

Hello Pirate Parents!

Another successful full week of virtual learning in the books! Continued gratitude to our families for their support of our students and teachers during our virtual learning experience!

Thank you for your attendance last night at our Virtual Back to School Night 2020!

**School is closed Monday, September 28, 2020, in observance of Yom Kippur.

If you are a Kindergarten or Grade 1 parent/guardian, please be sure to select the learning model for your child by Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Here is the email that was sent out on Thursday, September 17th:

Toms River Regional Schools continues to prepare for all students to safely return to in-person learning. Phase 1 began Sept. 8 and provided a safe return for all staff and select groups of special education students. On Monday, Oct. 5, we will welcome Phase 2-eligible students back for in-person learning. This will include all students in pre-school, kindergarten, first grade, and any student who is a part of our Elementary Learning and Language Disabled program (LLD).

To be certain we are using the most up-to-date information, we are asking our families to reselect a learning model for their child in the Parent Portal. The learning model options are as follows:

Choice 1: A hybrid learning model with an A/B rotation of in-person and virtual learning. Students in cohort A will attend school on Mondays & Wednesdays and those in cohort B will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays all students will participate in

virtual learning. This will entail 2 four-hour in-person days for students and 3 virtual days.

Choice 2: Remote learning model. This includes utilizing our Google platform for live instruction, video instruction, and interactive online tools five days per week from home. This choice reflects a commitment through Marking Period 2.

Parents of Phase 2-eligible students are required to select a learning model for their child within the Parent Portal no later than Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020. If you have any difficulty accessing your Parent Portal account, please reach out to your child's school for support. For any student for whom we do not receive a selection, it will be assumed that the student will be participating in the hybrid learning model. If you have any questions, you can send them via email to TRSafeReturn@trschoools.com.

IMPORTANT CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Over the course of the next few weeks, Grade 1-5 students will be participating in diagnostic assessments in reading (Exact Path) and mathematics (iReady) in small group settings. It is important that we work together as team during the diagnostic as the results of the diagnostics will:

1. Guide your students small group instruction with their teacher
2. Create an online learning path in iReady and Exact Path that students will engage in independently

Below is an explanation of the two programs and parent resources for you to review.

Program Explanation

i-Ready and Exact Path are online programs for mathematics and reading respectively. These programs will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year.

i-Ready and Exact Path consist of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. The diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. In order to gain the most accurate data on our students, we respectfully request that you do not assist your child in completing the diagnostic assessments.

i-Ready and Exact Path Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn.

Additional Resources

Exact Path Diagnostic for Reading

- [What is a Computer Adaptive Test?](#)
- [How to Administer Exact Path Diagnostic Test at Home](#)

iReady Diagnostic for Mathematics,

- Checklist: How to Assess from Home
- Video: How to Assess from Home
- [Supportive Phrases](#) during testing.
- [iReady Family Center](#)

