

March 29, 2020

Good evening,

I hope everyone is doing as well as can be expected during this turbulent time. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be working hard to launch the Continuity of Learning plan that will hopefully help provide some normalcy and routine for your kids.

Once we get through teachers accessing the building, we will proceed with a plan for students to collect any belongings they need. More information to come on that after this week.

Teachers are just coming off Spring Break so this week will be spent gathering resources and planning to deliver curriculum and learning activities on-line. For some teachers, this will be less of a challenge as they already use on-line tools as part of their practice, for others this will take more time as they become familiar with the tools and set-up communication structures, etc.

Some of the learning activities will have to be different than they would be if they were happening in the school setting as the teacher is not present to instruct and support and the equipment may not be on hand at home, but teachers will do their best to make the activities meaningful for the students.

We realize that it won't be easy or practical for all parents to support their kids at home with the assigned work. As always, students and parents should communicate with individual teachers via email when extra support is needed.

We are all in this together. We are fortunate to have skilled and caring teachers and support staff at Heritage Woods. We all want nothing but the best for you and your kids and will do what we can to get through this challenging time as a community.

Your kids can expect their teachers to contact them this coming week. In most cases, it will be using their student email addresses (ie: 127-firstinitiallastname@sd43.bc.ca). Some teachers may reach out using one of the Office365 apps if they have been using them as communication tools with their students already during the semester. Students can expect to start receiving assignments from their teachers the week of April 6th.

As always, I greatly appreciate your patience and support.

Sincerely,

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