



M. G. TEED MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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Hello Teed Families,

We all hope that everyone is doing well during these very different times. I wanted to reach out to the school community to inform everyone that your school staff are still here, working hard to adjust to the new reality of COVID-19 and teaching. We have been busily meeting, planning and preparing (all virtually) to send out weekly learning plans to our students.

Teachers are putting learning materials together based upon a grade-level teams, as they have done prior to the COVID-19 situation. Our hope is that these plans will be seen as an extension of our homework format that we have used throughout the school year. Some weekly suggestions that you will receive will have attachments, and some will have video and audio links. This is as new to us, as it is probably to you. We hope that the technology supports our plans. We look forward to your feedback.

We will send our first virtual lessons to Teed families on Tuesday, April 14th.

We realize that every home situation is different during these times and we are not trying to add to any frustration/stress by sending out these learning plans to your families. We would ask that – *if possible* – in your weekly schedule to find time to work with the children and – *again, if possible* – bring this into a part of their new routine. If, for any reason you may not be able to get to our suggestions, please do not worry. Your children are learning about the world around them every day. Much of these ideas are review and are designed to keep students' minds active and provide additional structure and ideas to your home learning.

Although we are not able to be at school, we are not far away. Teachers will be reaching out to families each Wednesday via phone calls to see how things are going. And will always be available through email any time. In addition, the District has made available a Guidance Hotline for families to call in, should they feel the need. The Guidance number is 506-349-7663. If you have any concerns, please pass these along to your child's homeroom teacher via email or during the Wednesday check-in.

As always, we will continue to update our Twitter and website with any materials coming from the District. We will also be adding Physical Education tips and hints as well as Guidance materials. Please take a few minutes to check this out.

We are definitely in a new era of education and everyone is hoping to get back to “normal” as soon as possible. We are hoping that this new adventure into distance learning will be able to help our students and families stay connected with our Teed Community.

Please be safe and feel free to reach out to us. We can not wait to see you all again!

Have a great day.

- *Mark Crowley, Tanya McGrath and staff of M. Gerald Teed*