



Valley Way Public School

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Dear Valley Way Families:

There is a lot of excitement in the air this week as we lead up to our much-anticipated Spring Break, which is taking place from Monday, April 12 to Friday, April 16. We will look forward to welcoming students back from Spring Break for in-person learning on Monday, April 19.

No doubt, it has been a long 13 months for all of us, especially for students who have been so resilient during this pandemic. We believe that the best place for students is learning in-person with their peers and classroom teachers. The more we do our part to follow Public Health guidelines, the higher the chances are that we will continue to keep the doors of our schools open.

Daily screening is one of the most important ways to stop the spread of the virus. This is where you as parents can help to keep schools safe. Before your child comes back to school on April 19, please screen them for COVID-19 symptoms. If they have one symptom, we ask that you please keep them home.

During the Spring Break, the COVID-19 Assessment Centre is making asymptomatic testing available for students. To book an appointment, go to: <https://www.niagarahealth.on.ca/site/assessmentcentres>

At any time, if your child or anyone in your household is ill, consult your family care provider or call the Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 Info-Line at 905-688-8248.

Ontario Public Health has asked that we share the following information with families as a reminder of what we all need to do during the provincial stay-at-home order:

- Socialize in-person only with the people that live with you
- If you or someone in your home is feeling ill, get tested
- If your child is going to a child care centre during the Spring Break, be sure to do the daily screening for COVID-19 symptoms – there's a convenient link on our website
- Continue frequent hand washing, masking, and physical distancing
- Do not travel outside of the community
- Only leave home for essential trips like getting groceries and attending school

I hope your family has safe, fun, and restful break.

Sincerely,

K. Worth
Principal