



School District of Mystery Lake

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Update for parents and the community: March 27, 2020

Reminder that March 30 – April 3rd is Spring Break. Teachers and EA's are off this week.

At this time, the directive from Manitoba Education and Training (MET) is that classes be suspended the week prior and the week after spring break. Teachers have been instructed to provide students work for those 2 weeks. Take home packages have been prepared and handed out last week. Some teachers are using an online platform and others have sent home learning packages. It depends on the student's accessibility to a computer. Teachers know their students learning capabilities best. Some packages have not been picked up. If parents have not received any instruction from their students' teachers, they are asked to call the school or student's teacher to make arrangements.

We continue our daily teleconference meetings with MET, Manitoba Association of School Superintendents and Manitoba School Board Association. As plans become available, we will release the information. We will continue to post on our Facebook page and district website. The district synervoice will also be used to reach staff and parents.

New guidelines for travel from Manitoba Public Health – As of March 23, a no interprovincial along with international travel has been implemented. The strong recommendation is **for people to stay home** and limit recreational and personal travel. A 14-day self-isolation period must follow all travel outside of Manitoba.

The district recognizes that some of our families are feeling stressed with the COVID-19 situation. We suggest that parents make student learning manageable

and limit the time spent on schoolwork if it becomes overwhelming. We also urge parents to reach out to the teachers to discuss their concerns.

For our students, school counsellors are checking their phones and emails. Additionally, the Kids Help Line is also an option - call 1-800-668-6868. They are available, 24/7/365.

All playground structures are closed as advised by MSBA and public health. The green space in our schools are open.

Lastly, Manitoba Health released a statement on March 26, 2020 that the virus may delay school return. At this time, we have no indication of what that looks like but continue to meet with our respective organizations daily.

We understand the need for everyone wanting to know more and ask that everyone be patient as we sort through the many challenges ahead. Accurate sources of information will come from the MET and the school district.

Take care and be safe.

Links to follow:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html>

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