

April 9, 2020

Dear CTS Families,

We have all made it through our very first week of home learning! Congratulations! We know that you all have unique circumstances at home, and we thank you for supporting your child's learning and well-being to the best of your ability.



The Surrey School District, along with CTS staff are continuing to develop and adjust plans and processes to improve home learning. We are doing our best to meet the needs of our diverse community of learners.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning is different from online learning. While some of your child's assignments will be completed online, please encourage your child to step away from the screen, play outside, walk in nature or engage in recreational activities that you can safely continue. The mental and physical health and wellness of your child is top priority. If your child feels calm and safe, they are much more able to learn!

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR TEACHER(S)

Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have not already done so. Check your FreshGrade or Teams for learning activity updates and communication. Parents/Guardians are asked to email questions about learning activities directly to your child's teacher, rather than call the office.

POSTING LEARNING ACTIVITIES

As children cannot hand in assignments to their teachers as usual, it is important that you help them to upload assignments that are required. The teachers want to see that children have completed, or tried their best to complete activities. If you need more time or support, simply let the teacher know.

DIGITAL RESOURCES



If you're looking for online resources for your children, here is a link to the district resources, with passwords for home use.

[https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/LRES/DigitalResources/Documents/Digital%20Resources%20Student%20Handout%202019-2020%20\(English\).pdf](https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/LRES/DigitalResources/Documents/Digital%20Resources%20Student%20Handout%202019-2020%20(English).pdf)

The district teacher-librarians have put together a website called Surrey Schools One. There are links to resources for both parents and students. It's still under construction, but in a few days... you can access it at surreyschoolsone.ca. Thank you to Ms. Brothers for sharing these resources.

MINISTRY RESOURCES FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Please click on the link to access resources for online learning:

<https://www.openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/>

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

A reminder to all students that the expectations for communicating online are the same as the expectations at school. Students are expected to communicate in a kind, respectful manner. Parents, please monitor and supervise when and how your child is working online. Thank you for your support!



CHILDCARE FOR ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS



Parents inquiring about childcare should contact Liane R. at ecw@surreyschools.ca or phone 604-572-8032.

Our staff would like to wish you all a happy long weekend, Happy Easter and Happy Vaisakhi! Although the various celebrations will need to be different this year, please ensure you are safe and know that the CTS staff are missing our cultural celebrations with all of you!



Thank you for your kind words, your patience and your support as we move toward a new way to learn and be together. We are part of an amazing school community and staff look forward to the days ahead when we can gather once again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Newman