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Dear Families,

It is my hope that these emails to you will serve in two ways: to provide information and stay connected to you. Please consider following our new Facebook page for birthday announcements, morning P.A. songs, interesting links and to stay connected. <u>https://www.facebook.com/CGESD46</u>

We would you like you to know that teachers and staff have now completed their "connection" week. Staff have connected with each of you and now have a sense of your individual needs.

On Monday you can expect emails from your child(ren)'s teacher(s). They will provide you with some ideas you can do over the coming week (April  $6^{th} - 10^{th}$ ) to help your family adapt to the new term and situation we all find ourselves in.

On Monday we will begin our week of "collaborating and planning". We want our plans for families to be unified, purposeful, engaging, and to help maintain literacy and numeracy skills. We will not be teaching new concepts, and we do not expect parents to take on that burden. Your children want you to be parents and they want their teachers to be their teachers. All staff are working from home and can be contacted during the typical school hours of 8:30 – 2:30.

On Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> you can expect communication about the plans for our formal "continuation of learning". Each teacher will communicate with you regarding their plans for this term.

Staff have also been meeting and planning on the best ways to provide additional support for those students who require it. Some of you may hear from our Student Support Teacher, Literacy & Numeracy Teacher, Counsellor, or myself in the coming days. We hope these calls and/or emails provide you with comfort and the knowledge that engaging and connecting with your children is our number one priority.

I am still working on plans to have an adult from each family come to Cedar Grove to collect belongings. The safety of our community is very important to us. Please do not attempt to enter Cedar Grove until I communicate our plans.

I have said it before and I will continue to say it: nobody is going to fall behind. We will continue to focus on the well-being of our learners and try our best to stay connected to you and your children.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. I am available all the time via email: <u>ocowan@sd46.bc.ca</u>

My best wishes for a relaxing weekend, Olwen