

Correspondence to Parents

Further Information about Learning Packages:

- A reminder that they will be available on Thursday. It is a basic information package. In addition to this, you will receive a list of free web sites that you can have your children use. Within those web sites, you will find many educational activities appropriate to your child's grade.
- Any students that are here on Thursday will receive the package to take home. Parents can pick up the package starting @ 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.
- We will also try to post these packages on our web site. They will be up on the web site by the end of Friday (if not sooner)

In your conversations with other parents, please pass along that if any parent has **a yahoo account**, that particular server is rejecting my e-mails so they are not receiving the information I have been e-mailing out.

Thank you,

Orest Deneka

From: Orest Deneka <odeneka@sunrisesd.ca>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:28 PM

To: Orest Deneka <odeneka@sunrisesd.ca>

Subject: FW: Information Part 1

Importance: High

Hello everyone,

For clarification.....

- Classes are being run March 16 – 19.
- No classes on March 20 as it is an in-service day.

From: Orest Deneka <odeneka@sunrisesd.ca>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:49 AM

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Importance: High

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, in order to minimize the risk of the exposure of students and by extension the community to the COVID-19 virus, the Province of Manitoba has directed school divisions to cancel classes for students beginning March 23 until April 9. These are unprecedented times for our province.

Please read the attachment from Sunrise School Division.

As we receive new information, we will be sending updates to you.

Throughout the weekend we have been preparing for this. The following procedures have been put into place:

March 16 – 20:

- Students attend classes as they normally do. Educational activities in the classrooms continue. Due to the high number of students away, this time will be spent reinforcing and strengthening the concepts already taught.
- Please do not send any St. Patrick's Day treats.
- Desks have been "declustered" – desks are being separated as much as possible within the rooms.
- No "carpet time" activities
- When students line up to go somewhere they will be spread apart
- Due to the density of children in the Music Room during choir classes, all choir classes are suspended. During those periods, students will stay with their classroom teachers.
- The use of I pads, Lap Tops and the Computer lab is suspended.
- Library periods are cancelled.
- Hot Lunch Program is cancelled.
- Book Fair is cancelled.
- All clubs, extra-curricular events and external presentations cancelled.
- Buddy reading is cancelled.
- Teachers will prepare learning packages for students. This information will be general to help reinforce those concepts that have already been taught. These will include worksheets and/or web sites that parents can access.
- Learning packages will be provided to parents on March 19. They can also be picked up starting on that date from the school. Parents will find them on a table next to the office area.
- Procedures we have reviewed:
 - Have students clean their hands often, with soap and under running water.
 - Remind students to sneeze and cough into a tissue or sleeve.
 - Remind students to "keep their hands to themselves" – refrain from touching classmates

Parent Teacher Conferences:

- They have been cancelled
- If you wish a phone conference in lieu of the cancelled parent-teacher conferences, please email the teacher directly.
- A teacher's e-mail is: first initial, last name @ sunrisesd.ca (no spaces or commas)
Example: odeneka@sunrisesd.ca
- These phone conversations will start March 20 and will continue the following week (March 23-27).

* please note that if your child is in Ms. Bell's Grade 4 class, she will be scheduling phone conversation for March 20th only.

March 23 – 27:

- Students stay home
- Additional copies of the learning packages that were sent home for students will be kept on tables by the front doors. They will be labelled with the teacher's name or the grade level. Any parents, who did not have a chance to pick them up last week, who wish to pick up a copy will be able to come in and get one.
- Report cards will be available in the office.
- Teachers will make phone calls to parents who have indicated they wish to have a phone conference.
- Teachers will be available to respond to parent calls, e-mails or messages if you have any questions about the learning packages.

April 6 – 9:

- Students stay home
- Additional copies of the learning packages that were sent home for students will be kept on tables by the front doors. They will be labelled with the teacher's name or the grade level. Any parents who wish to pick up a copy will be able to come in and get one.
- Teachers will be available to respond to parent calls, e-mails or messages if you have any questions about the learning packages.

Thank you in advance for your support the next few weeks. These are uncharted territories but I believe that through our combined and concerted efforts, we will provide the best learning experiences we can for our students.

Respectfully,

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