

Principal's Message- HLP Hume Park

April 9, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you to provide a few updates about the Learning Centre's plan to address our new reality during this global pandemic. First, I hope this message finds all of your family and loved ones in good health and spirits. This is an unprecedented time, and we recognize the stress this pandemic is having on families, students and staff. If you are facing some challenges during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, our school counselor, Allan, or our Learning Consultants- Karen, Jen, Gillian, Jodie or Kim. And when Carole returns, she is happy to assist you with questions about your allotments and orders. We are all happy to assist you in finding solutions during these difficult times.

Our Home Learner community, at Hume Park, is uniquely positioned to adapt to the new reality we are facing. I am particularly proud of the staff and how they have seamlessly transitioned to a remote learning model. We recognize that the curtailment of instructional activities many of your children enjoy at the Learning Centre has had a profound impact on the learning community you have worked so hard to create. However, I trust that you continue to enjoy the support and expertise of the Learning Centre's staff, even though the delivery looks differently, at the moment.

ACCESS TO HUME PARK LEARNING CENTRE

At this time, access to Hume Park Learning Centre is restricted, and will be until further notice, in compliance with the Provincial Health Officers directives, including social distancing. Next week, if your family requires access to **essential items** (eg. Medication, eye glasses, etc.) please contact your Learning Consultant directly. They will schedule a time and date for you to access these essential items. Staff will be on site to provide scheduled access on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Some families have resources that have been ordered through **allotments**. We anticipate that these will be ready for pick up the week of April 20th- again, by appointment, Tuesday-Thursday.

If you have scheduled an appointment, please send one family member to pick up the items. This will minimize social contact.

Please know that washroom access will not be available and nor will access to the Bistro or other areas of the Learning Centre. While we would love to see you and catch up, we ask that you do so online instead. Social distancing protocols for staff have been implemented and there will be a maximum of two staff members on site. This plan is designed to keep our staff safe and healthy, while we wait out this difficult period.

Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding these measures.

COSTCO FOOD RESCUE PROGRAM

The staff and I want to express our sincere gratitude to those families who are still volunteering to pick up Rescue Food from Costco on Tuesdays.

In order to keep this valuable program running, I have worked with the District, the NWSS Cafeteria Program, and the NWSS Administrative Team to develop a revised plan in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

On Tuesdays, the staff and I will coordinate with Parent Volunteers to take receipt of Rescue Food deliveries at the Pearson Cafeteria- accessed off of 10th Avenue. I will place the deliveries in the NWSS Cafeteria fridge for storage.

In order to comply with Food Safe and with Provincial Health Officer orders, we will be bagging Rescue Hampers for families who wish to receive them. If you wish to receive a Rescue Hamper, please be aware of the following details:

1. Email Jamie each Monday morning (starting April 13th) with 'RESCUE HAMPER' in the subject line- jsadler@sd40.bc.ca
2. In the email, please indicate how many family members are in your household
3. In the email, please indicate if there are any allergies to fruits or vegetables
4. On Thursday, April 16th, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, pick up your Rescue Hamper from the courtyard next to the NWSS library. You can access this courtyard via 8th street circular driveway- 835 Eighth Street.
5. NWSS Support Staff will assist you with the pick up.
6. You will be asked to line up and practice social distancing (2 metres between you and other) while waiting to pick up your Rescue Hamper.

This plan is unlike the informal one you're used to at Hume Park, but we are counting on your understanding that it has been designed to keep you and your families safe and healthy, and staff safe and healthy.

*** After April 17th, parents will be able to arrange pick up of Rescue Hampers on either Wednesdays or Thursdays. ***

STAY WELL & KEEP SAFE

Finally, I want to wish all of you well over the course of the next few weeks and months. I know you are in good hands with the Hume Park Learning Centre staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any other staff member. We are happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Jamie

District Principal
(Principal- HLP- Hume Park, Vice Principal- NWSS)