

General Gordon Newsletter April 30, 2020

Dear Gordon Parents,



I would like to acknowledge that as the weeks pass by with no word on when this will end, maintaining our positivity can be a challenge. I do hope you are all finding ways to keep your spirits up for yourselves and your family.

Continuity of Learning

The Ministry of Education has produced some very clear guidelines on the Continuity of Learning during this time of online learning. One of the challenges that we are facing is providing learning opportunities and at the same time limiting children's screen time. You can access the MoE document on Continuity of Learning at the following link :

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/bc-ministry-of-education-questions-and-answers-continuity-of-learning-k-12-education_system.pdf

To the extent possible, students are expected to continue their learning, participate in learning opportunities provided by teachers. To the best of their ability, students are expected to:

- Be responsive to communications from teachers.
- Complete assignments and requirements as reasonably set out by their teachers.
- Families requesting to "opt out" of teacher-led COL, should contact the school administration.

June Reporting

Teachers will prepare year-end summative report cards in June using the same format as the January mid-year report. The report card will reflect a summary of student learning prior to the March break and progress that has been made since then. The record of progress that students have made since March break will not result in the lowering of previous achievement. The School Board has prepared information for parents that is posted on the VSB website. This information is available at the following the link:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/tips-for-parents.aspx

Professional Development

Teachers are still participating in Professional Development and the next professional day is May 15th. This day has been organized by the School Board for some time and is focusing on Indigenous Learning. Teachers will be participating in online sessions during that school day.

Information Updates

Please check out our website. We have posted news about our guinea pig Marshmallow. She now has a new little friend named Millie. Marshmallow and Millie are vacationing with our Supervision Aide, Stella. Fortunately for them, Marshmallow and Millie do not fall under the social distancing rules.

