

Good afternoon Brookside families,

I hope that you have been enjoying the beautiful weather these past few days. It's been such a treat to see and feel the sun.

As we wrap up our second full week of online learning, I would like to provide you with a few reminders.

To begin, we would like to ask all families to have continued discussions about online etiquette. As we settle into our third week, we know that sometimes we become forgetful about how to conduct ourselves, a review of the expectations can be very helpful. I am attaching the etiquette document we sent out at the beginning of this spring's online learning experience for your families review.

We would also like to thank all of you for your continued diligence in reporting student absences, we have been so pleased with students' online attendance, we have you to thank for that! One area that we do have concerns is "lates". We have built in a five-minute break between each class so that students and staff can run to the washroom, grab a snack or throw in some laundry. We have however, noticed that many students are not logging into their classes on time. This creates a challenge when completing accurate attendance and disruptions to instruction. With the shortened class time and synchronous instruction happening at the beginning of class, students must be arriving on time.

As a final reminder, we would like to suggest that you have conversations about focusing on classwork during class time. Increasingly, some students are distracted by cellphones, gaming equipment, etc., while in class. We know this is difficult to enforce, however, if students can be reminded that class time is meant for meaningful engagement of the curriculum, it would be very helpful.

One last note, we would like to have a Virtual Spirit Week next week! The schedule is as follows. Please encourage your children to take part☺

<b>Monday May 17</b>	<b>Tuesday May 18</b>	<b>Wednesday May 19</b>	<b>Thursday May 20</b>	<b>Friday May 21</b>
 Wear clashing patterns and design day	 Bring your pet to class day!!	 Twin Day	 Brookside Swag Day!	 PD Day - No classes for students

Thank you for your ongoing support and words of encouragement as we navigate this challenging time together. If you need anything, please reach out.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Lisa