



KVMS Distanced Learning Newsletter

This is new for all of us

On Thursday, April 2, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) released their Continuation of Learning Plan to the public. Many parents and students, understandably, still do not have a clear picture of what this means. This is uncharted waters for all of us. We are here for you, to help you, and guide you through this unique learning situation. Please do not hesitate to reach out, ask questions, or look for guidance. We will get through this together.

Do what works for you

This is not “homeschooling”. Don’t stress. You are not expected to be the teacher and your home is not expected to be a classroom. This is about providing learning opportunities and letting your child explore and grow. We are here to support and encourage learning.

We want this to be a positive experience. Making this learning opportunity an everyday routine, with a set time for participation, will hopefully return some semblance of normality and ease them through this adjustment period.

Students will not be expected to hand in work but can receive feedback and suggestions as activities and learning opportunities are being completed. No marks will be assigned for work completed.

Department Recommendations

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has issued the following recommendations for middle level learners.

Every weekday a student should spend:

- 1) 2 hours per day (10 hours per week) on a combination of math, science, social studies, and literacy.
- 2) 30 minutes reading
- 3) 30 minutes physical activity

ASD-West Information

ASD-West has provided learning opportunities and student materials on their website.

https://www2.qnb.ca/content/gnb/en/department/s/education/learning_at_home.html

Please visit often as more information will be uploaded weekly. If you have any questions or are worried that you are missing these messages, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school, myself, or our admin team. We will gladly forward this information to you, answer questions, or put you in contact with the people who can help.

Along with the recommended resources, Amazon has made eBooks available free of charge. These are available in written and audible format. If your child is struggling to find something to read, or prefers audiobooks, please guide them to the following website.

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>



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MS TEAMS and Username/Password

In preparation for your child's online learning experience, we are asking that if your child is using an iPad please download the App "MS Teams". If your child is using a laptop or desktop computer, please go to the following website:

<https://products.office.com/en-ca/micro-soft-teams/group-chat-software>

This is the forum that we will be using for the rest of the school year.

When the App or Website is opened it will prompt your child to enter their username and password. This is the same username and password they would have used at school.

If your child is not able to login with their username and password, please open the link below and follow the instructions.

[Student-PasswordReset document ASDW.pdf](#)

Students will be working on different interactive websites in their various subject areas. Some sites will require a username and password. We will set up this for each student and send the username and password directly to your child for them to login.

Take your time

Please remember that this is all new to everyone. We do not expect to have everyone and everything up and running on Tuesday. Take your time processing the information that has

been sent. If you are feeling overwhelmed, email one of us and we will help you thought it together. The learning curve for all of us is very steep.

Your Middle Level Team

As stated in the opening paragraph, we are here for you and your children. This approach is new to all of us and we will work together to make this a rich and successful experience for all. Your child's homeroom teacher has made contact with you over the past couple of days to check in and ask questions based on your Internet capabilities. This communication will continue to occur each week as we move closer to the end of the school year. Please feel free to reach out to anyone on our team if you have questions or concerns. Stay healthy and safe.

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