



PINE CREEK SCHOOL DIVISION

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## Message to PCSD Families - COVID-19 Pandemic

Good evening;

Tonight, I would like to express my gratitude to all staff of Pine Creek School Division for their remarkable efforts in maintaining safe and calm learning environments for all of our students today. These are rapidly changing times, different from anything we have seen before, and our priority is to ensure that we do everything we can to contribute to the well-being of our Pine Creek communities.

1. This morning, school leaders asked parents to refrain from entering school buildings so that we minimize exposure for children. Thank you for respecting these requests. If you need to meet with school staff, please call ahead for an appointment so that a suitable meeting place can be arranged.
2. As always, the decision about whether or not a child attends school rests with parents/guardians. Several families have chosen to keep their children out of school. Under the direction of the Minister of Education, keeping schools in full operation this week remains our priority. With that in mind, while classes are in progress, we will not be providing make-up work for students who are not attending (that work will be provided once classes end). Our teachers, leaders and support staff need to be well-rested and healthy to meet complex challenges this week. Their focus will be providing rich learning opportunities in a safe environment for the children/students in attendance.
3. The Minister of Education has directed educators to prepare learning resources for children/students who are at home during the two weeks when classes are cancelled. Plans for the distribution of those learning materials will be communicated to parents by the schools.

We remain in daily contact with the Minister of Education. If there are changes to the current plans, we will use School Messenger to quickly communicate these changes to families.

Messages are also posted to the Pine Creek School Division website: <http://www.pinecreeksd.mb.ca/>, and to our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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