



# Percy Centennial PS News from the Den

*"We Challenge and Support our Students  
through Learning"*



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### **A note from the Principal's Desk...**

Well, Warton Willie DID NOT see his shadow. So he was not chased back into his hole (because his shadow scares him) for 6 more weeks of winter. We'll see if his prediction is right, and we have an early spring.

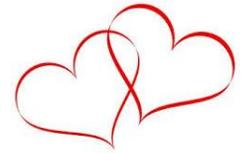
Students seem to be enjoying our return to bricks and mortar. Recess is a particularly popular time for the kids to meet and play with one another. In speaking with some of our older students, they tell me that the three weeks of online learning were easier than when we were learning from home for the remaining three months of last year. We are all growing in making our learning more meaningful during a pandemic, whether inside the classroom or at home.

Parents, guardians and grandparents have done a remarkable job of supporting their children while learning at home. Thank you for your efforts. We know it's not easy! But, as many are saying, "We get through this together!"

Julie Gray, Principal

### **School Council**

This group consists of parents of children at Percy Centennial. We meet to find out what's happening at school and where best we can support. The next School Council will be meeting by Zoom on Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you'd like to attend, you are very welcome to do so. Please email our chair, Mrs Tiffany Klein for the link - [tiffanyklein393@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyklein393@gmail.com)



## **Valentine's Day at Percy**

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> at Percy. Students may exchange Valentines cards but it must be done safely. Here is what's needed from you. Have your child's cards ready to bring to school on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> in a Ziplock bag. They will sit in the classroom for 72 hours. On Friday, the teacher will hand sanitize and the hand out the Valentines to the students. If Valentines are brought to school after the 9<sup>th</sup>, the cards will be handed out the following week.

Due to COVID restrictions, students may not bring treats for their classmates this year. ☹

### **Reminder: Parking Lot Entry/Exit & End of Day Dismissal**

We now have signage at the entrance to the Parking Lot. **Vehicles must not enter the parking lot between 8:30 to 8:45 and 2:45 to 3:15.** This is due to the congestion that can occur and buses cannot get in to drop off our students. If you find you arrive during these times, please park on the road and walk in.

### **Reminder: Indoor Shoes**

Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes at school. Some are without and this makes practice fire drills risky for those who may have to exit the building in their sock feet. Also, not so nice to use the washroom in your sock feet!



### **Screening, Masking, and Congregating**

Students are doing an exceptional job of practicing the three levels of protection here at Percy: wear a mask, hand sanitize when coming into the school, and into the classroom; and maintain 6 feet of distance (2 metre sticks) when possible.

Self-screening before your child comes to school in the morning is vital.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reminds parents/guardians to screen a child each day **before** sending them to school or child care. Resources are in place to help you make the right call:

- Ontario's COVID-19 School Screening Tool <http://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>  
\*Answer questions in this online tool to see if your child should go to school or day care. A printable version is also available.
- Schools and COVID-19 [www.hkpr.on.ca/2020/09/16/covid-19-and-schools/](http://www.hkpr.on.ca/2020/09/16/covid-19-and-schools/)  
\*Visit this Health Unit webpage for resources and guidance on keeping your student and schools safe during COVID-19.

If you are unsure about your child's symptoms and what to do next, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5020.

## **Inclement Weather School Closures**

The KPR Board has made an important change to how we handle inclement weather days (snow days) this winter. We wish to let all families know that schools will be closed on inclement weather days this year, to protect student health. For more information, contact the principal.

## **Important dates**

February 9	School Council 6:30 pm Zoom
February 15	Family Day – no school
February 19	Term 1 Report Cards emailed to parents
March 12 – 19	March Break