

Dear Queen Elizabeth families:

Happy Friday afternoon! It started off sunny but, the clouds are moving in. However, the sun is forecasted to return tomorrow. Hopefully, you will be outside (respecting social distancing where needed,) enjoying yard work, gardening, or any outside chore or fun activity!

Staff continued to work hard this week making learning meaningful and engaging within existing limitations, and on their own challenges presented with this new way of learning made necessary with our global health situation. But, we are staying positive and embracing the opportunities for exploring and using new modes of communication and connections.

We continue to thank you for your patience and support! We realize that some families are still working on establishing manageable routines. There are different schedules to work around with parents working from home and issues with sharing technology amongst many other struggles. We also know that we have many families whose members are employed as frontline workers in healthcare. We'd like to take a moment to say, a huge, heartfelt, "Thank you!" for your sacrifice and commitment! I hope that many of you are able to acknowledge them at 7 pm each evening! Let's do our part by not becoming complacent; stay home as much as possible and take all necessary precautions if you do need to go out.

We have also heard many positive comments from parents and students! Staff are working on adjusting lessons, times and assignments to make the Continuity of Learning model more easily accessible and convenient for families. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher. If it is a technical question, please try this site:
<https://support.office.com/en-us/office-training-center>

Please visit the Vancouver school district website under Continuity of Learning, full of interesting ideas and resources:

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

Furthermore, I encourage you all to read this article with some great points for educators and parents about teaching kids at home during this time. We are all in this together; we will support one another and get through this together.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2020/04/07/complete-list-what-do-not-do-everyone-teaching-kids-home-during-coronavirus-crisis/>

Enjoy a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs. S.C. Car