

• Lakeview Elementary

Weekly News Continued

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Dear Families and Students:

I hope this letter finds each of you doing well in these uncertain times.

While each teacher will use a variety of approaches to connect with learners, I am writing to update you on some common elements that you can expect as we move forward. By now you will have already connected with your teacher. Students will have started gradually on their continued learning. I have heard from our school staff and from some of you how much it has meant to you to reconnect with teachers and others.

Schools are a vital part of our communities and we know that the suspension of in-class instruction, along with so many other significant changes to our lives, has impacted you deeply. Our school staff are working hard to build community outside of the walls of our school, as well as to provide students with a sense of normalcy, routine, and continued learning opportunities that keep them engaged in their own education.

LEARNING FROM HOME: WHAT TO EXPECT

Learning opportunities will not be a direct replacement for in-classroom learning. While the plans that have been developed will look different depending on the age group and student's individual needs, generally, here is what can be expected.

Kindergarten-Grade 3: Teachers will focus on literacy and numeracy foundations. Teachers will assign approximately **5 hours of work a week** (about an hour a day). They will work with families to deliver these materials digitally or in specific cases paper packages.

Grades 4-7: Education content will focus on the core competencies and mathematics, language/literacy, and moving into science and social studies curriculum outcomes. Teachers will assign **8-10 hours of work a week**. They will work with families to deliver these materials digitally, where possible.

Report Cards: All students will receive a report card based on where they were at prior to spring break

plus the learning opportunities they're engaging in at home.

Professional Development Days: The Professional development days scheduled for our school and the district will continue to be non-instructional days for students.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We know that parents are busy and face their own unique pressures during these uncertain times. There is no expectation that parents will do the job of teachers. We have always valued the partnership between educators and parents/caregivers and we encourage you to engage in your child's learning as much or as little as suits your family.

As you have questions about your own student's learning, please know that your child's teacher(s) and I are available to help. If the complexity in your life has you needing support, there is much we can do to assist and/or connect you with the right resources. Life has changed, but what hasn't is our desire to help. If you have questions, I encourage you to reach out to one of the school staff or me.

MOVING FORWARD

As we embrace this style of teaching, we will be learning and growing together. No doubt there will be both successes and bumps along the way as we all adjust. School staff and I are appreciative of your understanding and partnership, as we create a new culture of learning, build on our successes, and together support all of our students.

Take good care of yourself and your families.

All the very best,

Brad Winterlik,
Principal Lakeview Elementary

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Burnaby School District's [Continuing Learning Website](#) contains resources and self-directed learning activities across a wide variety of subject areas.

The Ministry of Education's [Keep Learning Website](#) provides learning and other resources for students and families.

Resources to support families, curated links and updates can be found on the [Burnaby School District's website](#), which is regularly updated.

QUESTIONS

You can find answers to many questions in a Frequently Asked Question document prepared by and continuously updated by the Ministry of Education [here](#).

Counsellors Corner

Dear parents,

I know that there is so much on your plate long before we all had to self-isolate for Covid 19. I wanted to write you and provide some helpful tips for our 'new normal' as you try and navigate these interesting times.

I would encourage you to figure out a 'new' rhythm for your family. We always have, and always live by certain rhythms that you may not have even thought about. The earth rotates around the sun once making a year. The angle of the earth's axis changes giving us seasons. The sun rises every morning and sets every evening. Though there are slight variations on the timing of these rhythms they are constants in our world.

So, I encourage you to find a rhythm that works for your family. I like to call it a rhythm instead of a schedule because it seems less rigid and gives some flexibility to your 'new normal'. Try different things and see what works for your family. Talk with "your people" (other parents) and see what is working for them. However, if talking to other people and finding out what they are doing adds to your stress then don't. This is not a competition. It won't be perfect because what we are living through is far from perfect.

Take care and feel free to reach out if there is something I can help you with...Sue McAllister

You can find more useful information on my blog at: <http://sd41blogs.ca/mcallisters/>

SPRING FAIR:

As most of you likely anticipated our ever popular Spring Fair had to be cancelled this year. Even with it being a fair bit out time wise the planning committee had been meeting, working and organizing behind the scenes for quite some time.

We would like to thank the committee members; Franco, Sanj, Anna, Cori, Davina, Homara, Jess, Sharan for the countless hours that they have already put into this event.

SOME MESSAGES FROM OUR STUDENTS:

