



Tuesday, April 14, 2020

NEWSLETTER

Helpful Info UPCOMING DATES

- Apr. 22** PAC meeting 6:30pm
via Zoom
- Apr. 28** National Superhero Day
- Apr. 30** National Bugs Bunny
Day
- May 6** National Nurses Day
- May 13** Victoria Day – Statutory
Holiday

NEWS FROM THE WOLF PACK

Dear Whiteside Families,

Learning is a lifelong process! My regular schedule (and vocabulary) now includes: Zoom, FaceTime, social distancing and a fierce regimen of hand washing. My “to go” list, which used to include keys, glasses, lunch, water bottle, etc. now includes mask, gloves and hand sanitizer! I’m sure your planners have a different look as well including online meetings, online orders, food preparation (this is a much bigger section!) and daily fitness.

Online Learning is well underway. Teachers have prepared weekly lesson plans for you that give choices for activities and projects that best fit your children’s learning profiles and work with your family. We’ve come through the “connecting with one another” week, the beginnings of school at home and are now into developing more long-term routines. I’m sure that those of you with more than one child at home are learning the value of “learn from each other” in support of individual learning.

Designing a space for learning is important, not only to provide needed equipment, but also to set up the learning space so children can concentrate on the task at hand without a lot of distractions. It’s also important to end school for the day and make time for fun and family, daily chores and, of course, food preparation!

I’m sure the Daily Schedule is starting to take shape as you and your children adapt to school at home. You will find some of your children are advance planners, keeping track of due dates and upcoming assignments. Other children are more “in the moment” and need some structure put in place and reminders to submit completed work. All of this is a part of learning.

If you have some success stories from your home to share with Whiteside families, please let me know! What does your “school space” look like? How have you set up break time? How do you organize the week?

We’re all in this together!!

Wishing you all health and happy learning,
Pamela Essex, Principal