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April 14-17  
NEWSLETTER

ÉCOLE HERBERT  
SPENCER SCHOOL

## Principal's Message:

Bonjour Herbert Spencer Families. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend. Remote learning officially starts today! I will try to supply you with the information you need as we embark on our remote learning journey together.

This is what you can expect this week:

- Teachers and other school staff continuing to reach out to connect with families and students, as **remote learning** officially launches this week. Please send your child's teacher an email if you have not yet connected since our return from Spring Break.
- Staff following up with those parents/guardians who have **not yet provided consent** for use of digital technology (a SchoolCashOnline email sent on Friday, April 3). **We encourage all parents to provide this consent as soon as possible**
- School administration reaching out and providing more information to those families who have identified **concerns about food security**. If your circumstances have changed and you anticipate or are experiencing food security issues, please reach out.

If you have questions please send them to me and I will do my best to find the answers.

I can be reached by email ([scameron@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:scameron@sd40.bc.ca)) and at (604) 517-6032. Please reach out if there is a need!

Until next week ... take care, stay safe,  
Merci,

Suzanne  
[scameron@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:scameron@sd40.bc.ca)

## Temporary Loan of Chromebooks:

Please see the following link to an online application form to request the temporary loan of a SD40 issued Chrome-book for the singular use of supporting our students' learning while in-class instruction has been suspended due to the COVID-19 outbreak:

<https://newwestschools.ca/sd40-chromebook-application/>

Once applications have been processed and approved, you will be contacted with information regarding pick up at the high-school (NWSS).

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 13	Easter Monday
April 14-17	Remote learning begins
April 20-24	Remote learning continues
April 22	Earth Day

## Teacher Communication:

Parents, if you are getting calls from a number you don't recognize, it might be your child's teacher! Teachers working from home are reaching out to families and may be using home/internet based numbers. Consider picking up those calls or checking voice mail to help make sure you can connect! Likewise, check your junk folder for emails from your teachers!

It is **extremely important** that we have your current contact information. If your telephone number or email address has changed, please let the school office know by phone (604 517-6030) or email([cserraglio@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:cserraglio@sd40.bc.ca)).

Merci!

## Student Access to Schools for Essential items:

Students who need to pick up **essential** items (medication, glasses, etc.) from the school can contact Mme Cameron by email to arrange a time to come to the school.

[scameron@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:scameron@sd40.bc.ca)

Students and parent/guardians who have been outside of the country within the past 14 days or anyone who is showing signs of illness may not enter the building. Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping EHSS safe for staff, students and their families.



## A note from Mrs. Jescke



Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well and maintaining good spirits and healthy habits during this unprecedented period in time.

As we know and hear in the news, music has the power to uplift, unite and comfort people around the world. As a music teacher I am in a unique position as I know the whole student population (as well as many older siblings if they attended Herbert Spencer in the past 18 years or so). In the weeks to come, I will present certain songs that I teach consistently every year, therefore your siblings might remember and hopefully join in with you.

For the time being, I would like to present a few activities that your family can do together. Please don't feel pressured to do all the suggested activities – choose what appeals to you. The most important part is to HAVE FUN!

A good hygiene practice even when not in a pandemic is to wash your hands to avoid spreading germs. There are videos out there that show you the way that health care workers do it – make sure you use soap and water (it doesn't have to be hot) and scrub for at least 20 seconds.

### **ACTIVITY #1 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAND WASHING**

A song that most people know and is approximately 20 seconds is *Happy Birthday*. Can you make up a song using the tune (MELODY) of *Happy Birthday* (or another 20 - 30 second MELODY of your choice)? Teach it to or create it with your family and sing it when you are washing your hands frequently.

Here's the parts that you need to focus on and to include in your lyrics -

Palms

In between the fingers

Back of the hands

Finger tips (nails) – (two ways, scrub them on your palm and clasp and scrub both ways)

Thumbs

(A MELODY is the part you hum)

### **ACTIVITY #2 – OUTDOOR ORCHESTRA**

To be played at 7:00 pm every night to recognize the brave people working on the front-lines.

