

April 9th, 2020

Dear Parents:

We hope this letter finds you and the people in your homes in good health. While the Easter break is going to look different this year, we hope you can still find a way to enjoy the week with your children. Some nice spring weather will be good for all of us! Please continue to be safe through social distancing.

Together, we have made it through the first two weeks of supplemental learning. It hasn't been perfect, but it has been good enough. We are so proud of our staff, our students, and our parents; all of you are doing your best and this will be enough to ensure that students are successful when it is safe to return to school. Your kids are going to be okay.

Learning is important, but it isn't as important as the emotional health of your children and your families. As we move into Phase Two of our plan after Easter, teachers will be checking in to see how you are doing. We know that some of you are receiving too much material and too much communication from school; please know that it is okay for you to let your teacher know that slowing down is what your family needs. On the other hand, there are many opportunities for enriched learning available from many sources – if your child is craving additional work, feel free to add to their learning. Remember that cooking, projects around the house and yardwork provide important learning opportunities that can be incorporated into the schedule for children of all ages.

Some features of Phase Two (April 20th to May 15th):

- ✓ If your child has materials they need to retrieve from school, your principal will support this through scheduled locker pick-up opportunities.
- ✓ Prekindergarten applications and fall student registration for children starting Kindergarten or new to a school are available at <https://www.prairiesouth.ca/schools/student-registration/>.
- ✓ Scholarship applications are available at <https://www.prairiesouth.ca/students/scholarships/>.
- ✓ Assessment of supplemental learning activities will be available on the MSS parent portal. If you have password issues, please contact Derrick at huschi.derrick@prairiesouth.ca.

Remember - this is not a competition – there is no prize other than the satisfaction of keeping kids, families and staff safe and ensuring that our students are ready to return to school when it is safe to do so.

It is our privilege to serve your children.

Respectfully,



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