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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students:

Learning continues at Fox Creek School:

As we prepare for the last four days before our Spring Break I want to thank you all for your patience and support as we continue this new platform of learning. I want to assure you all Fox Creek School Staff are continuing to work hard to ensure the education of your children continues to the best of our abilities. We have given out over 80 chromebooks and technology devices from Fox Creek School. With this move comes some struggles as students and parents set up their devices. So if you have any issues please use the technology support set up by the NGPS. <u>https://bit.ly/hometechhelp</u>

Teachers have an obligation to connect with all students in this new normal. School has not been cancelled. Instead the delivery has changed to protect the health and welfare of students, parents and staff. So if your child has not connected with their teacher/s please insure they do so as soon as possible.

Parents: teachers will connect with parents as necessary and are available to speak with parents by email, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please note, teachers will also be preparing and delivering lessons during these hours and may not be able to respond immediately.

Students: students will be able to send comments to their teacher directly through Google Classroom. When a student posts a comment, the teacher will receive an automatic notification. Students may also reach their teacher through email: firstname.lastname@ngps.ca.

While we continue to have many questions, please be assured that each and every FCS student will have the support they need to continue learning. We have an extraordinary staff who will be doing their utmost to support your child during this time. On that note, we would share that teachers are also learners in this new reality, and your patience and understanding is appreciated.

If you have not been in contact with your child's teacher, please call me at 780-622-9290 or email: <u>ian.baxter@ngps.ca</u>





Stay well, take care of yourselves and dive in. We are all in this together!

Ian Baxter - Principal Fox Creek School

Some points to keep in mind as we continue with this new learning!

Predictability and routine can be important for all of us in times such as these and can help give us a sense of control. Here are some to consider when developing a structure that works best for your family.

- Exemplar Schedule
- Creating Structures and Rules
- Routines and Teens: How you Can Help
- Help! I've got Kids, What Do I Do? Tips for parents working from home.
- Parenting in a Pandemic
- How to Create a Learning Space for Your Child

Being physically and mentally active will help mitigate boredom and loneliness during social distancing and school closure. Check out these online resources to help.

- Be Fit For Life: Active at Home
- Physical Activities to Do at Home: BOKS
- <u>Physical Activity Games: BokSopoly</u>
- Active After School Resources
- My Feelings Journal
- Gratitude Journal
- Gratitude Scavenger Hunt
- Ted Ed: Ted Talks for Kids
- National Geographic Kids
- Learn a Language for Free
- Kids Podcasts





- OverDrive Shared Digital Library Collection
- Storyline Online
- Virtual Museum
- Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Over 30 Virtual Field Trips with Links
- 100 Activities to Do at Home
- 70 Things to Do With Kids at Home
- Arcade Games
- Crazy Games Online