



June 5, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support over the past three months. These are uncertain times in uncharted waters and you have been patient with us while we tried to navigate our way thru them as best we could. We are so impressed with the new teaching role that all our families accepted and the way you worked so hard to support your kid's learning at home. As a parent, I must be honest that teaching in a school was always a lot easier than working with my own kids at home!

We have plans in place moving forward to finish the year as well as plans for next year that are dependent upon the provincial guidelines in September. I will briefly share both.

For this year, **our final day for online learning including any new learning material, zoom classes and individual tutoring sessions is Friday, June 12.** The week of June 15-19 will be a time for us to gather technology materials that were loaned to families, wrap up any ongoing student projects and finalize report cards. We have some end of the year wrap-up plans. We want to have some closure to our year as we move into a well-earned Summer.

June 9 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Preschool Graduation Drive-by

All students, even those staying in preschool next year, are welcome! The drive by will be at the preschool location. Please stay in your vehicle at all times. Please drive on the right hand side of the driveway to allow plenty of room for each car to make the turn around. We are excited to see every student! A special prize awaits each student.

June 17 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Year End Drive by Celebration at CES

We invite all Kindergarten- Grade 5 students and families to CES for a drive by or walk by end of the year celebration. All teachers will be present in front of the school and students will have the opportunity to connect briefly with their teacher and say good-bye. We have a freezie for each student, donated by Extra Foods. We can not have groups congregating in front of the school. If you are in a vehicle, we ask everyone to stay in the vehicle at all times. If you are walking with your family, we ask parents to keep their family unit together while social distancing according to the signs indicating 2 meters. We hope to see you there! This is also a time you can drop off your technology at the school. To help alleviate the traffic, if you could try to follow these guidelines about when to come according to your last name:

Last Name of: A-I 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm

 J-R 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm

 S-Z 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm

June 19 Grade 5 Grad Celebration

More details will follow from the grade 5 team. We want to recognize our grade 5 graduates and have some special keepsakes for them.

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Grade 5 Grad, cont.

We will have photo backdrops set up with opportunity for you to take a picture of your grade 5 graduate in front of the backdrops. We will schedule a specific time frame for each class so that students can say good-bye to teachers and classmates. This will be held in front of the school.

Other year end wrap-up details:

Report Cards: All report cards will be emailed home June 19. Grade 1-5 report cards will be sent through our school communication system to the same email that current school notifications are sent. Kindergarten report cards will be shared digitally by the teachers.

Technology Loaners: All loaned laptops, chrome books and iPads need to be returned to the school June 15-19. You will receive a phone call reminder. Please be sure you return the charge cords as well. We have special sanitizer for laptops here at the school so we will take care of the cleaning and sanitizing. Please DO NOT use your own sanitizer on any part of the technology equipment.

As we move forward to next year, there are still a lot of uncertainties. Minister La Grange expressed the possibility of three scenarios for Fall 2020.

Scenario 1: Back to school face to face with new precautions and health restrictions.

Scenario 2: Classes will partially resume with new precautions and health restrictions.

Scenario 3: Teacher Directed At-Home Learning Continues

As a school, we are actively planning and preparing for each of these scenarios. Our hope of course, is that we are back face to face in the school. Minister La Grange indicated that in the beginning of August she would announce which scenario we will follow in September. Until such time, we don't know which plan to implement. Because of this uncertainty, we will not release class lists for Fall 2020 at this time. As soon as we have a confirmation of the plan for school in September, we will share the plan including class lists. For more information you can check out this link.

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=712792C1E64D8-9A5B-9162-E664314164B1783C>

In the mean time, we are prepared for whatever comes our way. We miss your kids so much! We hope that we will resume according to scenario 1. But if we do not, we know that we will have improved teacher directed home learning practices. None of us had faced these trials before so we learned on the fly. We have had a lot of time to collaborate with each other and colleagues in other schools and jurisdictions. We are confident that regardless of the scenario, we will be prepared to deliver effective learning in the Fall.

Thank you for your support and patience. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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