

To our families of Golden Gate,

Thank you for picking up the masks this week from Golden Gate. We will provide 2 paper bags at the school on their first day to store their masks. They can transport their masks in the paper bag when they go outside, leave for lunch or at the end of the day with dismissal.

For those families who were unable to pick up a mask, a mask will be provided prior to your child entering the school. If a child forgets their mask, we will provide one at the school as all students will be expected to wear their mask before coming into the school, and wear them at all times within the school. Please find below some valuable resources as we ready ourselves for our return to in-class learning.

Please see link below to show students how to appropriately and most effectively wear their mask.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-wear-non-medical-mask-face-covering-properly.html>

If you have younger children in the household as well, this may be an option in viewing together....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsgzWbXOcw8>



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Mask on or mask off? As we all do our bit to slow the spread of COVID-19, Gabby and Timmy have some important advice about why, when and where to wear a mask. Subscribe to UNICEF here: <http://bit.ly/1ItTE3m>  
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Just a friendly reminder that when students report to school next week, that we do not have an early entry program. We request that students arrive to school 5 minutes prior to their classroom and cohort entry time to avoid congestion, and intermingling of students. When students arrive at school, they should be going directly to their assigned entry doors.

In planning for next week for our EVERY GATOR READS, which takes place after lunch in our homerooms, we ask that students bring a book from home that they are most interested in reading. We do have books available in our classroom library, but want to also present an alternative to students who may feel most comfortable with their own book. Books that have been used from our classroom library will be placed in a return bin before they will be re-stocked on our classroom library shelves.

As we will not be starting the school year with lockers, all cell phones must be kept in students' backpacks and put on silent during the school day so not to interfere with the classroom instruction. Once we are able to use our lockers, students will be required to store them in their lockers during the day. Cell phones are not to be accessed inside the classroom or inside school during the day which includes our lunch program. Students cannot videotape or take pictures of anyone on school property with or without permission. Students not respecting the cell phone policy or the Divisional Internet Usage Agreement will have their cell phone confiscated, and their parents will be required to pick up the cell phone from the office at the end of the day by 4:15 pm. Parents/guardians should not be phoning/texting their child while they are in class. Just a friendly reminder that this is also our workplace, and the learning environment for our students. If you need to get ahold of your child, please call the office and we will relay the message to them at the first available break. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged/broken cell phones. Please make sure all arrangements for pick up at the end of the day have been communicated to your child before the start of the school day. We do have a phone for student use in the office with the necessary sanitation and cleaning measures in place. Photo has been attached.

We have adjusted the capacity of students at any time in the bathroom. These numbers are posted outside the bathroom for students.

We all have a role to play in restoring safe resumption of in-class learning. Parental engagement is vital to the successful return to in-class learning, and we thank you in advance for your continued support of our school plan.

We will see our grade 6 students on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and our grade 7 and 8 students on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your long weekend!

I do understand that there is a lot of information going home. It is paramount that we continue to inform our community of new information and updates as we work together in our safe return.

Stay safe, take care.

Mr. D. Kalynchuk  
Principal