

MYP and Distance Learning Reminders...

As we enter into a new month of distance learning it is our hope that the transition has been smooth and the students are engaged and continuing to develop good learning habits. In the interest of keeping up the good work that we've seen, here are a few friendly reminders:

- Students' weekly schedules will be available on Monday mornings through their Google Classroom Homeroom page. This will help students and families plan their week together.
- Weekly check-ins will be posted to homerooms on Friday's through Google Forms. This will allow students to reflect on success' and possible challenges they experienced. By completing the check-in, teachers are able to get a better sense of their students and plan accordingly.
- We continue to strongly encourage students to submit their work as they normally would in face to face learning. By submitting their work, teachers are able to provide feedback to reinforce positive aspects of a task as well as offer suggestions for growth. Furthermore, the feedback is a means of formative assessment that could impact a student's Ontario learning skills. All work to be submitted will have a due date and will require students to access the assignment and click "turn in" their work. All assigned work with due dates are visible in the *Upcoming* box on the left side of the screen.
- In addition to the Google Classrooms, students are reminded to check their DPCDSB Outlook accounts for teacher feedback.
- As we move forward, students are expected to continue being good digital citizens. Student behaviour online must be consistent to the expectations we have for students in school.
- Students can continue to access support from their teachers by posting a message directly to a teacher in their Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to "attend" the Google Meet times that teachers have throughout the week. Specific times that Google Meets will take place are posted every Monday in the students' Google Classroom Homeroom and are attached to the weekly work schedule. If a student has not previously attended a Google Meet, instructions on how to join are also provided.
- If parents need to connect with teachers they can continue to leave a voice message on the school's line and it will be forwarded to the specific person. If calling, please leave the best number to reach you along with a good time window and teachers will make every effort to return your call then.

It is during this unprecedented time that our Approaches to Learning (ATL's) are put into action in a variety of ways. Through Self-Management, students can *practice strategies to overcome distractions*, demonstrate *persistence and perseverance*, and perhaps most important, *practice positive thinking*.