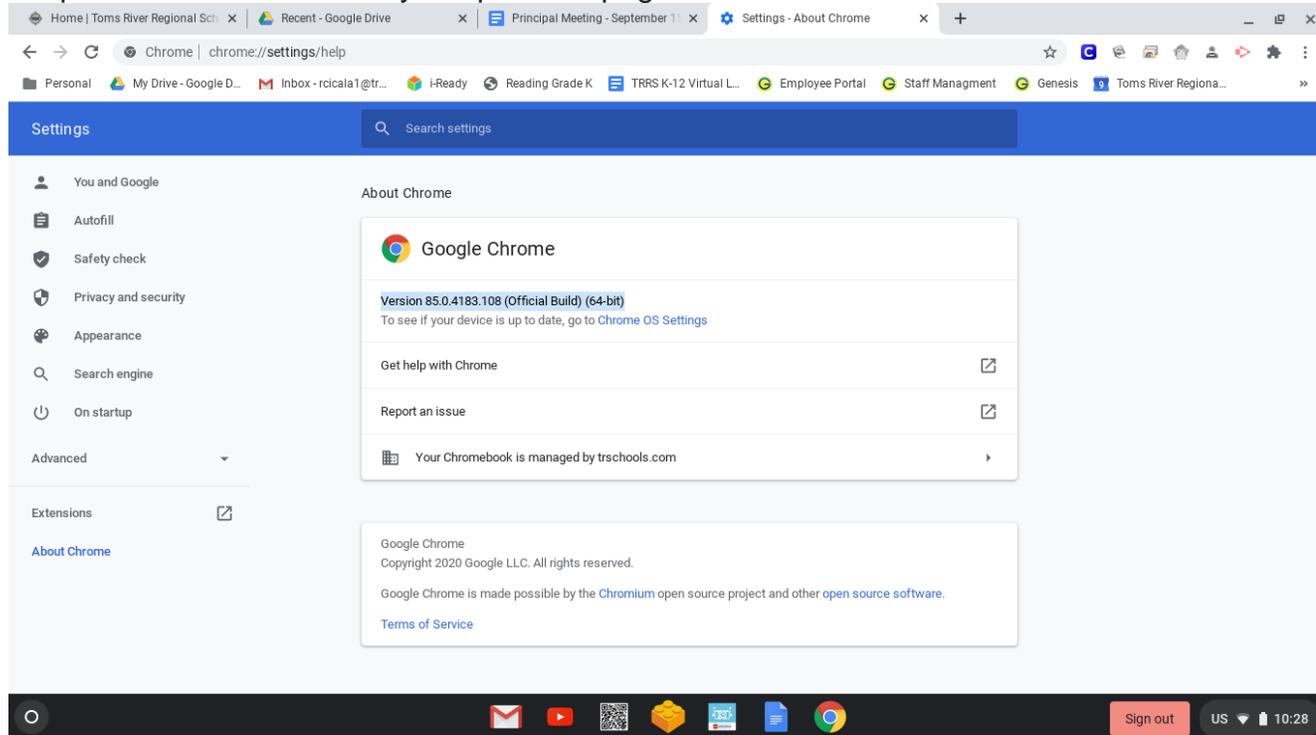
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TECHNOLOGY

If your child is working on a Chrome Book, you can do this to make sure it is using the latest OS.

- Click three dots top right corner
- Click “Settings”
- Click “About Chrome” Bottom left corner
- The update should start once you open that page



A MESSAGE FROM THE YEARBOOK!

Just a reminder that the yearbook staff is still collecting FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL pictures from home for our "Welcome Back" page! (Current North Dover students only, no family members please, and include their name and grade.) Email your pictures to drrossi@aol.com by September 30th. Thank you!

ALSO, if you did not get a yearbook from the 2019/2020 school year, a limited number are still available to purchase. Please contact Cindy at drrossi@aol.com.

CALLING ALL BOXTOPS!

This is a very easy program to join and you will be contributing to it just by grocery shopping! North Dover is able to make purchases for our teachers that support their instruction and classroom supplies from the sale of 'Boxtops' items you regularly purchase :) All you have to do is download the Boxtop app, select North Dover, then scan your receipt and it's done! In these trying times, every little bit helps~ we appreciate your consideration! I scan my receipts every time I complete my food shopping :)

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https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/GMI/boxtopsforyoureducation/CRC-Downloads/2020/2020-08/Site_Download_BTFEOverview2020.ashx?la=en

Due to Covid, grocery stores have been emailing their sales receipt to you. You can email your receipt to: Receipts@boxtops4education

and they will tell you if any of your purchases qualified for cash for our school! I've been doing this all summer, & it's super simple! Mrs. Strouse

https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/GMI/boxtopsforyoureducation/CRC-Downloads/2020/2020-08/Site_Download_BTFFFamilyLetter2020.ashx?la=en

As always, thank you for your support and cooperation~

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Ms. Colleen McGrath, Principal

Mrs. Dina O'Donnell, Supervisor of Instruction