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To: Evergreen Community
From: Roza Gray, Superintendent

Re: COVID-19: PUBLIC UPDATE #4

We continue to respond to the challenges presented by the COVID 19 situation. This memo is new or updated information. Please see earlier updates for additional information.

When will I receive work for my child to support their learning at home?

Teachers are working collectively to ensure that high quality resources and materials are available electronically and in print for our students. We need time to coordinate and assemble these materials, so please plan to come by the school or check Edsby for these materials on Friday, March 20th.

What will teachers be expecting students to work on while classes are suspended?

In keeping with the current expectation that there will be 9 days of suspended classes (March 23-27; April 6-9), our focus will be on providing manageable and meaningful tasks that can support a routine, consistent effort by students to continue their learning. We know that it will be helpful for our students to maintain a schedule that includes some learning, some activity, some rest, and some play every day. We also know that the extent to which parents and caregivers may be available to assist with student learning will vary, and we will plan appropriately.

For Kindergarten: We will provide some suggestions and ideas for play-based learning and experiential activity.

For Grades 1-8: We will provide a package that includes reading and learning resources aimed at practicing and extending literacy and numeracy skills, as well as some grade-appropriate 'project' or 'exploratory' undertakings.

For High School Students: We will provide a package that includes direction and support aimed variously at review & practice of important concepts, and/or project-based inquiry & research. Teachers may continue to connect remotely with individual students or 'check-in' as appropriate via Edsby. Students may seek support from teachers via Edsby messaging or by phoning the school. In some cases, assignments may also have due dates for submission during this time period so that teachers can provide feedback on student learning.

What if I don't have internet, or my child does not have a computer?

High school students who otherwise will not have access to a computer may borrow one from the school. Teachers will make every effort to ensure that students who do not have access to internet will still be able to continue their learning with alternative means.



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What if my child needs help with the assigned work?

Teachers will be responding to email and Edsby messages and may be reached by phone at the school during school hours.

Will the report cards (1-8) be issued on time, on March 27, 2020?

Yes, report cards will be ready on time and mailed to families.

Will we still have parent teacher conferences in April?

These are currently suspended until further notice.

Will JK registration for 2020-2021 be cancelled?

JK registration is suspended until further notice

What if I recently returned from an international trip?

The Manitoba government is now advising Divisions that all individuals who have returned from a trip in the last 14 days should **self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19** (fever, cough or difficulty breathing) for 14 days after returning to Canada. Please inform the school, but do not attend school/work until this period of self-isolation is completed. Contact medical help if you develop symptoms. More information is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/self-monitoring-self-isolation-isolation-for-covid-19.html>

What if a member of my household has recently returned from an international trip?

At this time, Manitoba Health has advised that members of the same household as recent international travelers are not required to self-isolate. However, self-monitoring is required for 14 days after the traveler's date of return. Contact medical help if symptoms appear (i.e. fever, cough, difficulty breathing).