



April 9, 2020

Dear Families

What a beautiful day! I hope that you are keeping healthy and staying safe.

This week, teachers have set up their online classrooms and have been establishing connections with students. We continue as we move forward with online learning, please work with us to remind your child that the online learning expectations are an extension of the classroom. Communications are expected to be respectful and our school code of conduct still applies- Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Fair. Teachers and parents are able to see everything that they post and share. Thankfully so far, our students' online interactions are positive, thoughtful and kind to each other- a great reflection of our school culture.

Next week, families will be able to come into the school and collect their child's personal belongings. The schedule has been set with the health and safety of everyone in mind- the priority being for the fewest number of people coming into the school accessing the fewest areas of the school each day. Everyday that a , it has to be deep cleaned by the custodian that day. As you can imagine, the safe collection of over 300 students needs to be staggered and so it is happening over three days.

- Please wait at the entrance to the classroom if another family is in there and enter when they have left
- You will be asked to enter the building through the door nearest to your child's class and to exit from another door- the specific entrance and exit for each class will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to pick up items
- Please do not go to any other part of the school building in addition to your child's classroom
- Please bring as few members of your family as possible
- Please don't remain on the school grounds after collecting your child's belongings
- Please bring a bag to put things in- some students have a surprising amount of stuff!

For important information about the continuity of learning expectations for your child and tips for families, please visit the VSB Continuity of Learning website that is being updated continuously: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/default.aspx The resources online are intended to supplement lessons and assignments that your child's teacher will provide moving forward. Also, please continue to check the Vancouver School District website www.vsb.bc.ca for updates and ongoing messaging from the Superintendent. I will email updates when I have information specific to Simon Fraser.

In order to model healthy screen time and work life balance, I have encouraged staff to unplug and to take the long weekend away from their devices in order to connect mindfully with family and friends. I encourage you to do so too- while practicing safe physical distancing of course. As always, I thank you all for your patience, support and understanding at this time. I would also like to thank those of you who have reached out to us at school offering support and kind words- I apologise for not replying to all of you yet, but I will 😊

I hope that you have a good weekend.



Simon Fraser Elementary School



Take care and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.A. Thomas', is positioned below the text 'Take care and stay safe,'.

Cathy Thomas

Principal

Simon Fraser Elementary