



# CLEAR VISTA SCHOOL

MAY  
NEWSLETTER  
May 01, 2020



WISHING YOU A HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY

Clear Vista Families,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you have been navigating through the online learning challenges without too many barriers in your way. Please reach out to the school for support if we can be of assistance with technology access or troubleshooting; we will help you and your child to get connected to their learning. Teachers are available throughout the whole school day for individual student support, and they can best be reached by email, but they have each set aside specific hours when they are 'live' in front of their screens for quick responses or for a group meeting. Please note that your teachers would be happy to set up a time to support your child outside of the office hours, and you can arrange that individually with your teacher. We have support available through our Learning Support Teachers, our Counsellor, as well as other staff that can work with your child if they need additional support. Even though we have been working through the challenges of implementing our Learning Continuity Plan, we are also planning for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Over the coming week's students that are heading into junior high classes can expect to receive information about selecting their Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) courses, more commonly known to students as their 'Options' courses. These CTF courses provide students the opportunity to explore their interests within various occupational areas and technologies. As students engage in hands-on challenges, they develop social, interpersonal, life and work skills as well as practical knowledge about various industries, issues and technologies. More information on the Program of Studies for CTF can be found on the Alberta Education Website link <https://education.alberta.ca/media/3795641/ctf-program-of-studies-jan-4-2019.pdf> In May, Clear Vista Junior High students will receive a google form to complete their preferences for next school year, as always, we will do our best to ensure that students are able to be placed in their top choices at some point throughout the upcoming school year. Parents and students will be able to review the course descriptions and the applicable fees that may be associated prior to the form being sent out. Students will receive their timetables in the fall when classes resume, which will include when their CTF courses have been scheduled for the school year.

Take good care,

Trevor Van Someren  
Principal



*"Inspiring Students To Be The Best They Can Be"*

# *A message from the Vice-Principal*

Clear Vista Families,

I hope you are all doing well at home right now. I know it has been really difficult to manage right now. I, for one, look forward to having the students back at school. I miss having them here every day. I miss seeing them in the hallways and saying 'Hi' to them in the mornings. I miss playing cards with the students in the front foyer at recess time. I miss working with students that needed an assignment explained differently. I miss walking through active and engaging classes to see all the great things kids were learning. I miss talking to students in my office that had found themselves in a new opportunity for learning. School just isn't the same right now and we need to do our best. I have been thinking about a former student a lot lately. This student came to our school late that school year. Prior to us, he had been in nearly 15 different schools in multiple different cities in a few provinces. This continual movement meant he was continuously the 'new kid' at school. Relationships were already formed. Hierarchies were developed. Friendships were already made. He walked into the middle of this again and again. He had developed a chip on his shoulder. Understandable that he would have walls up. He came to school and tried to fit in. This caused some friction and there were problems with peers. His attendance was poor and he had difficulty making connections. Over time, through the perseverance of like-minded students and caring staff members, he relaxed and began to find his place. He demonstrated his gifts and was celebrated at school for them. He had perfect attendance for the last few months of school. He became a success story of the importance of compassion and care. He demonstrated what a great young man he was and was regarded by staff as a reliable, considerate leader. I think of him now, somewhere out there, possibly at home, without the connections he had made. I worry that all the great strides he had made might be counteracted in this time of social distancing. My memory of this student reminds me that even though we are apart, we need to come together however possible. I encourage each of you to continue to make contact with your teachers. Watch their videos and participate in the Google Meets. It is important for both students and staff to have that visual contact. Relationships need to be maintained. Teachers are still available to do online video sessions with students to help them in their learning. I hope you are able to utilize technology and social distancing to maintain communication. We will soon be through this and back to normal.

