



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

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March 27, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for all of your efforts in this first week of Distance Learning. As this week has progressed, I have been included in the various posts our teachers have made and the responses by our students and parents as they have completed what has been provided. It has truly been remarkable!

As you make your way through the communication that has been sent by our teachers, I would like you to know that I have stressed to our team that everyone's well-being is the most important component we need to take into consideration. This Distance Learning approach is new for everyone involved so trying to find that balance has been tough. Even though we see similarities in how our teachers are communicating with our families on a daily basis, the way and amount have varied just as much as the way our classrooms vary from our youngest in Kindergarten to our oldest in Grade 8. In addition to that, the older our students are, the number of teachers involved in their learning increases and as a result, so does the amount of daily communication and work.

That said, it is important to find a balance at home and create a schedule that works for you. Although we have not yet received guidelines suggesting the amount of time our students should be working at home per grade level, it has been suggested a good two to three hours per day would be ample, as we get adjusted to this new approach. Once again, each family situation is unique so please decide if that time amount needs to be adjusted either way.

Once again, as we work our way through the updates that come our way daily, we would like to remind everyone to please check out the COVID-19 Updates link that is found on both our school and divisional websites for all the latest.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Spring Break ahead!

Thank you,
Dave Schettler
Principal, Blumenort School