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# NEWSLETTER

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April Showers bring May flowers.



## Administrator's Message

It has been a busy but very **different** week here at Eagle View as we return to work after a **different** Spring Break and our children begin a new and **different** journey into the remote learning world. The entire staff has been hard at work, some of us in the building and some from home. A special thank you to our custodian who prepared the building for our return and is diligently following the new protocols of the day to keep those that do come safe. As we are now working with a controlled entry system, Mr. Dan plays the role of doorman very well, disinfectant at the ready, and a smile on his face.

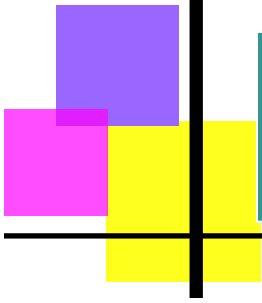
We started the week off altogether with our first Zoom meeting and since then we moved into several smaller online meetings to collaborate and plan as we reorganize programs, prepare resources and plan the next steps for continuing learning for our students. As the teachers and educational assistants researched and developed plans, we were so proud of our staff as they took risks, venturing into the unknown, trying new online tools and discovering little gems, apps and resources for your children. The enthusiasm for learning told us that they really know how to model life long learning, maybe that is why they are still in school?

Many of you have already been contacted by your child's teacher. If you haven't, you will be in the upcoming days. As many students have heard before at Eagle View, "Safety doesn't take a vacation." Please let us know if there are immediate needs and resources that you require help with. You can do this by contacting your teacher, but please know that you can also contact Mr. Galhon or Mrs. Relf as well. It is our hope that you are all safe and healthy.

One final tip: We know that figuring out new routines at home as roles and responsibilities are shared **differently** and look **differently** can be a bit tricky. Be assured that we are not expecting you to take on the role of the teacher but if you are able to help your child create a designated space, get organized (paper, pencil, colouring tools, etc.) and set up a routine /schedule this will provide them a structure for a successful time of learning. Don't forget to insert doses of physical activity along the way with some singing, strumming or other forms of creativity. We all like some icing on the cake!

One last suggestion for the brave: Pull out a recipe (I like dinner ones as the spices often contain **different** vocabulary) new, old or from a friend and have your child find all the ingredients in the kitchen. A little scavenger hunt is good for the soul and can be done with a partner (sibling). If an ingredient is missing can it be substituted with a different option or left out? This would most likely be an adult call. Now everything is ready for the adult to cook it up and you didn't have to organize a thing. If you are really brave, let them do the cooking!

Mr. Galhon and Mrs. Relf  
Vice Principal and Principal



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View the full school calendar at:  
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6 Keep track of the weather every day until the end of the month	7 Go for a Nature Walk Talk about what you see	8	9 Write a letter to a member of your family or a friend	10 Good Friday 
13 Easter Monday 	14	15 Turn on your favorite music and dance like no one is watching	16	17 Family Movie Night Help make the popcorn
20	21 10 Jumping Jacks 10 sit ups Run on the spot for 30 seconds Repeat 3 times	22	23 Draw a picture about a book you are reading	24
27 Choose an item from nature that you can see in your yard. From your window, guess how many you might find. Check your guess by collecting the items and counting your total. Now use your collection and imagination to create something new!	28	29 Student Led Conferences Share your learning with your parents	30 Month End Weather Tally How many sunny days? How many rainy days? How many cloudy days? How many more sunny days than rainy days?	

**April Birthdays**  
 Mikayla B, Erich E, Jackson W, Sarah J, Excellent O,  
 Arielle E, Teo B, Clara B, Oliver S, Alex S, Lily F, Emily B,  
 Violet L, Naomi L, Jamie P, Nadia T, Liam S, Taj S & Holli P.  
**Happy Birthday!!**

## WILL YOUR CHILD BE ATTENDING ANOTHER SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

If your son or daughter will NOT be attending Eagle View next year, please let us know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you have not already done so. (Those who have completed a district transfer need not contact us.) Phone 250 744 - 2701 or email [eagleview@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:eagleview@sd61.bc.ca).



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Dear Families,

Over the next few weeks, schools will be working with families to develop processes and strategies to support remote learning for students. As we make these adjustments, we know that maintaining and supporting mental health is crucial. This document provides an overview of the District and School based supports available to families.

**1. Weekly Mental Health Snapshots:**

The District Team will be providing age specific weekly mental health snapshots to families on a variety of topics. The first snapshot, which you will receive by email this week, outlines the topics for the next 6 weeks, and provides updated resources on community supports for families. We know that community resources will look different over the next while, and the snapshots will provide ongoing, updated information.

**2. School Counselling Opportunities for Students:**

School counsellors are available for remote counselling sessions with students. Please email the counsellor Katie Lutes ([klutes@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:klutes@sd61.bc.ca)) directly to set up an appointment time. The counsellor will let you know the options available for the session. It is important to avoid using names in the subject line and do not include confidential information in the email body. If you do not have access to email, please call the school office at 250-744-2701, and the message will be passed on to the counsellor.

At this time, the expectation is that counsellors will connect by phone or email. If and when other technology options become available, we will communicate these developments to families.

We appreciate that all families have many questions as to what learning will look like, and the impact the pandemic will have on regular processes such as transitioning to new schools, testing and graduation. These questions will be answered over time, but the main concern now is supporting everyone's physical and mental health. As we all know, these are unprecedented times, and our collective focus on resiliency, coping strategies and kindness will hopefully offer some support over the next weeks and months.

We hope that everyone is well,

Eagle View Elementary School Based Team