



COMMUNITY CONNECT

Friday, April 3rd, 2020

Dear Meadow Ridge Families,

Thank you to all of the smiling faces and sweet posters we saw today from 12 to 12:15 during the Grizzly Wave By along with the emails and Instagram pictures of your Grizzly paws on windows. It truly warms our hearts to see you and that you may miss the school as much as we miss your kids!

During this transition, we are trying to increase our Community Connects from monthly to weekly to keep you in the loop as much as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and patience while we learn a new way to provide education.

LEARNING & WORKING FROM HOME:

Although classes have been cancelled, the school remains operational as we continue to provide learning for students. Office staff and administration continue to be at the school daily while following physical distancing protocols. Although some teachers and support staff continue to work at school, many are working from home. In working from home, please understand we are committed to the regular school hours to connect with students and parents, provide instruction and feedback, plan for future lessons, and assess student learning. Everyone has set up daily working schedules and routines which includes regular breaks and lunch. If you happen to see a faculty member out walking in your community, or going through a drive thru, understand they are currently on one of their breaks.

The amount of emails being sent in FSD have increased exponentially. This has resulted in:

1. The network was overloaded Monday morning when every teacher in the division sent out Learning Plans via email to all families. Therefore, some of you did not receive notifications until Tuesday morning. We apologize for this and have heard from Technology Services that this problem has been fixed. If it should happen again, please check your child's Google Classroom as the learning will be posted in there regardless of receiving an email.
2. We have to resort to a minimum of 24 hour response to emails. There are times we cannot simply get back to everyone immediately. Teachers are fairly good at responding the same day but please understand they may not get back to you until the following day

because of the volume of emails they are now getting and they are spending much of their day connecting virtually with students.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please check out Meadow Ridge School Weekly Announcements which are updated every MONDAY: [WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

Each week we have a different faculty member giving a surprise video message or fun challenge. We would love to see your children participate in the MAKERSPACE CHALLENGE and send us their pictures of the challenge.

LEARNER PROFILES & ILP's:

Learner Profiles are currently being emailed out to parents. If you do not receive your child's Learner Profile by Monday, please email peeverk@fsd38.ab.ca . We will then ensure you receive a copy. If your child has an Individual Learning Plan (ILP), they will be sent via Canada Post.

EASTER HOLIDAY:

The last day of classes before Easter break is Thursday, April 9th. We dismiss at noon. No learning will be uploaded to Google Classroom for the week of April 13th - 17th. Please take the week to relax and rejuvenate. Hopefully the weather will be warmer by then for bike rides, walks, and getting outside! Learning will resume on Monday, April 20th.

THANK YOU to everyone for your kind words, support, thoughtful greetings, and for driving by to see us today! We miss all of you and are looking forward to all the opportunities to connect in a variety of ways. Please take care of one another. Hope to see you soon.

Rebecca Forchuk
Principal

Brad Skeet
Vice Principal

CELEBRATIONS:



Grizzly Paws in the Window



Makenna is the WINNER of our first makerspace challenge!! CONGRATS!



Friday Wave-By from 12-12:15 pm



Lots of faculty and cars today!!



Some fun signs at the Wave-By!