

Good morning EOES Families,

First of all, we hope that you and your loved ones are doing well. We have missed you all, and there is nothing we'd rather do on Monday than have all of our students back in the building. Unfortunately, we will have to wait for that, and look to doing things differently for awhile. The province has suspended "face to face" instruction and has tasked us with providing meaningful learning opportunities that students can engage in from home. Our goal is to continue to be an important and positive part of your family's life.

We have been working with the entire district leadership team for the past week, and will be working with our teachers next week to begin to address the following Ministry of Education priorities:

1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees
2. Provide the services needed to support children of our essential service workers in the community
3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance
4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students

#### **BIG PICTURE FOR NEXT WEEK:**

\* Lesley, Gaynor and Reuben will be in the building next week, from 8:30 - 10:00 am, and you may contact them by phone as there is restricted access on site. Please know that teachers will not be on site.

\* Teachers will be making contact with parents this week, so please expect a phone call or personal email contact by mid to end week. We want to establish connections with families as we move forward with our planning around continuity of learning.

#### **BEYOND NEXT WEEK:**

Teachers will work towards connecting with parents and providing suggestions for learning activities. The focus will likely be on literacy, numeracy and core competency development, and we will find a way to support our learners. Teachers need some time to plan how to best support our students in our current context as these activities will not be a continuation of specific curriculum or assessment .

#### **INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT:**

We are in very fluid times, and information in this e-mail may change by Monday. The best source of information is our School District website – [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) or our EOES school website – [www.sd69.bc.ca/school/OES/](http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/OES/) where Dr. Keven Elder, our SD 69 Superintendent, has posted his latest communications.

#### **WORKING TOGETHER:**

We know that many of you are anxious, nervous, worried, and probably a bit scared. We know that we have very trying times ahead, and we know that we are going to make some mistakes. Our plan is to take things slowly and carefully, and to act with compassion. We ask for your patience and 2-way communication along the way. You can contact us via email (preferred method for quicker response) or phone:

- \* Lesley LaCouvee: [llacouvee@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:llacouvee@sd69.bc.ca)
- \* Gaynor Charnock: [gcharnock@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:gcharnock@sd69.bc.ca)
- \* Reuben Frieson: [rfrieson@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:rfrieson@sd69.bc.ca)

The EOES school phone number is 250 248 4662...press 3 for the administration voice mail and leave a message. We will attempt to return your phone calls as quickly as possible.

Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. We are trying to ensure that we communicate with every family connected to EOES, so your help sharing our messages this Newsletter would be appreciated. We are hopeful for better times ahead and look forward to continuing our positive relationship in the months to come.

Sincerely,

Lesley LaCouvee  
Principal  
EOES

I would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations, whose traditional territory the Qualicum School District Resides on. I value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.