



April 24, 2020

Dear Families

I hope that you are healthy and are staying safe. As we finish our fourth week of this different way of teaching and learning, I find myself constantly amazed at the adaptability, creativity and resiliency of our Simon Fraser community. In particular, I have noticed this week how kind and supportive our students are of each other in their online interactions- it is so positive to see and hear.

Thank you families for the wonderful job that you are doing supporting your children in their learning at home. I want to remind you that at the end of our first week after Spring Break I wrote that families are not home- schooling- children are learning from home. Home schooling is an activity that families choose to do because they have the time, space, resources and skills to do so- you have not chosen this option for your family. We know that every family's capacity to support their child's learning in the home environment is unique. We understand that not every family or student is able to complete every activity or piece of work that is assigned and that is OK- completion of the work being sent home is optional. Remember that the staff here at Simon Fraser are available to support you- please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions at all about your child's learning.

We have been given permission for families to resume the collection of personal items from school. **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.** I acknowledge that for some families with more than one child at the school, this arrangement might mean coming to the school more than once, and I ask for your understanding. Every time a room is accessed it has to be deep cleaned by the custodian that day. With this in mind, the safe collection of the belongings of more than 300 students needs to be staggered and so it is happening over three days. If you choose not to come and collect personal items, please let the class teacher know.

Tuesday 28th April- Ms. Martinkova, Ms. Matsuo, Ms. O'Malley, Ms. Wong

Wednesday 29th April- Ms. Bistriceanu, Ms. Ong, Ms. Bates, Ms. Rocke, Ms. Turkington

Guidelines for collection-

- Your child's teacher will be contacting you about what time to come in- please keep to that time
- Please wait at the entrance to the classroom if another family is in there and enter when they have left
- Please bring as few members of your family as possible
- Please practice social distancing at all times
- 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 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 things!

Thank you very much for your help in keeping our whole school community safe and healthy.

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

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