



April 9, 2020

Dear DG Families,

We hope this email finds all of you well. We know that our staff, including teachers and support staff, have been contacting students in order to connect and discuss the learning plans that went home on Tuesday. A reminder that our teachers will be sending home the weekly learning plans on Tuesdays. Please communicate with your child's teacher as to how things are going at home. The intention is to proceed slowly and provide manageable activities - not to overwhelm families with hours and hours of school work.

Our staff have been using telephone and email to connect with families and, this week, some teachers also experimented with using video chat. Like in all new situations, it will take some time for all of us to adjust. While we are waiting for information from the Ministry of Education about the provincial license for teachers to use Zoom, some staff may be using Fresh Grade, WebEx and Google Meet. As we know, when using technology sometimes it works well and .... sometimes it doesn't. Thank you for your patience while we navigate these details.

Today we were informed by the District that some students may be encountering problems with their DeltaLearns accounts. *(These accounts are used for all Google Suites products and if you don't know what "DeltaLearns" is, don't worry. Your child's teacher would have let you know if you needed to get this set up.)* The current problems with the DeltaLearns accounts are due to the sheer volume of new accounts that are being created. The District Tech Support staff are aware of the issues and are trying their best to fix the problems. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

As we head into the long weekend, we hope you will put school work aside and enjoy time with family and friends (while maintaining social distancing as required, of course!). We are sharing a link for a "socially distant" Easter Egg hunt activity where your family can decorate paper Easter Eggs to display in your window, and then do a neighbourhood walk to count how many other Easter Eggs have been displayed. [Social Distancing Egg Hunt Easter Activity](#) We'd love to see your photos! Participation is optional, of course.

Easter activities aside, please continue to share pictures of what your children are learning at home by emailing either of us [egreenhalgh@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:egreenhalgh@deltasd.bc.ca) and [stee@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:stee@deltasd.bc.ca) When sending in photos, please know that we will be sharing them on our [website](#) and our twitter account ([@DGElem](#)).

Please also find, below, a message from our School District.

We wish all of you a wonderful Easter long weekend. Be safe (and wash your hands).

Sincerely,

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## **A message from the Delta School District - Together we can make a difference**

With the long weekend about to start, we know the temptation to spend time with friends and family, often in gatherings or at favourite locations or even on trips out of town, is strong.

But this long weekend is different. Please stay home. Stay in your local community. And if you do go out, stay at a safe distance from others – at least 2 metres. Instead, I encourage you to find ways to connect virtually this long weekend, using video calls or phone calls.

By doing this, together we will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and more importantly, we will be protecting our loved ones and our health care workers.

### **Essential Services Workers**

If you have children and are an Essential Services Worker as defined by the [provincial government](#), trying to make a decision between working or staying at home with your children, please email [ESW@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:ESW@deltasd.bc.ca) with your contact information and needs.

Please include a phone number to make it easier for us to get in touch with you. Someone from the school district will be in touch as soon as possible to discuss next steps. If you have already emailed and have not received a response, please check your junk email folder and/or email us again including a phone number. We have received a large volume of emails and want to ensure we have not missed anyone.