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News from the Office

To all of our Roy H. Crosby families, I wish you a very Happy New Year! With the change of the calendar comes the opportunity to reflect upon achievements from the year that has passed, and to set new goals for the year ahead. I look forward to the continued pleasure of working alongside you and your family in the service of your child's academic and social-emotional well-being.

While we are beginning 2021 in a very different way, our staff at Roy H. Crosby is very committed to ensuring that students are supported both academically as well as emotionally. The past few months have admittedly been very different from previous years, however as a school community we pride ourselves in working together to provide opportunities for students to thrive and grow.

With the support of our dedicated School Council, we have been able to prioritize funds collected from fundraising efforts and from very generous donations of some of our families towards our Mental Health and Math Initiatives that are specifically STEM related. In turn, our students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be provided with unique experiential learning opportunities related to coding and robotics as they work through curriculum expectations outlined in the new Provincial Math curriculum. In a year with so much upheaval and disruption, our staff is embarking on these new learning opportunities alongside our students. We are so grateful to be able to introduce these experiences to them in the coming weeks and months.

Thank you for your continued partnership. I wish all our families lots of health and happiness for 2021.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Di Stefano

Literacy Week

begins on ...

**Monday, January 25th
to Friday, January 29th**

During the week of January 25th, students will have the opportunity to partake in exciting literacy experiences within their classrooms!

The literacy activities planned will immerse students in fun-filled activities that promote the joy of reading, writing and storytelling. They will also have the opportunity to create literacy adventures of their own in a variety of ways.

Stay tuned for more information!

Principal: Mrs. Christina Di Stefano

EOAA: Ms. Leeanne Arbour

Secretary: Ms. Carmen Gieb

Trustee: Mr. Allan Tam

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Paul Valle

School Council Chairs: Tina Bravos and
Rebekah Mitchell





Math Messages



Questioning

Using effective questions when talking about math supports the development of your child's mathematical reasoning. The use of questioning provides children with opportunities to share and clarify their ideas, draw conclusions, and explain and explore new strategies. With good intention, we often rush to provide our children all the information they need to solve a math problem. By giving your child this information too quickly, they may not think deeply about the problem or engage in [mathematical processes](#).

Here is a list of questions you can ask to support your child's mathematical thinking:

- ☐ How did you solve the problem?
- ☐ What did you do?
- ☐ What strategy did you use?
- ☐ How did you estimate what the answer could be?
- ☐ What would happen if ...?
- ☐ Tell me what is the same? What is different?
- ☐ How do you know?
- ☐ How did you know where ...?
- ☐ How did you know which ...?
- ☐ How did you know when ...?
- ☐ How do you know your/our answer is reasonable?
- ☐ Would this work every time? Can you/we think of any examples that don't work?
- ☐ Have you/we found all the possibilities? How do you/we know?



January 2021

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| 4 <i>Asynchronous Virtual Learning</i> | 5 <i>Synchronous Virtual Learning</i> | 6 <i>Synchronous Virtual Learning</i> | 7 <i>Synchronous Virtual Learning</i> <i>Eastern Orthodox Christmas</i> | 8 <i>Synchronous Virtual Learning</i> |
| 11 | 12 <i>School Council Meeting 6:45 – 8:00 pm</i> | 13 | 14 | 15 <i>PA DAY Kindergarten Registration Begins</i> |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 25 <i>Literacy Week Begins!</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

Looking ahead to February

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
|--------------------|------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 <i>PA DAY</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 <i>Lunar New Year</i> |



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