



Bellview Public School

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A Message from the Principal

In these uncertain and unprecedented times, I am reminded of the familiar quote, “It takes a whole village to raise a child,” and how appropriate it is during these challenging times. Now more than ever it has become necessary for us to work together to support the academic success and well-being of every student!

I hope that you are all doing well, and are safe at home! The staff of Bellview Public School and I miss seeing our students and families at the school, and hope that things return to “normal” soon. As we all adapt to changing conditions during this school closure, and learn new ways of doing and learning, I wanted to bring your attention to some important things you may or may not be aware of.

Continuation of Learning:

Phase One: On Friday (March 20), the Ministry of Education announced the launch of an online portal for students and families during the province-wide closure of schools due to COVID-19.

The Ministry of Education says [Learn at Home](#) and [Apprendre à la maison](#) will provide online literacy and numeracy materials and resources to support continued learning for elementary and secondary school students.

To further support Grand Erie District School Board students and parents, the Board provided online resources in Literacy, Numeracy and Outdoor Education for our students. The link can be accessed on the parent resources page of the Board website (www.granderie.ca), on the Bellview school website <https://www.granderie.ca/schools/bellview>, or by clicking [HERE](#).

Last week, all classroom teachers, K-8 and Special Education at Bellview Public School called and connected with students and parents. The purpose of the phone calls was two-fold: to check in with you and to communicate that we are available to support students and families during the closure, and also to determine your preferences for at home learning. Thank you for taking the time to respond to our staff requests, and to ask or share any questions or comments. The information from each student and family has been shared with the Board, to determine next steps on how we will implement the Learn at Home supports, at Grand Erie.

Phase Two:

Currently, the preference method for receiving information for Bellview Public School is varied. Our families chose an almost equal distribution of online learning, emails, and through Canada Post to receive student materials.



SUCCESS for Every Student

What I can share with you at this time, is the following: The Board and teaching staff at the school have been participating in professional development on how to use Microsoft BrightSpace, the online application for student learning. Teachers have been collecting resources for uploading classroom learning tasks to Brightspace, and I anticipate that most of us will be ready to begin this week. In the meantime, please **DO NOT** access Brightspace and Desire to Learn (D2L), as teachers are currently uploading tasks and student assignments. When we are ready to proceed this week, you will receive notification from the school with your child's login information to begin online. Classroom teachers will share this information with each family directly. The Board will be distributing student login information through Principals, and I am awaiting this information to be released shortly. I await further direction on how work packages will be mailed to our families who have requested it.

Assessment and Evaluation: Teachers will use assessment for learning (formative assessment) to gather evidence of how students are progressing in their learning and provide feedback to their students to support their continuous and ongoing learning. Communication between students, teachers and parents/guardians about student learning and progress is important at this time. Please continue to directly contact your child's classroom teachers regarding student progress, questions about their learning, and help with the learning tasks. Teachers will be in regular contact with families during the school closure period. It is very important that we have a CURRENT phone number and/or email address to connect with you. There is a small number of families who were contacted last week by school staff, but we have not been successful in hearing back from you. Please connect back with your child's teacher as soon as possible!

While we upload and provide online classroom learning materials for students at Bellview, parents and guardians can continue to access the Grand Erie District School Board learning calendars for student activities. These learning calendars are posted on the Board and School website. The weekly activities are organized by grade level, and have learning tasks for Literacy, Numeracy, and active learning. You can also access the calendars [HERE](#).

Our Bellview staff, both teaching and non-teaching are here to help, and support our families during these challenging and extraordinary times. We are an email or phone call away. Please let us know how we can better support you, and each other as we navigate through unfamiliar territory!

In the meantime, be well and be safe! We are thinking of you!

Sincerely,

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