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Subject: Monday Messages

Good day, Greyhound families:

We hope that you are all staying healthy and that you had a pleasant weekend!

This message contains a few reminders, information regarding refunds for our skating trips, and also some suggestions for helping your child as they continue their learning from home.

First, as previously announced by the Ministry of Education, all Professional Activity days for the remainder of this school year have been replaced with instructional days. This means that on the days previously scheduled as PA Days (this Friday was to be one of them), our teachers will continue to be available to support student learning from home. Next Monday is a holiday though, and that means that our teachers will not be available to facilitate learning on that day and nor will they be posting learning materials.

I have included a link [here](#) to a survey which seeks to ensure that the records that we have for skating payments are most accurate. Please complete the survey once for each student in your family who paid for skating this year. We will be issuing appropriate refunds by cheque if you paid by cash or cheque and through School Cash Online if you paid that way.

You may have heard that some teachers in our Board, and in our school, are beginning to implement some interactive, virtual learning opportunities into their school days (through Google Meet and Microsoft Teams). If you have any questions or concerns about the interactive nature of this mode of instruction, I encourage you to connect with your child's teacher or to call the school and leave a message (905-871-4830) or to email me (by replying to this email). While the interactive sessions are not typically designed for whole class interaction, we do aim to make the opportunities accessible to everyone. If there is something (technology or timing wise, for example) that prevents your child from participating if it is offered, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me so that we can problem solve together.

Similarly, if you and your child are having difficulty accessing the learning materials on D2L or Google Classroom (the platform depends on the class) or if you can't see the feedback your child's teacher is providing, please make sure that we know so that we can help.

Finally, please continue to check out Garrison Road's Twitter account (@GRDGreyhounds) and consider encouraging your child to contribute as well!

As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Best wishes for a great week. Take care and stay safe,

K. Racey