

Dear All,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced today that all schools in the commonwealth will remain closed through at least April 6th as a result of the COVID-19 response efforts. Please consider the following:

- 1. We will plan to resume classes on Tuesday April 7th but according to the PDE, the closure order could be extended beyond April 6th if necessary to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19. Remember to stay informed through School Speak.
- 2. Third quarter report cards will be published on April 10th rather than April 3 rd.
- 3. The fourth quarter will begin on Monday, April 20 th . Middle School specials will shift to the appropriate grade level/groups.
- 4. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on April 10th between 8 and 3:30pm. We will be sharing a GoogleDoc with your child's class so that you are able to sign up to speak with your child's teacher over the phone. Middle School parents will sign up to speak with individual teachers.
- 5. The spring athletic schedule will be determined and communicated soon.
- 6. As of today, the Follies and Art Walk are still scheduled for May 9 $^{\rm th}$.
- 7. The spring Terra Nova Assessments are cancelled.
- 8. Spring photos and the social media presentation for Grade 4 8 parents are cancelled.
- 9. The Eve of Shakespeare, Boston Trip, Athletic Awards, Graduation ceremony and Waldameer Picnic remain on the schedule and will be revisited at later dates.

Thank you for ensuring that your child(ren) begins another week of online learning with enthusiasm and ambition!

If you are driving about, you may be seeing stuffed BEARS in home windows in promotion of a BEAR HUNT to enjoy with your child(ren) while social isolating. Teachers and families of EDS are encouraged to put stuffed RABBITS in our windows to offer a BUNNY TRAIL to follow as a method of engagement and enjoyment for our family and friends! Let's give our children a reason to jump for joy!

Yours in education, Karen