



COMMUNITY CONNECT

Friday, March 27th, 2020

Dear Meadow Ridge Families,

We miss you. We worry about you. We hope you and your family are okay.

As a community, we are saddened that school, and life as we know it, has turned upside down and understand it has impacted everyone in some way. You and your children are always in our thoughts. It is times like this that tests our resilience and requires us to pull together, figuratively of course. We need to support one another but also need to be okay to receive help too. Foothills School Division and Meadow Ridge School continue to be here to nurture community. As a school, we have connected personally with many of you via personal phone calls and will continue to do so. We have seen many of you when you came to get your personal belongings. It was a highlight to talk with so many students this week on Google Hangouts and to see those of you who drove by today at lunch! Our hearts burst when we see your kids and have the opportunity to connect with them. We miss them all terribly; life and school is not the same when they are not here!

If you need supports, or know someone who does, please check out the [Parent Learning Link](#) located on FSD website under Parents. It contains information from how to schedule your child's day, mental health links, staying active and much more. If you or your family need anything, please reach out to the school where we can continue to support you and your child while at home. Your health and well-being continues to be our main priority. We want to ensure our Grizzlies continue to feel cared for and welcomed and are connected with school and their peers.

LEARNING INFORMATION

On Monday, Learning Plans were sent out to each parent and student. As this is new for everyone, including teachers, we will continue to be responsive to feedback from parents and students to make each week better than the first. We aim to design learning that aligns with the guidelines set out by Alberta Education:

Kindergarten to Gr 3: **1 hour per day** of instruction or 5 hours per week in the areas of basic literacy (reading, writing) and basic numeracy (math).

Gr 4 to Gr 6: **1 hour per day** of instruction or 5 hours per week in the areas of basic literacy (reading, writing) and basic numeracy (math) where social and science can be integrated into the learning.

Gr 7 to Gr 8: **2 hours per day** of basic instruction in four core subjects: LA, Math, Social, Science

Learning plans will be sent out every Monday and will include the learning for the week. In order to provide some consistent routines and structure, we will also offer weekly announcements to students. These announcements will provide:

- School information
- Mindful Moments that help us regulate our emotions
- Weekly Makerspace Challenge
- Links to physical activity challenges to do at home or outside and
- surprise messages from faculty

You can find them here: <https://bit.ly/mrshome>

Please know one hour or two hours a day is plenty of time to work in this new setting; however, if you decide to do more work than the hour, feel free. We have added some PE, Music, mindful moments and Makerspace Challenges should your kids want or need more challenges.

We are here to support you, and work alongside you in this new learning journey at home. If you are feeling overwhelmed, please touch base with teachers sooner than later!

SCHOOL FEES UPDATE:

If your child(ren) are planning on attending Meadow Ridge School next year, you have the option of keeping any credit on their account to be applied to next year's fees OR receiving a refund in the mail. Please click the survey link below to let us know which you would prefer:

<https://bit.ly/mrsrefund>

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.

