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This is the newsletter for the week of April 27 - May 01, 2020.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are all doing well and have started to adjust to the new normal after spring break. Our staff have been busy preparing learning plans for students and checking in with our families to see how things are going. We understand the challenge in trying to find the balance of work that suits all families at a time when everyone's schedules have changed and normal family routines have been upset. For some the work is not enough, for some it is just right and for some it is too much. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning plan, please reach out to the classroom teacher for a conversation. We want to be supportive of your needs!

We have two attachments for you this week. The first is a **Continuity of Learning** document for elementary families. This document provides an overview of the learning time expected for K-7 students and has Questions and Answers for commonly asked questions. One very important question relates to families who do not engage with the learning plans provided by teachers and instead provide their own activities.

The second attachment is related to Technology. There are also Questions and Answers you will find useful. Topics include Digital Citizenship, accessing portfolios, troubleshooting, and Zoom etiquette. **Most importantly, do not take any photos or videos during Zoom meetings.**

On our website we would like to draw your attention to two sections. The first is our **Twitter** section. We post a variety of fun challenges for families - yes, parents can also participate! - from craft activities to Hide and Seek with Spully, our school mascot. Please check it out and respond to our tweets!

The second is a **News Post** related to **Social Emotional Learning, or SEL**. The posts are titled by date and give parents strategies for home to support family and children's social emotional health.

We are thinking about you all the time. We love to see families out for walks together in the neighbourhood! Feel free to wave at us as you go by!

Remember, we aren't stuck at home...We are safe at home.