

April 3, 2020

Hello Friends and Families,

This has been a week of big announcements. Some of you may be feeling overwhelmed by the amount and type of information that is coming to you on a daily basis. You are not alone.

As you are by now aware, schools will be closed until the beginning of May. Beginning next week you will hear from teachers about plans for instruction of children. This will look very different from the usual school day of learning. We are all learning. The plans next week will describe what learning will look like while children are at home. The Educator staff is very aware of the stresses of many of our families - they too, have children at home, families to care for and under the current conditions of life under COVID-19 while learning to do their jobs in new ways. We are attempting to strike a balance between fulfilling our obligations and supporting family needs at school. Teachers have been collaborating and looking for ways to reduce any anxiety that Learn From Home may cause.

One of our neighbours reminded us of the automatic payments that are being made for the milk program. Brenda Feldbruegge, has looked into this and the program will be cancelled for the time being. We are working on repayment money that has been already collected.

Your volunteer School Council continues to work on your behalf. They are conducting an emergency on-line meeting on Monday next week to review next steps for plans that have been made. On the agenda is a discussion regarding this year's hot lunch program and next steps for addressing missed days, etc..

For children who have Autism or intellectual or physical disabilities families can contact CHEO / OCTC. As of Tuesday, phones are open. 613-737-0871

Stay healthy, stay positive,

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