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Newsletter



I think picture sums up how all of our staff are feeling right now. We miss seeing all your faces and the exuberance and light students bring to our work. Working from home and in my empty office is not why we went into education; we are truly missing our students. We hope all families are coping well and know that we are here for them. Please see below for some important information. Take care!



Mrs. Fenrick

Contact:

By now, all teachers have attempted to reach out to all families and are beginning to post learning opportunities on either TEAMS or FreshGrade or through email. **We have asked that you reply to teachers, so they know you have received their information.** Going forward, TEAMS and FreshGrade will be the main way that students and families will be receiving instruction. All of our staff have varying comfort levels with these platforms and are learning alongside you. These methods of delivering instruction and learning opportunities are new to us too. Please continue to have patience with us as we will with you and your families who are also at varying levels of ability and comfort.

Unfamiliar
phone number?
No caller ID?
It may be your
child's teacher!

Blocked calls:

Our teachers have been asked to block their cell or home phone numbers when calling families. Please attempt to answer calls during 9am to 3pm from blocked numbers as it may be your child's teacher reaching out. Also, please set up and/or check your voicemails to ensure you haven't missed an important call.



Technology/Devices/Internet

We are not expecting that every student has their own dedicated device to be able to do their work. As long as you have a tablet or computer in the household that a student can access at some point throughout the week, you will be fine. Please reach out to me at Fenrick_1@surreyschools.ca or to your child's teacher if there is an issue. The district is in the process of figuring out how to loan devices to students who have NO or very limited access to a device and more information on this will be coming in the next couple of weeks. If you do not have internet, there are a number of companies like Telus and Shaw who are looking to providing free internet – please take a look at their websites:

<https://www.shaw.ca/internet/wifi>

<https://www.telus.com/en/internet/free-wifi-hotspots>

Also, one of our parents owns an IT company and is offering free support for families who may be struggling getting onto Office 365 or any other tech type support. Please contact Mrs. Fenrick if you would like to access that support. Thank you to that parent who has made this generous offer. These types of offerings show the amazing community we have.

To access Office 365: to go www.office.com and log in with the student's surreyschools.ca email and password they were given by their teacher. This is the same information that the students use to log in to FreshGrade. If you do not have the student email and password, please email your child's teacher.

By now.....

You will have:

1. Heard from your child's teacher through email or phone call
2. Been given some types of learning opportunities for your child to begin working on. Some of these may be very general such as keeping a journal, reading daily, doing something creative, doing some daily exercise.

The emphasis for this week was contact with you and/or your child and providing some literacy and numeracy activities. We are focusing on simply getting used to this new way of providing and receiving instruction. Please remember that the direction from the Minister of Education is on continuity of learning, not full online homeschooling. All students will be progressing to their new grade in September.

Going forward for the upcoming week:

- More literacy and numeracy learning opportunities
- Exploring and getting comfortable with the platform that students will use to access these opportunities – namely FreshGrade and/or TEAMS classroom
- Beginning to provide more specific learning opportunities that students will be asked to complete and either upload to FreshGrade and/or TEAMS.
- Continue to have you and/or your children reach out to teachers via these platforms and/or their email.

Our Community

I will be continuing to send our newsletters as the weeks progress. I have a request! If you would like, I would love to be sent some pictures of students doing work at home or something they are proud of. If you are sending these to me, I will be putting some of them in the Newsletter for all to see. **Please indicate if you are just sending them to me to see or if you are okay if I add them to the newsletter.** Either one would be great. I am missing all our students so much. I would love to see their faces or work. I also think this would be a great way for us to stay connected as a community.

Please take care and give your children a high five or a hug from me. Reach out to me at any time.

 Mrs. Fenrick