It doesn't have to be fancy – a coffee tin, a cardboard box, a conch shell, a key ring, pots or pans, your hands and feet or an instrument of your choice.

Can you make use of the outside environment instead? Hit the garage door, play the balcony or outdoor furniture, open and close the mailbox, play the wind chimes, etc.

Play rhythmically or just make some noise outdoors to show your appreciation.

### **SPECIAL NOTE TO CHOIR MEMBERS**

I would still like us to participate in Music Monday on May 4. The whole idea is to fill the airwaves with music across Canada at the same time. Some of you may live close enough to hear one another! We will change the lyrics to be all inclusive. Stay tuned for more information about this year's selection - Oscar Petersen's *Hymn to Freedom*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppXOroxZcMs>

MANY MORE MUSICAL ACTIVITIES TO COME. Stay safe and have fun with your families. I miss your smiling faces and sweet voices!

If you have any questions, please email me at [rjeschke@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:rjeschke@sd40.bc.ca)

Sincerely,  
Ms. Jeschke

# Student Guidelines for Remote Learning Participation

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Welcome to our new remote learning environment! We are excited to be using a variety of online tools to support learning, specifically Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom. All classrooms have rules and procedures in place to make sure that everyone has safe, comfortable and productive learning experiences. Our online learning spaces are no exception.

### Guiding Principles:

No matter what online environment you are working in, the following guiding principles are important to remember:

- Our virtual classrooms are safe spaces:** disrespectful language and inappropriate behaviour are not allowed. All participants in a classroom, physical or virtual, have the right to learn in a respectful environment.
- An online learning environment is not a social media site:** keep comments and conversations focused on the lesson and learning materials currently being discussed, or questions about previous learning.
- District and School Codes of Conduct apply.

### Getting Ready to Participate in the Virtual Classroom:

- Be punctual. Your teacher will send you an invitation to join a meeting or lesson at a specific time.
- Make sure that your computer/device is functional, charged or connected to a charger, and that your computer speaker is on.
- Work in a room with no distractions. Turn off the TV, other computers, music or anything else that might distract you or your classmates.
- Put your cell phone away.
- Parents are welcome to join in any virtual meeting or activity.

### Video Conferencing Expectations:

Both Microsoft Teams and Google Meet have video conferencing features. We see the value and importance of using video conferencing to connect with our students and support them in their learning. However, to ensure student safety and privacy, please adhere to these expectations:

- When you first enter the virtual meeting/classroom, please mute your mic and turn off your camera.
- Your teacher will give you instructions of how to use specific tools when you first begin the meeting.
- Your teacher will let you know if the camera may be used. If you are invited to use the camera, it is still your choice to have it on or off.
- Be aware of your surroundings if the camera may be used. What you wear or have in the background can be seen by others. Wear appropriate clothing for attending school. Consider blurring your background.
- Keep your mic muted. Only unmute when your teacher asks you to do so and mute yourself again immediately after speaking. This will prevent background noise.
- Do not enter a meeting and say 'hello'. The teacher can see who is joining the meeting and will acknowledge you.
- When wanting to speak or ask a question, do not simply click your audio un-mute button and start speaking. Instead, use the 'chat' feature of the Meeting.
- If you wish to ask a question, type in '**Question?**' in the chat bar and click 'return'.
- Your teacher will see that you have a question and will call on you as soon as possible.
- Unmute yourself when your teacher asks you to, and mute again right after speaking.

### Other Expectations:

- Your teacher will share their screen to show you online lessons or activities. Students should only share their screen if asked to do so by the teacher in order to look at an assignment and provide feedback.
- Do not record anything. All participants in a discussion or lesson will be automatically notified if the recording function is engaged. Recording or taking a picture of anything in the virtual classroom and sharing it with others, especially online, is a violation of the privacy of others and against the law.
- Do not invite other students or participants who were not initially invited by your teacher.
- You can use **automatic closed captioning**. This is a great option if your Wi-Fi and bandwidth are not strong and the sound regularly cuts out. You will still be able to read what is going on.

**If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact your teacher directly.**