



West St. Paul School

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Dear Parents,

This has been an unprecedented week for education. Across our province and country, and all across the world, Learn from Home, e-learning, distance learning and many other names became in vogue as teachers began teaching students remotely. Some teachers began with paper learning packages and games that progressed to links to documents and videos through programs and applications such as Remind, Seesaw and Google Classroom. Teachers, students and parents have spent time this week working through some of the struggles of technology and we hope those issues have largely been resolved.

As administrators, we are immensely proud of the work of our teachers. In the past two weeks, we have seen extensive collaboration as teachers worked tirelessly to prepare learning activities that could be delivered to students and parents remotely. Teachers have remained on duty well beyond school hours answering texts, emails and phone messages while working through learning issues as well as technological ones. We have all been getting familiar with the technology we will need to use for the near future.

Next week, it is time for Spring Break. Students, parents and teachers all need a chance to rest and gather thoughts as we head deeper into the remote learning task ahead. Teachers will not be sending learning activities during Spring Break.

We miss the children. Teaching and learning with children is what we do. They have left a void in each of us and we will be eager to get children back in the school. We do not yet know when students will return but our custodial team has been cleaning the school top to bottom.

As we follow rules of social distancing, hand washing and remaining at home, we will come back strong and ready to go. Rest and enjoy the company of your families next week – the same advice we have given all the staff members at our school. We will be here for the long term to support families and their children throughout our educational journey. Please contact us if you need us.

Enjoy Spring Break!

David Ingram Tanya Kohut

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