

April 24, 2020

Dear Carr families,

We are now wrapping up Week 4 of remote school. As always, we hope that first and foremost you are feeling and staying safe and healthy! Thank you for your continued support as we continue to settle into this new learning environment. We have heard that some of you have developed some very creative routines making time for online school meetings, schoolwork, exercise time, family time and your own work schedules as well! Many of our staff are dealing with similar schedules. We did however, make extra time to create a movie for our families. Thank you to Ms Hufty for her brilliant direction: https://youtu.be/UCZ_B4dcxI0 Enjoy!



Staff continue to work diligently to deliver level-appropriate learning to your children, being respectful of everyone's unique circumstances. Teachers are focusing on the competencies and key Literacy and Numeracy skills, rather than mastery of specific content. We are working within ministry guidelines but continue to welcome open communication should you have questions or concerns.

To recap, the district recommendation that all teachers are following is:

- **K-grade 3** Teachers will focus on literacy and numeracy through the core competencies. Teachers will assign work for five hours a week (**about an hour a day**) and will work with families to deliver these materials digitally or in paper packages as needed.
- **Grades 4-7** Teachers will continue to focus on literacy and numeracy through the core competencies. Teachers will assign work for 5-7 hours a week and will work with families to deliver these materials digitally or in paper packages as needed.

For more information, please visit:

Ministry of Education Resources:

<https://www.openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/>

Continuity of Learning VSB Website:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/default.aspx

Expectations of Students

- To the extent possible, students are expected to continue their learning,
- Participate in learning opportunities provided by teachers.

- Be responsive to communications from teachers.
- Complete assignments and requirements as reasonably set out by their teachers.
- Students are expected to use appropriate online behaviour at all times and uphold the terms of the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy.
- Students are subject to the expectations in the District Student Code of Conduct and their School's Code of Conduct.

PAC is currently working on a fun family photo project to help raise money for Carr's SOS Funds. The aim is to photograph Emily Carr families at home where they are currently spending so much time. We are very grateful and excited to work with one of our yearbook photographers & Carr parent, Lydia Hentschel, who has agreed to help us out with this project. Look out for **more information to come** via email from the Emily Carr PAC.

This Wednesday was the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!

It reminded me that we all need to take time to appreciate this beautiful planet and remind our children that it is theirs to enjoy, but it cannot be taken for granted. Like it or not, (we) they are the future stewards of Mother Earth. This is truly a great opportunity and honour, but it comes with a great deal of responsibility. I believe that with the proper guidance from committed, experienced educators – teachers, scientists, researchers, parents, etc. – and the right mindset, together we can make the world a better place for everyone!

May you find some time this weekend to appreciate the small wonders of and enjoy Mother Earth safely together! Don't forget to reach out, by phone or online, to those who may feel alone and need to know they are being thought of, even if you cannot be together.

A shout out also to our frontline healthcare workers who continue to work tirelessly in medical facilities, hospitals and care homes! I have attached below the latest thank you from hospital staff at VCH, recipients of the Johnny Rocket lunches and Carr student thank you notes!

With appreciation for all your continued support in so many different ways!

Kind regards,

Ms Erin Gibbs
Emily Carr Principal

Letter of thanks from VCH staff receiving thank you notes from Carr students

Hello Ms. Gibbs,

My name is Yolanda and I am an RN in the Department of Neurology at Vancouver General Hospital. I work in the Out Patient Ambulatory Stroke Prevention Clinic in the Diamond Health Care Centre (across from the Main Hospital) on Laurel Street.

I and 11 others on my floor were treated to a fantastic Johnny Rocket burger, chips and coke today on behalf of **Emily Carr Elementary**. Included in each bag of our tasty lunch was a precious note from a child thanking us for our service.

Such a beautiful gesture!

We hope all of your staff, parents and kids are staying healthy, connected and safe during this extraordinary time.

On behalf of our neurologists, neuropsychologist, manager, nurses, research staff and office assistants, I want to thank you so much for your thoughtful and welcome lunch today.

Best regards,

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