

Weekly Message – Friday, April 9



It continues to be the highest priority of our school to ensure the health and wellbeing of all members of our learning community: Students, Families and Staff. It has been so wonderful to hear about the ways that our community are making the most of this challenging time by spending quality time with family. Our focus continues to be first and foremost connection, care and sense of belonging. We want to thank you all for your patience, understanding, kindness and care for our whole community! Together we are strong!



GRATITUDE

It is with great gratitude that we would like to acknowledge the offerings of kindness and good wishes from many families. We are so grateful to be partners with you during this most unique time and would like to acknowledge that we are all doing the best we can to get this right. Please know that we are continually looking at ways to improve how we provide your children with the best possible opportunities for learning and growth. Thank you for this partnership and for allowing us to go slow and find our collective way.

EDUCATIONAL CONTINUITY

By now, your child should have had meaningful connections with their classroom teacher. All learning opportunities that are being offered are meant to be invitations to learning. All staff at Lynn Valley recognize that all families are in different places with different capacities to access learning for their children at this time. We want to reassure you that the continuity of learning is meant to be safe, manageable and meaningful for each individual student and family. Please ensure you communicate your family's needs to your child's teacher and how they can best support you.



FOOD ACCESS

To follow up on Mark Pearmain's communication from April 8. The school district recognizes that these are challenging times for many families throughout our learning communities. Working in partnership with Save On Foods, NVSD is able to provide much needed support for families who have been very hard hit and are in need a hand up at this time. Please contact Chanin Smyth (csmyth@sd44.ca) directly to request this support. All communication will be dealt with delicately and in confidence.

ESSENTIAL MATERIALS

Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you are in need of any essential items from the school. We are continuing to minimize the traffic coming to the school and will arrange with individual families as needed. Please be patient regarding other classroom supplies, as at this point we are not clear on when the suspension of in-class instruction will end. We want the school to be ready to go as soon as the Ministry determines we are safe to open our doors.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT WEBSITE

We invite you to check out the website created for parents to support with learning from home. This is meant to support you with your individual plans at home with regards to your child's learning and to go alongside the opportunities provided by your child's classroom teacher.

<https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/educationalcontinuityprogram/Pages/Elementary.aspx#/=>

SALMON RELEASE



Mrs. Arkinstall and Mr. Lars released the salmon this week. There were upwards of 200 salmon released into Hastings Creek at Hunter Park. Thank you to Mrs. Arkinstall and for sharing videos of the ongoing care of the salmon and eventual release. These videos have been uploaded to many classes on Microsoft Teams.



LONG WEEKEND GOOD WISHES

We want to wish you all a wonderful long weekend! We have asked all staff to rest and recharge, closing those laptops and taking time to enjoy this beautiful weather with family and friends (in a safe and healthy way, of course)! We certainly hope you are able to do the same. Happy Easter everyone!