

Good afternoon, Parents/Guardians of Tecumseh Students!

We hope this email finds you safe and well in your homes.

A few updates for you:

On-going 2-way Communication continues!

- Maintaining communication is of utmost importance during these unprecedented times.
- Our Teachers and Staff will continue to reach out and establish ongoing 2-way communication with families and students on a weekly basis. This communication can take a variety of forms (e.g. phone call, email, video conference).
- For our younger students, Teachers/Staff may be reaching out to the parents/guardians first to arrange a convenient time to connect with their child.
- If your child is not feeling well and will not be participating in a class' on-line activity for the day or a few days, please email your child's teacher to let them know. This is similar to when parents/guardians phone our Safe Arrival line to report their child will be absent from school due to illness.
- **We worry when we do not hear from students or families during the week.**
- Please remember, teachers/staff are working from home and their calls may come through to you as "Blocked Caller ID/Private Number"—if you are uncomfortable answering calls from numbers you are not familiar with, please check your voicemail and emails regularly, as there will likely be a message left for you that an attempt was made to connect with you or your child. It may work best to schedule a "best time to call" with your child's teacher to avoid telephone tag.

Support is available

- These are challenging times for many families across the country, please know we are sometimes able to assist in connecting you with supports within our community, and provincially.
- If you are experiencing challenges, please connect with your child's teacher as the first point of contact—we can then work as a school team, to find ways to support you. As good community partners, we are here to assist in whatever way, big or small, we are able.

Picking up your child's belongings (not yet, please be patient)

- **Please do not come to the school yet to collect your child's belongings.** We have not yet been given the go ahead to have families come to the school.
- In some cases, **emergency items** (e.g. medicines that have been left at school, hearing aids, etc) need to be picked up.
 - If this situation applies to your family, please email Mr. Edwards (vedwards@vsb.bc.ca) or Mr. Webber (jwebber@vsb.bc.ca), and we will make arrangements with you to pick up your child's **emergency items**.
- In some cases, **essential resources** (e.g. paper, pencils, paper-based learning activities) have been distributed to a few students who do not have reliable access to the internet.
- We will communicate a careful, measured plan for the picking up of belongings when the District allows us to do so. Our plan will keep the Health and Safety for all, a priority (i.e. social distancing will be a must).

Up-to-date Information from the District

Please continue to check the following websites for up-to-date information from the VSB:

- www.vsb.bc.ca
- <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/News/Pages/COVID-19-Updates.aspx>
- [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student Learning/Continuity of Learning/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/default.aspx)
- Vancouver School Board's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/VanSchoolBoard>

We appreciate your understanding and your continued support of Tecumseh as we work through these unprecedented times.

We hope you are staying safe and taking good care of each other. Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards
Principal