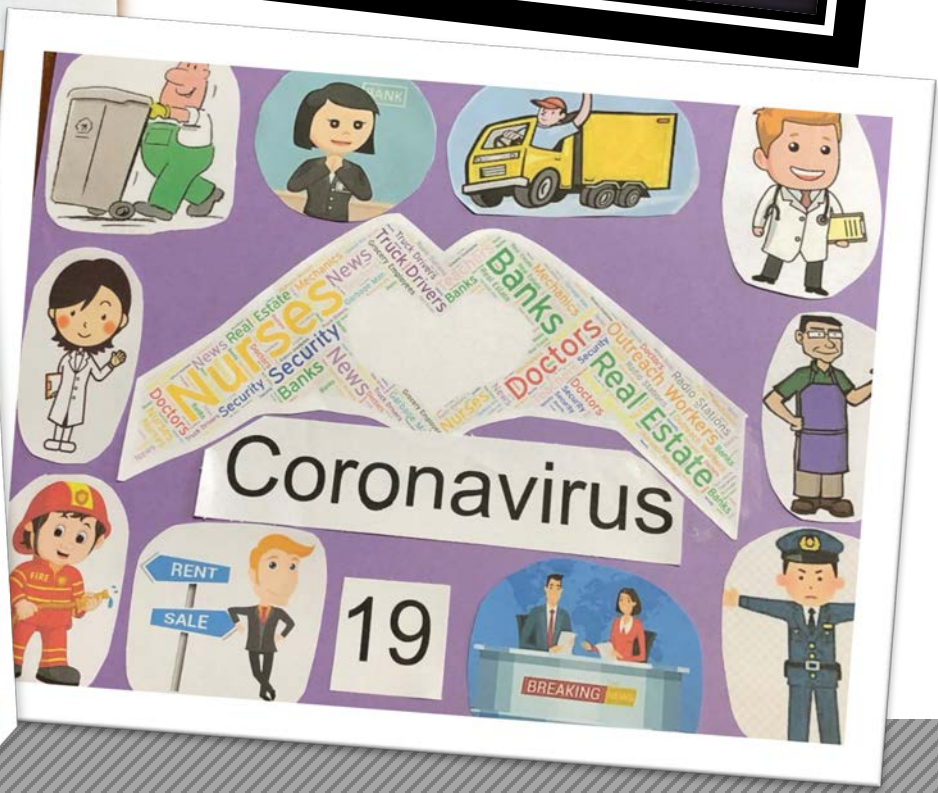
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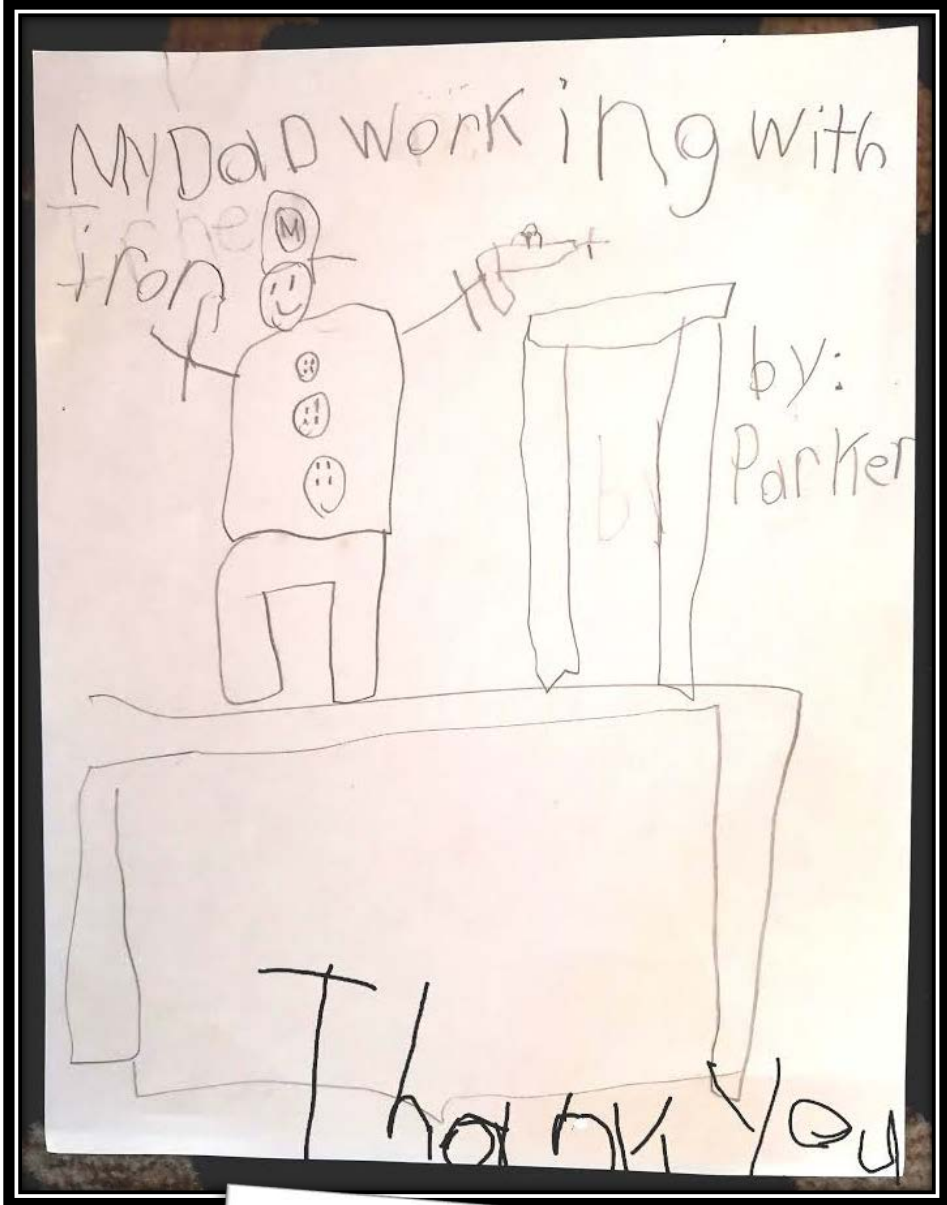
Michael Daly  
Vice-Principal



# CV Students

Thanking Frontline Workers!!





