



# West St. Paul School

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Dear Parents,

Yesterday, we were informed by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority of a child in our school who has tested positive for COVID-19.

As we have shared in previous letters, we followed our plan for when a case occurs in our school. We phoned any close contacts as recommended by WRHA and those children were picked up. Then, we took the additional step to call all other families with students in the class even though they were not considered close contacts. Our goal is to keep our community informed.

We know that WRHA is very busy doing the contact tracing for positive COVID cases. If parents do receive a positive test result for a child, they can phone the school and we will act quickly to protect our students while waiting for the WRHA contact tracers to phone and share with us. We would not share the student's name, but we would share enough information with families to keep students safe. With many cases in the general population, we know schools remain safe places for kids to be. We know that when it comes to learning and mental health, there is no substitute for learning with peers in the classroom with a classroom teacher.

We continue to ask families to monitor their children for any symptoms as we know the COVID-19 virus is very active and present throughout our province. Staff work to reinforce with students the importance of developing positive health habits to keep everyone safe.

The province has reinstated three professional development days that had previously been removed from the regular school calendar. Two of the days are to be taken before the winter break with the third being taken before Spring Break. Please add the following professional development dates to your calendars: Friday, November 27 and Friday, December 11. A separate email will come from the school division as confirmation.

The students continue to head outside for their learning. Today we had TAS classes and Phys. Ed. classes outside, joined by another class flying kites they had made in class. Please remind kids that they need to be dressed for the weather as we will continue to get kids learning outside as often as possible.

Hockey TAS has been cancelled for next term because all hockey rinks are now closed.

Please continue to book parent-teacher interviews on Parent Connect. Teachers will phone or videoconference with you at your chosen time to share about the learning of your children.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our families, school and community safe!

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Administrators

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