



## École Élémentaire MARTHA CURRIE Elementary School

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To The Parents of Martha Currie Students,

First and foremost, we sincerely hope that all of our families are healthy and happy. It is a historical time that we are in right now, and, of course, health is our first priority.

We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know what to expect in the immediate future. As you are most likely aware, schools will not be open to students after the Break, so please do NOT send your child to school next week. Monday will be the first opportunity for our staff to start its planning process in this unusual time. This will be done remotely to ensure we are doing our part to “flatten the curve”.

As none of us have ever experienced this before, it will take a few days to get ourselves organized. At some point next week, you can expect some work for your child. We have yet to determine what that will look like or how it will be delivered, but that is what our planning time will be for. Please know that individual teachers may have different ideas on how to make this happen, so you will be hearing from your classroom teacher with more information.

We often say that our parents are partners in all we do. The upcoming period of time will enhance that. Once the work does begin, we will need your help to ensure your child follows through. Please do not expect hours of daily work. Schools are being asked to keep moving the learning forward with a focus on literacy and numeracy, so our teachers will plan with that in mind.

You may have questions, so we want to be available to help you through anything that comes up. On that note, please know that the office will be open early next week for phone calls. We are uncertain what the long-term plan is, so we cannot guarantee that the office will be open beyond the first few days. That is why we are encouraging you to use email to communicate with your classroom teacher, the office staff, or any other staff members. Email addresses are accessible through the Martha Currie website. If you do not have an email address, we can make other arrangements, so please let Ms. Wolshlager (our Head Secretary) know early next week.

We will be sending an update on Tuesday next week. In the meantime, we will remind everyone to keep washing your hands and keep your distance. We have no sense of how long all this will go on, so let's remember to continue to be kind and supportive to each other. Please take care!

Sincerely,  
Bobby Samra and Rachel Ladd  
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)