April 14th, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Usually when we return from March break it is an exciting time at the school as we prepare for finishing the school year. Unfortunately, face to face classes had to be suspended until the end of the school year as a precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This decision was made by the Minister of Education on the recommendation on the Chief Medical Officer of Health. While we are saddened by this, we know it is priority number one to keep families safe during this time. Teachers have spent the days since March break assessing where students are in their learning, and making plans for students to continue learning at home.

Starting **April 16th**, student work packages will be delivered to your house. It is our mission to continue to meet the goals and objectives established for the Yukon education system. There will be 3 more deliveries of learning packages every two weeks: **April 30th, May 14th and May 28th**. These 4 packages will be used to provide learning opportunities until the end of the school year on June 12th. Students with special programming will have their individual goals reflected in their learning packages. At the end of the year a final report card will be created for each student reflecting individual progress in all learning covered this school year. More details will be contained in letters from teachers in the work packages sent home including how this work will be assessed.

Teachers will connect with you over the phone unless you have requested another means of communication. You will continue to hear from the school for each two-week period to check how the learning opportunities are working for you and your family, as well as answer any questions you or your children may have. Teachers and Education Assistants are available during the day to support students. Students can be supported over the phone, online, video chat with zoom or through email. We know this is an unusual situation and may be quite stressful for you. The staff of Eliza Van Bibber School are here to support you and your children.

During this time, I want to encourage you to maintain daily routines and sleep schedules. Routines help with focus, feeling better and positive, and lowering anxiety. Take advantage of the spring sunshine and warmer weather to be active outside while following physical distancing guidelines. It is recommended that everyone get one hour of physical activity a day. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact the school. Appointments can be setup with the office if you need to pick up items from student lockers. Otherwise locker contents will be returned on April 30th with the second work package.

Students we miss you tremendously! Stay safe, active and know you can always reach out to us at Eliza Van Bibber School.

Warm regards,

Joshua Korten,

Principal,

Eliza Van Bibber School