going way as we continue this work moving forward. I thank you for your ongoing understanding and partnership.

Please stay healthy and take care of yourselves and each other.

Mr. Mani

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THIS MONTH'S

TOP STORIES

Stress Management and Healthy Ways to Cope

By: [Rumana Islam, School Settlement Worker](#)

We will be holding an online workshop on: "[Stress Management and Healthy ways to Cope](#)" on [Friday April 3rd and April 10th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.](#)

If you are interested to join please call Rumana @ 647-296-0179 or email rislam@tno-toronto.org and we will send you the link.

Look forward to your participation.

Community Dining Program

By: Access Point on Danforth

Community Dining Program



During this time we are offering a limited amount of free lunch meals.

Meals are available on a first come first serve basis while quantities last.

Menu will vary each week.

Where: AccessPoint On Danforth

When: Fridays at 1:00PM to 2:00PM

Please do the following:

- **Maintain Social distancing (2 meters apart) while you line up outside**
- **Enter one at a time**



For more information, please call

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Access Alliance
Multicultural Health and Community Services
Caring for Clients in COVID-19 (FC/CC)
The Access Alliance Pandemic Response

- CHECK-IN WITH VULNERABLE CLIENTS
- COMMUNICATE CLEAR & ACCURATE INFO
- CREATE SERVICE ALTERNATIVES
- CASE MANAGE AND SUPPORT

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