

Message to **Elementary** Families RE March Break Postponed

February 11, 2021

Subject: March Break Postponed Until April 12th

Earlier today, the Minister of Education announced that the March break scheduled for the week of March 15th, 2021 has been postponed and will now take place during the week of April 12th, 2021. The decision was made on the advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and more information on this decision can be found in this [Ministry of Education press release](#). Please note that the regularly scheduled board holiday on Friday, March 12, 2021 will still go ahead as scheduled.

This change also applies to students learning virtually through DDSB@Home to align with the break for in-person students.

As a result of this change, the DDSB is working with the Ministry of Education to determine the impact on the modified school calendar at CE Broughton and Winchester PS. We recognize that advance notice for you is key and the modified calendar was raised in meetings with the Ministry of Education. Their direction was for us to work with them to establish the new vacation schedule. We will do our best to expedite this process, however, we ask that you not make any plans for the March period at this stage. We hope to have a final response early next week.

With March break being postponed, it highlights the importance of everyone following the direction of public health officials by avoiding gatherings outside of your household, wearing a mask, washing your hands and avoiding non-essential travel as much as possible.

We are also including a couple of other items in this update that may be of interest to you below.

Mid-Term Report Cards

Mid-term report cards will be sent to you through e-mail on Wednesday, February 17, with distribution starting after 3pm. Families that do not have an email registered with the DDSB, will receive a hardcopy of their child(ren)'s report card by mail after Wednesday, February 17th. We ask that if you do not receive the report card within 7-10 business days of Wednesday, February 17 to contact the school office.

Webinar on Talking to your Children about Anti-Black Racism on Wednesday, February 24

On Wednesday, February 24 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the DDSB Parent Involvement Committee will host a parent engagement webinar with keynote speaker Bee Quammie. Bee is an acclaimed public speaker, writer, social media influencer and DDSB parent. In this series, Bee will guide attendees through talking to children about anti-Black racism and provide practical tips for how people can make a difference right now. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A. To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/ParentEngagementSeries>.

On behalf of our school team, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the province-wide changes that all of us are adapting to. Please continue to stay safe and be well. Should you have any questions or require support, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school team.