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Newsletter

Dear Clayton Families,

Week 5 is in the books! Hope you are all continuing to do well and staying healthy. At this point, we are discovering that many families are beginning to struggle. Please continue to recognize that we are here for you. We are working to make things as manageable as possible and provide varying and interesting learning opportunities for students. Please give yourselves permission to find balance. School work and learning does continue to be important, "handing in" those learning opportunities continues to be important, and also most importantly, finding the balance between fun, mental health, and time to breath is vital in these unique and stressful times. It appears to be more and more likely that we will not be together as we usually are before June 30. The district is following the directives of the provincial health officers, the Minister of Education, and the Premier. They are working on structures to maintain the health of all, the needs of our students and the needs of our families who need to work. Please pay close attention to the video messages that Jordan Tinney, our Surrey Superintendent is posting every Monday. As we get information, we will pass it on to you.

Take care and stay well,

♡ Mrs. Fenrick

Learning at home:

As I "look" into the online classrooms on FreshGrade and TEAMS, I am reminded all the time of how much I miss you all. There is so much great work going on and I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude:

Thank you to all of our teachers for being available and creating rich and engaging learning opportunities for students to do at home, all the while balancing their own children and families. They have been thrown a steep learning curve and have jumped at the opportunity even when they feel they are not sure how they're going to do it. They just have.

Thank you to all our EAs and support staff who are searching for ways to connect with our vulnerable learners and other students who are struggling. This has been a great challenge for them, and they have risen to the challenge with grace.

Thank you to all the parents who have been thrust into a so many roles: teacher, technology wizard, counsellor, friend, and playmate for our students, your children. You are doing amazing. You are working so hard with your children so they can continue to learn at home. This does NOT come without great struggle and stress and we recognize how much anxiety families are feeling right now with work and financial pressures at the same time. You are all doing AWESOME!

Thank you to Darcy who is working hard at home and here in the office and manages to keep us running smoothly from afar.

Thank you to our kids. I can see they are working hard at home and are continuing to engage in learning and connecting with their teachers.

Please remember, you are not alone. You do not have struggle alone. Reach out to your teachers and let us help and guide you through this as best we can.

You can also always email me at Fenrick_l@surreyschools.ca at any time.

Reminder:

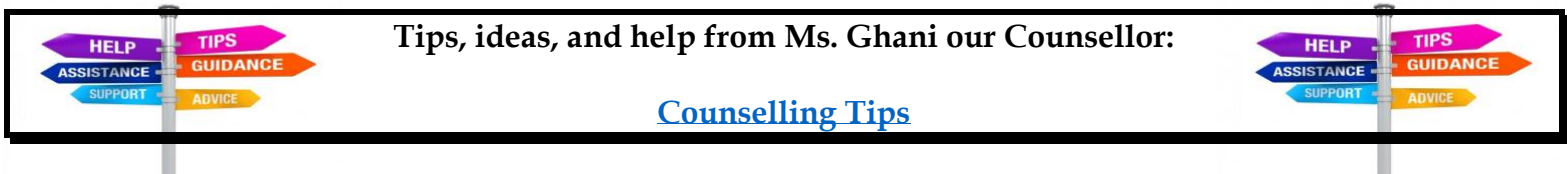
To access Office 365: to go www.office.com and log in with the student's surreyschools.ca email and password their teacher gave them. This is the same information that the students use to log in to FreshGrade. If you do not have the student email and password, please email your child's teacher.

Band:

For those students in Band this year – Mr. Melnyk has sent you a link to a TEAMS page for those who would like to continue practicing. Please email Mr. Melnyk Melnyk_r@surreyschools.ca if you did not receive it. Please contact Mrs. Fenrick if you need your instrument from the school.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BAND NEXT YEAR:

Please email Ms. Copan Copan_d@surreyschools.ca if you are in grades 5 or 6 THIS year (grades 6 & 7 NEXT year) and would either like to continue band next year or join band next year. We need to gather numbers of interested students. As always, we offer Band to our grade 7's first, then grade 6's and often we have room to offer the program to some of our Grade 5 students. There was a form that was sent out but we would also just take an email to Ms. Copan to confirm your interest in band for next year.



Our Community:

Spirit weeks!!

We would like to see some specific pictures and videos for following few weeks' slideshow!

Send us pics based on the theme of the week by Friday at 9am and they will be included in the show:

May 4 – 8 Canada – pics of you in your Canada wear, videos of you singing O Canada, make a flag. Let's celebrate this amazing country we live in

May 11 – 15 Thank-you to our essential service workers – make a thank-you sign or poster and send me a pic of you holding it, take a thank-you video, or take a pic of you with your parent who is an essential worker

May 18 - 22 Crazy hair week - You know what this is all about – let's see that crazy hair!

May 25 – 29 Jersey week – pics and videos of you in your sports jerseys and/or playing your favourite sport or activity

Here's this week's video: <https://vimeo.com/414089825>

The password is Cougar. Let's hope the link works this time!

Thank you to all who reached to say you enjoyed our video. Here is the link if you missed it:
<https://vimeo.com/409903272>

Remember! Stay Kind, Stay a Cougar! Reach out to me at any time.



Mrs. Fenrick

