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Dear parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

By now you should have received the [March 18 communication](#) from our Superintendent that provided information regarding the starting of online learning for all students in our Division.

Jr. High (March 30/20)

K – 6 (March 31/20)

Our staff is very excited to provide you with some preliminary information regarding this prior to Spring Break. You will begin to receive more details beginning March 30 for Junior High students and on March 31 for students in kindergarten to grade six.

### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Shmyr**

*Kinder is embracing our new online learning approach! We will primarily use our SeeSaw learning platform to post information, activities and assignments. You will receive an e-mail with your child's QR code so that they can access the 'student mode' that they would typically have at school. We will also eventually be accessing your child's Google accounts so stay tuned for more information on this.*

### **Gr. 1 Mrs. Teixeira**

*When we launch our online learning on March 31, I will be using Class Dojo as a means of teaching students. I will continue to use the [class website](#) to keep everyone informed and as organized as possible. I will be available to answer questions via email and the chat on Class Dojo. The first week will be an adjustment week, just like the first week of school! We will take it slow and learn as we go. In the weeks coming you will receive weekly work via Class Dojo. I am excited for all the learning that will happen as we explore online learning together.*

### **Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Trenchard**

*In addition to our daily routines in 2/3 there will be several opportunities to interact online and share our work. Your child's weekly lesson plans will be presented to you in a view only google slide presentation via a parent email, our [class website](#) and our google classroom. From that slide, your child will have access to websites, videos, google classroom assignments, collaborative slides to share their work and many at home challenges! I will give the class the chance to weekly learn remotely together through the use of Google Meet. I would love to listen to your child read weekly and will set up a time in the near future with each family as to when that might fit your schedule best! Please have*

*your child practice logging in to their Google account over Spring Break and send me an email if you have any questions or concerns at [natrenchard@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:natrenchard@gsacrd.ab.ca).*

### **Grade 4-6 – Mrs. Lobel and Mr. Brass**

*Gr. 4-6 online learning will continue on a path that is similar to what the students experienced in class for their core subjects. Each core subject's Google Classroom will be organized by week and have online tutorials/ videos created by Mr. Brass or Mrs. Lobel, readings to LEARN from, and many opportunities to learn and demonstrate understanding. There will be regular scheduled JOIN THE CONVERSATION video calls on Mondays and Wednesdays. This is where each classroom teacher will meet all students who are available to present the week. Wednesdays will be a check-in and review the Week's question board. There will be some scheduled classes and students and parents will be notified when this is happening. Each week, parents will receive an email with a view only Google Slides presentation (similar to PowerPoint) that outlines the goals for the week, the curricular objectives, and a TO DO List for the week for each subject with links to the Google Classroom. These links can only be opened by students as it is linked to our division logins. As always check out Mrs. Lobel's [class website](#) and Mr. Brass' [class website](#).*

### **Jr. High – Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Kleparchuk, Ms. Bennett and Mr. Lamer**

*In Junior High we will be putting out an email to parents every Monday morning beginning on March 30. It will include a pdf that has some general announcements, conference and teacher meet times regarding each subject area for the week. (Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Health, Religion, Phys. Ed/Rec Academy) Students will continue to access their Google Classroom for assignments, lessons and invitations for live sessions. Teachers will advise students on how they will be assessed. After a few weeks we will survey students and parents to see how things are going. As we move on we may change things based upon feedback and staff observation. Mrs. Kleparchuk will be sending out the first parent email on the morning of Monday, March 30.*

If you don't have a desktop computer or laptop at home please let your child's teacher know. We will be providing parents with some information on how they can borrow a device in the near future. It's likely that there will be a few bumps in the road. It will take a couple weeks for students, staff and parents to work out a routine and figure out what works best for kids. It's important to remember that we all learn differently and it will take teachers some time to see how this works best for all students. We will all be learning together; students, parents and teachers. More information will come, take care, keep the faith and be safe!

Sincerely,

Mr. Greg Lamer  
Principal

Mrs. Lisa Kleparchuk  
Vice Principal