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Dear Families,

The same opening sentence from the newsletter last week remains true: *The landscape is constantly shifting as we deal with staying healthy in the midst of the COVID-19 Public Health crisis.* Teachers are starting to explore what reporting will look like in June 2020. Teachers have a considerable amount of data about students in their classes up until the March break. Teachers will continue to report on student as they did in January. Marks will not go down but students will have the opportunity to improve results with continued learning at home. Please continue to encourage your child to participate in the instruction framed by classroom teachers and feel free to make appointments to have conversations with teachers via email or on the phone. I am also happy to have conversations about the continuity of learning with parents after they have talked to classroom teachers.

At the end of last week, I was delighted to welcome our most recent visitor from the VSB Trades Department. As I informed you in September, we are on the list for a water bottle filling station installation this year. It is now our turn. It will be installed by the washrooms on the first level of the school so there is easy access to the basketball courts, undercover area, out of school care and first level classrooms. Something to celebrate. Best case scenario, it will be in place by the end of May.

The work on seismic is continuing. You may have noticed the big sign now posted at our site. Next week Robert Ashley will be back with architects and contractors moving forward with this project.

Health and Safety of all of our students and families will continue to be the number one priority throughout this Public Health crisis. Thank you so much for being so respectful of the processes we set up to ensure physical distancing during recent student pick up of devices and materials. As many of you know, Tupper is starting a pilot program of working with the most vulnerable students at the school who require more direct instruction. This is the beginning of making some changes to how we are currently working with students at the VSB. I will keep you informed of changes to how we are working at Livingstone well in advance.

Please continue to feel free to contact me on at 604-713-4985 or email me at livingstone@vsb.bc.ca if you have any concerns or questions about supports available in the school community. Keep in mind that the classroom teacher is always your first contact. I am happy to work together to ensure needs are being met during these challenging times and I can assure you that our conversations are confidential.

Please continue to check the school website, daily video Tweets @LivingstoneVSB and share the attached letter with your child. My friend John is also helping me to bring new content to the study of birds. I welcome any other suggestions about how to help your child feel connected to their school.

I will leave you again with the words of B.C. Provincial Health Officers, Dr. Bonnie Henry:

Be Kind.

Be Calm.

Be Safe.

Sincerely,



Carrie Froese

Principal

