



# Mountainview Montessori

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*"In our Montessori school we learn together peacefully and responsibly by caring for each other and the world."*

March 31, 2020

Dear Mountainview Families,

I hope you are all keeping well. This letter is a follow-up to some of the informational items mentioned in yesterday's letter.

During this unprecedented time, The Ministry of Education has provided school districts with a set of principles to:

- 1) Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees.
- 2) Provide the services needed to support children of our essential workers.
- 3) Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
- 4) Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

The Mountainview staff had a staff meeting conference call this morning to talk about next steps with regard to #4 - continuity of educational opportunities. Please know that this week, you can expect to receive some form of communication from your child's teacher/children's teachers. It may be a phone call home or an email. Teachers will also be reaching out to students in their class this week to say hello and reconnect. This, too, may be through FreshGrade, email, video conference. Your child's teacher will let you know – so stay tuned!

One of the most important pieces of information teachers will be gathering is whether each family has internet access and either a laptop, desktop computer, or an iPad to enable virtual learning. Once teachers have this vital information, they will be better able to plan the format of the continuity of learning piece. Learning may look different for some families depending on the availability of technology. More information on what this might be will be coming once we have the information we need from each family.

As we work to obtain this information, please know that this process for rolling out next steps in learning will take a bit of time to implement. Your child's teacher will be communicating with their Learning Support Team, Integration Support, Teacher-Librarian, French and E.A. colleagues to do their best to provide learning opportunities for your child(ren) moving forward. You can expect to receive more information from your child's teacher regarding what to expect in terms of learning activities and materials, scheduling time to connect, and what virtual learning will look like in each classroom. This is going to unfold slowly to give us all time to adjust to this new reality.

In the meantime, take good care and stay well. Remember that these are uncharted waters and we appreciate your support as we navigate this new reality.

Take care and stay healthy,

Ms. Rutherford  
Principal