



## **CONTINUITY OF LEARNING**

### ***Virtual Learning at St. Matthew's Elementary School***

Friday, April 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

On the following pages you will find a *general* outline of Virtual Learning at St. Matthew's Elementary. Please take time to read the important information contained on these pages and please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Miss Welsh ([welsh@stmatthewselementary.ca](mailto:welsh@stmatthewselementary.ca))

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**(1) When will Virtual Learning officially start?**

*On Tuesday, April 14, 2020.*

**(2) When will my child's teacher contact me about their Virtual Learning program?**

*Classroom and Specialist Teachers will contact parents via email on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. The email will review specifics of your child's Virtual Learning program. All teachers' programs will also be posted on the school website.*

**(3) Our family does not have a computer for my child to use. Will the school provide a device?**

*St. Matthew's Elementary will provide one device per family for those who need and request it. **PLEASE EMAIL MISS WELSH NO LATER THAN: MONDAY, APRIL 6 AT 9:00 AM TO SECURE YOUR REQUEST.***

**(4) When can I pick up my child's supplies?**

*Families with last names **A through M** can pick up supplies on Wednesday, April 8 between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (meet in front of the school gym).*

*Families with last names **N through Z** can pick up supplies on Thursday, April 9 between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (meet in front of the school gym).*

***PLEASE NOTE PHYSICAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL BE ADHERED TO DURING THE PICK UP PROCESS. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PATIENCE.***

## GOOD TO KNOW.....

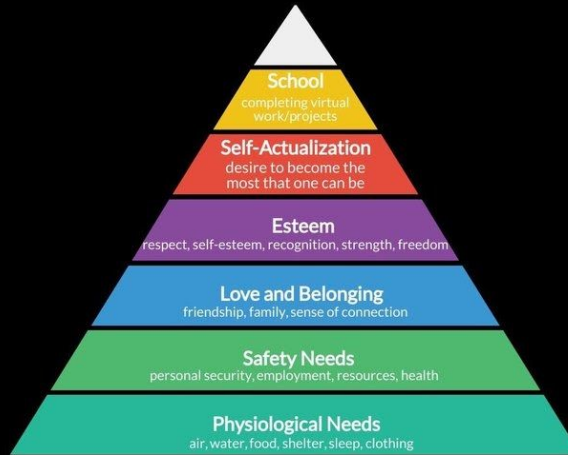
### COVID-19 HIERARCHY OF NEEDS FOR SCHOOLS

Based off of Mazlow's Hierarchy of Needs

SCHOOL IS  
IMPORTANT DURING  
THIS CRISIS

BUT....

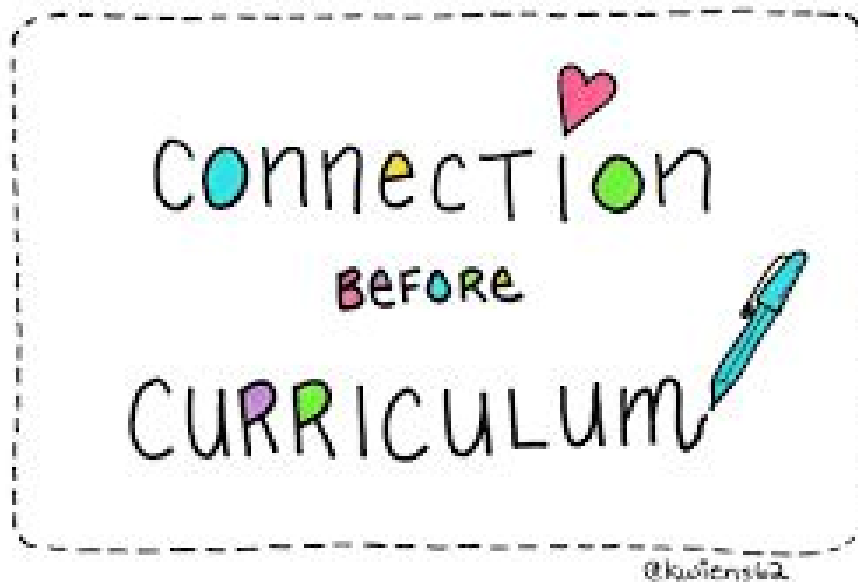
NOT AS IMPORTANT  
AS THE NEEDS OF  
OUR FAMILIES WHO  
ARE EXPERIENCING  
ANXIETY AND FEAR  
AS WE DEVELOP OUR  
NEW NORMAL



Our kids and families need us more than ever to model social and emotional learning before content.

@jaydostal

## GOOD TO REMEMBER....



## **More Details.....**

### **(1) How can I help my child be ready for Virtual Learning?**

*Start to practise next week by having your child do the following:*

- *Set a daily routine for your child, Monday through Friday.*
- *Children should “get ready” for school at approximately the same time each day.*
- *Start the day with morning prayer.*
- *Children should get dressed (they don’t need to wear their school uniform but, no PJs, please)*
- *Have them do some school work (reading, writing, math); see below for teacher approved on-line resources*
- *Ensure breaks (recess, lunch, physical activity)*

**PBS kids**

**Math Games**

**National Geographic Kids**

**Read Write Think**

**Class Dojo**

**Learn Zillion**

**Scratch**

**Storybird**

**Metkids**

**Biblionasium**

**Epic**

**Starfall**

### **(3) What are my child’s work expectations?**

*For children in the primary grades, engagement may include but not be limited to providing schedules, opportunities and resources for families. Educators may also use technologies to establish virtual contact with the children to facilitate their learning.*

*For children in the intermediate grades, engagement may include a wide array of learning activities, with a focus on project-based, inquiry or problem-based learning. Educators may also use technologies to establish virtual contact with their students.*

**(4) Will my child be on the internet all day long?**

*No - there will be a mix of online lessons and written work. Moreover, students will have PE and Music expectations throughout the week.*

**(5) What if I am unable to assist my child?**

- *Teachers will provide instructions for your child to complete their work as independently as possible. There may be times when your child will need some prompting or assistance. Assist them as your schedule permits. If you encounter difficulties, please contact your child's teacher.*

**(6) Will my child receive a report card this year?**

*Yes, at the end of June.*

**DATES OF NOTE**

• <b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	• Classroom teacher sends out info letter to parents
• <b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	• Families with last names <b>A-M</b> pick up supplies 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
• <b>Thursday, April 9</b>	• Families with last names <b>N-Z</b> pick up supplies 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
• <b>Friday, April 10</b>	• Good Friday
• <b>Sunday, April 12</b>	• Easter Sunday! He is Risen! Alleluia!
• <b>Monday, April 13</b>	• Easter Monday
• <b>Tuesday, April 14</b>	• Virtual Learning commences for students