

It is hard to believe we are beginning week 5 of our at-home learning. I continue to be so impressed with our amazing teachers and support staff who have changed their thinking and teaching in order to continue to engage with students so that learning may continue. Be assured that teachers will continue to provide learning experiences that are aligned with the BC curriculum. Literacy and numeracy will continue to remain foundational across all areas of learning, as well as the development of our learners' social and emotional well-being. Families also play an important role in supporting children's growing awareness, understanding and development of competencies that are essential for deep, lifelong learning.

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING



We are aware that every family is unique and that every family has challenges during this unprecedented time in our world. We realize that you may not be able to do all of the learning provided but we are hoping that you make an effort to do as much as you can - especially the older grades who are independent, capable and in charge of their own learning. Completing the suggested assignments will help your child continue to progress. Please ensure completed work is returned so the teachers can provide feedback. We also know that families are engaged in lots of real-life activities during this time that also contributes to your child's learning.

As mentioned before, please keep in touch with your child's teacher(s) if you're feeling the workload is too much. We are doing our best to balance what is best for each child.

We are awaiting direction from the School District about what the year-end reporting will look like this year and will let you know as soon as we can. In the meantime, teachers are assessing work that is completed.

PRO D DAY FRIDAY, MAY 1st – Teachers will be engaged in professional learning on this day. Please use this day to catch up, unwind and enjoy family experiences together.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th – Have a dance party with your family or watch and follow a dance video online! Maybe even make up your own Tiktok!

<u>**GRADE 6 INTENSIVE FRENCH PROGRAM**</u> – We still have a few spots left. If you want to sign up, please email Mrs. Hamelin at <u>hamelin l@surreyschools.ca</u>

ERMA EAGLES SPIRIT DAY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th – Wear your Erma t-shirt and email a photo to <u>ermastephenson@surreyschools.ca</u>. We will make a slideshow to post on our school website.

<u>GRADE 7 BAND</u> – We are still awaiting replies from many of our Grade 6 students (next year's Grade 7's). Please ensure you complete the link today if you haven't already.



KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATIONS -

Due to social distancing, in-person registration at Surrey schools is not possible at this time. Registrations can be completed online. Please see the district information page here: <u>https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx</u>

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PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR - If you are planning to move or your child will not be attending Erma Stephenson for the 2020-21 school year, please let our office know by emailing us at: hamelin l@surreyschools.ca

We are very aware that the uncertainty surrounding us is unsettling. Please know that we are all thinking of you and your family at this time and wish you good health. We are very much looking forward to the day when we can all be together again!

Stay safe and take care, Mrs. Hill

