



April 4, 2020

Dear DG families,

Over the past few days teachers have been making phone calls to students and their families. Thank you for your positive comments about how much you and your children have appreciated receiving these calls. I know our teachers feel the same. If you haven't yet heard from your child's teacher, please contact the school so we can ensure the contact information we have on file for you is accurate. A reminder that these calls will likely show up as a blocked number, which you might not typically answer. In this case, we ask that you do – it may be your child's teacher calling. In addition, please check your phone settings to ensure you will receive notification of calls from unknown numbers.

Teachers and District staff have been working on the learning plans that will be coming home, beginning next week. As you will have heard from our Superintendent, schools are being asked to move slowly in rolling out instruction is so that we don't overburden our families who, like us, need time to adjust to this new reality while also juggling different challenges and priorities. To start, you can expect one or two learning activities from your child's teacher. As a school we have decided to have all teachers send their weekly learning plans out on the same day (Tuesday), as we thought this would make things easier for parents. We understand that not all students have the same access to technology so teachers have been asked that plans include both on and off line activities. For those families who do have access to technology and are looking for some supplemental activities, be sure to check out the Ministry of Education's [Keep Learning website](#), as well as the links on our [school website](#) .

There is no expectation that parents will do the job of teachers, nor is the intention that you attempt to recreate the school day at home. Aside from the learning plans teachers will be providing, there are lots of fun, practical, ways to support your child's learning through activities your family is already doing, anyway (board games, cooking, grocery shopping, hobbies and chores, spending time in nature, etc....). We know many students and their families have been already exploring learning at home. We've loved seeing [the photos you've sent in!](#) Please keep them coming. Photos can be emailed to either [Ms Tee](#) or [myself](#). We will be sharing these photos on our website as a way of staying connected. If you would like to share a photo, but are uncomfortable with your child's image being shared on online, this [blog](#) post has some great tips on different ways to take photos of your child without showing their face.

Thank you, again, for your continued support as we navigate these challenging times together. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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