



Dear Gordon Parents,

We will be sending home regular newsletters in order to stay connected and to make sure that you have the latest information. We hope that this newsletter finds you well and able to continue to be there for your children. This has been a very busy week with teachers beginning to gather resources and holding online team meetings to discuss what the continuity of learning will look like. As the week has evolved guidelines from the Ministry and the School Board have helped clarify what continuity of learning will look like. K to Grade 3 students will be provided with 5 hours of learning per week. For Grade 4 to 7 the time will be between 5 to 7 hours per week. Teachers are focusing on literacy and numeracy through the core competencies. We are expecting to provide meaningful learning opportunities for students. What this looks like will evolve as we learn together how to best support students. There will be a focus on healthy living, focusing on the whole child, learning to practice wellness, self-management and goal setting as well as adopting an optimistic sense of perseverance. During this difficult time, wellness is the most crucial dimension that must be addressed. We are attaching a very comprehensive 8- page document of resources contacts for supporting student and families.

As we mentioned in the last email the platform that teachers will be using is Microsoft Teams Classroom. This is a new platform that teachers are familiarizing themselves with and they will continue to learn during the next week. By April 15th all students should be beginning their new journey of learning at home. If there is an issue with accessing technology, please let us know via email. We will help facilitate access and the use of technology in whatever way we can. Schools continue to follow the provincial COVID 19 guidelines. Teachers are working from home. Admin are supporting staff and are checking emails between 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM.

Because students will be using technology, we think it is very important to remind families of the Acceptable Use of Technology that they signed in September. we have added them below. We would appreciate if you spend a few minutes to review these expectations. Teachers will also be reminding students of these expectations as well. Should you wish to contact teachers directly, please email or use the phone feature in Microsoft teams. Hours for school staff will remain the same 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Grade K-3 Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology Policy



1. I will ask an adult to use the computer/tablet.
2. I will use apps and webpages that the teacher/school allows me to use.
3. I will ask an adult for help if I'm not sure what to do or if I think I've made a mistake.
4. I will tell an adult if I see something upsetting or inappropriate on the screen.
5. I will be kind when I post about others or myself.

6. I will ask permission before posting appropriate photos.
7. I will find out and follow the online-sharing rules.
8. If I don't follow the rules, I might lose the privilege of using the computer/tablet.

Grade 4-7 Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology Policy



1. I will keep my username and password to myself.
2. I will be respectful of myself and others when using technology.
3. I will not view, download, or upload anything that is illegal, inappropriate, or that may cause harm or distress to others.
4. I will not take photographs or video of other students without their permission, nor will I post pictures of others without their permission.
5. I understand that school systems and devices are primarily intended for educational purposes.
6. I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other person's files or information without their knowledge and permission.
7. I understand that if I use my personal devices at school, I will follow the rules set out by this Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology policy and my teacher's instructions.
8. I will immediately report any damage of devices or software, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and other concerns to my teacher.
9. I understand that I am responsible for my actions when using technology both inside and outside of school.
10. I understand that the school will take appropriate action if I don't follow the rules.

We trust that you are all doing well and we miss not seeing your faces around the school.

Sincerely,
Deb, Heidi and Marion
General Gordon