

Dear Grafton Families,

Here are some recent updates to share with you.

#### Edsby/Google Classroom

All teachers have an online presence on Edsby and some use Google Classroom. Ask your children about how they are using this with their class. If your child has an extended absence then work can get shared and it will reflect what is happening in the class.

#### Indoor Shoes

Please send indoor shoes. We have physically distanced spaces for outdoor shoes and winter boots. Indoor shoes allow our classes to be less slippery and cleaner.

Our gym is opening for two classes a day (one cohort) starting on Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will need indoor shoes to participate in the gym. We are following direction from Public Health on cleaning the gym. Most classes will be continuing with Phys. Ed classes outside due to the limited amount of equipment that we can use in a gym at this time.

#### Lockdown Drills

Our first socially distanced lockdown drill will be Wed. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. Teachers will discuss in their class what they should do if they hear that we are in a "lockdown" and then practice in their classroom. *Our second lockdown drill will be in the spring.*

#### Winter Weather

Winter weather is here! It is important to make sure your child is dressed for the weather appropriately. **Students will be going outside for recess and outdoor classes. Indoor recesses will be held when the wind-chill is -26 or lower.** On colder days, the time outside may be decreased according to the wind-chill. It is important to dress in layers, cover ears, nose, fingers, toes, cover your head, and use mittens instead of gloves in colder temperatures. It will be very cold so please ensure that even our big kids (intermediate students) have warm layers & boots. Please send an extra set of clothes (layers, pants, socks) and mitts with your child in case it is needed. Often they get wet so a second set is needed each day. Please label or write your child's initials in items so that we can return them if lost.

#### Electronic Devices

Some teachers may ask if you would like to send a tablet or a laptop for your child to use at school. This is at your own risk as we cannot replace or repair items. We are currently sharing technology within a cohort.

Some students in our junior and intermediate grades bring cellphones to school. They are to be used for instructional purposes during the school day. All personal devices are powered down when students enter the school. We expect that students will not use their personal device to take photos or videos of any student. Students can keep their device in a backpack or in their desk. Devices that are brought to school are the responsibility of the student and will not get replaced/repared by the school. If you need to contact your child, please call the main office instead of messaging their device. We may ask you to keep devices at home if they are becoming a distraction to learning.

#### Holidays

December is quickly approaching. Please contact Renee\_Cameron@kprdsb.ca if you would appreciate gift cards to help with the holidays. Our Spirit Days from last year collected money from the community

that we traditionally would have shared with the Grafton Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is not happening at this time, so the staff would like to still help out our Grafton PS families.

Do we have your contact information?

Thank-you for taking a few minutes to let us know how to contact you. Please complete the **Information Communication & Release** and the **Student Information Verification**.

<http://parents.kprdsb.ca/> This link also connects you to School Messenger and Edsby.