

# Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – HAPPY EASTER WEEKEND



## Principal's Message

We were so excited to hear from all of our families after the oddest Spring Break we've ever experienced. It is mind boggling to think how much has changed in the last four weeks. Everyone has dealt with so much disruption to the regular routines and it felt good to have classrooms getting back on track, especially to hear your voices or see faces.

Our school staff, as well as staff across the district, have been working hard and learning more about technology and all of the different ways to try to keep connected while learning at home. We are all learning together and thank you so much for your patience with this process. We appreciate any feedback (except maybe from the microphones!) There have been a few bumps along the way so please reach out if you are having connection issues, links don't work, password problems or other technology frustrations. If we can't fix it we have people at the district who can!

The fields and playgrounds are closed however it has been lovely to see a kids and parents riding bikes around the school or tossing a ball on the field. Our field is only closed for 'close contact' sports like soccer or football. If you are following guidelines for physical distancing and want to sit and chat or throw disc with someone from your household, you are welcome. Furry friends are welcome too as long as their human picks up any 'presents' left behind.

## Health & Safety reminders

Vicki and I are in the building each day and maintaining our physical distance. Our custodian, Lloyd, has been deep cleaning rooms each day and disinfecting them if we needed to pick up essential items. Thank you to everyone for understanding that as much as we miss everyone, we are not letting people into the building. Items to be picked up are left on a table outside the front doors. Chromebooks were sanitized with Lysol wipes and isopropyl wipes were provided to keep you safe.

With the long weekend about to start, the temptation to spend time with friends and family, at favourite locations or even on trips out of town, is strong. This long weekend is different. Please stay home. Stay in your local community. You have heard it a lot but if you do go out, stay at a safe distance from others - at least 2 metres. Instead, I encourage you to find ways to connect virtually this long weekend, using video calls or phone calls. By doing this, together we will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and more importantly, we will be protecting our loved ones and our health care workers.

## Essential Service Workers

### THANK YOU!!

If you have children and are an Essential Services Worker as defined by the [provincial government](#), trying to make a decision between working or staying at home with your children, please email [ESW@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:ESW@deltasd.bc.ca) with your contact information and needs.

Please include a phone number to make it easier for us to get in touch with you. Someone from the school district will be in touch as soon as possible to discuss next steps. If you have already emailed and have not received a response, please check your junk email folder and/or email us again including a phone number. We have received a large volume of emails and want to ensure we have not missed anyone.

## Breaking News!



### ***SPECIAL EGGS-EMPTION***

*As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I hereby authorize*

#### **The Easter Bunny**

*to travel freely into and throughout  
the Province of British Columbia  
for the essential service of*

#### **Spreading Eggs-ellent Cheer**

*Dear Easter Bunny,*

*I am pleased to welcome you to our province for your annual egg-delivering duties. This year, we're all looking out for our loved ones and festivities look quite different. I know that you're also taking extra care, so even if you can't make it to every home, I want to thank you for sharing your positive spirit and happiness with kids and families across the province.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John J. Horgan'.

HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN  
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

***HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!***