



A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well. I know you all are working hard to help your children and we all very much appreciate it. Juggling full time work, running a household and now supporting online learning cannot be easy. Please know we are all aware of how hard this is. The school administration, as well as teachers and myself, appreciate all you are doing.

By now most of you have seen my video on how I can support you with Virtual Parent Coffees. For those of you not on class We Chat groups, the video focused on asking for your feedback on what is most difficult about supporting your children with online learning. Since our return date is now unclear, I want to continue refining the online learning process and that includes strategies to support you as well.

What we have done:

- Teachers have started Video Meetings and first reports back from teachers are very positive. I hope they will be effective and helpful for you and your children.

What we are doing:

- When school is in session on campus, Mr. Crabtree and I spend time every day visiting classrooms. This allows us to stay connected with the students as well as the teaching and learning going on. This has not stopped now that learning is being done with an online format. We are continuing to connect with teachers by email and video, and view assignments and posts. This allows us to ensure a high quality of instruction during these challenging times.

- As you know, this past week we have been working behind the scenes to touch base with students who have been unengaged on SeeSaw. We collect weekly data on student engagement, and I wanted to share some good news in terms of our online learning. Teachers report 87.55% of the students are engaged in online learning. Since 9.48 % have enrolled in other schools temporarily, this leaves us only 2.97 % of students who are disengaged for one reason or another. We will continue to reach out to those families to make sure they are alright and to find out ways to support their online learning.

- We have almost completed the switch to the full version of SeeSaw and are meeting today to

brainstorm and resolve the issue related to multiple logins.

What we will do next:

- Parent feedback is very important to our online learning program so that we can make further enhancements and improvements for our students' learning experience. To this end, we have sent out a parent feedback survey to gather your suggestions. Thank you, in advance, for participating in this survey.

- Our next focus in terms of engagement will be to track students completing specialists' assignments and tracking students who are partially engaged. The main purpose of this investigation will be to see what limitations or issues are resulting in these assignments not being completed. We will then come up with solutions to the issues we uncover.

As always, we continually reflect on how online learning is going and work to improve instruction. We will continue to respond to your concerns as best we can, so please continue to share any thoughts with me.

Thank you again for your support.

Stay healthy,

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