

Dear CMS Elementary Families,

As you may have heard, the Minister of Education issued an order to close all publically funded schools in Ontario for two weeks following the public school March Break. This decision was made to support the containment of COVID-19 in the province.

CMS is not publically funded, however we find it necessary to follow this directive as it will ensure the health and well-being of our families.

Fortunately, our elementary program's two-week March Break starts tomorrow and continues until March 29<sup>th</sup>. **CMS has extended the elementary school closure for an extra week. The school will reopen Monday April 6, 2020.**

**We will continue to monitor the travel plans of all our families and staff and anyone who choses to travel out of Ontario, will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return, before being allowed back to school.**

During this time, all afterschool programs and extracurricular activities are cancelled.

During these uncertain times we seek the support of all our families to keep us informed. If your family's travel plans or exposure to COVID-19 changes from what was submitted on the travel inquiry form, please inform the office immediately.

We have been preparing for a potential school shutdown, and plans are in place to support students' learning during the week's closure. Therefore, our children's workbooks and notebooks are being sent home today. Your child's teacher will be sending home assignments and schoolwork through Owlwise and email starting March 30<sup>th</sup>. Should these school closures continue, students' distance learning will continue.

As this situation continues to evolve rapidly, we may be required to take further actions. We will be providing updates as they become available. However, our leadership team seeks at all times to make decisions after gathering and considering all information. So, while we want to be timely, we also want to ensure our decisions and communications are well-thought-out.

We thank you all for your overwhelming support and cooperation and your willingness to play your part to keep our school community safe.

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Founder & Head of school