# Learning Support



## Learning Support at Clear Vista

Firstly, we would like to thank all of our parents and guardians for supporting our students at home as we have had to transition to an at-home learning program. We are aware of the unique challenges this poses as we engage with students in this new temporary way of learning and connecting. Clear Vista's Learning Support teachers have been hard at work assisting teachers with technology, resources that are online ready, as well as assisting parents with strategies to help them work with their children at home. Some reading interventions through Google Meets have been up and running for a few weeks and some more are about to begin. We have set up a Google Site with videos, articles, and resource links to help you with your child's learning at home. There are how-to and support videos to help parents as well as links for students, so be sure to check it out. The Google Site is a work in progress so please check back often for new and exciting additions. If there is anything we can assist you with (suggestions, resources etc.), please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email. If a conversation would be more helpful, we can set up a phone call or Google Meet through email.



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Please visit our Online Learning Library by clicking the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/wrps11.ca/cvgusdal>



# CV Google Site

Now available on the CV Website is a link to a Google Site that has been set up to support parents and students with online learning. Teachers will also be providing the link on their Google Classrooms. On this CV Learning Library Google Site there are tabs at the top for supports in reading, math, junior high, technology, behavior, and special needs.

A sample of parent support includes:

1. videos and tip sheets for how to build reading comprehension and decoding skills when reading with your child
2. videos on how to help your child access Google Classroom or Google Meets
3. links to resources to help you in at home learning
4. links to strategies for children with learning challenges

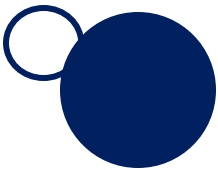
A sample of student support includes:

1. Videos on how to play math games using 10 frame cards in packages sent home (Power of 10)
2. Tutorials on writing and math how to's
3. Links to math games
4. Link to K-Gr. 6 sight words to practice with audio (Quizlet.com)

Check them out and please re-visit the site often. We will be adding to the site as we find more resources to support at home learning. Thanks for all of your hard work and for being our partners in education!

## Link:

<https://sites.google.com/wrps11.ca/cvgusdal>



By now I am sure many of you have been inundated with terms such as, “unprecedented times,” or “new normal.” Adapting to this change is of

course unique to each individual and family. While some families will navigate this pandemic with ease others may struggle with anxiety or feel overwhelmed or confused. All of these responses are normal and there is not one correct path for any of us to follow while we all learn to adapt and cope in a self-distancing environment. Clear Vista School Staff want you to know we are here to help support the continued learning, social and mental health needs of all of our students. We sincerely miss seeing our students and witnessing in person the growth and milestones they achieve. Academic and counselling supports are only an email, phone call or Google Meet away. Please do not hesitate to reach out for any support that may assist you or your child/ren. “We are all in this together,” is another important phrase that Clear Vista staff do mind being inundated with.

-Mrs. Krec

Counselling support: please contact [natasha.krec@wrps11.ca](mailto:natasha.krec@wrps11.ca) or call the school: 780-352-6616

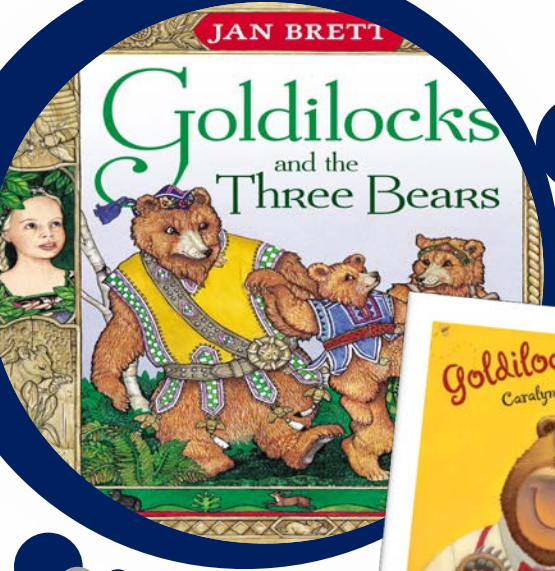
## HELPFUL LINKS

### **Positive Role Modeling during times of Uncertainty**

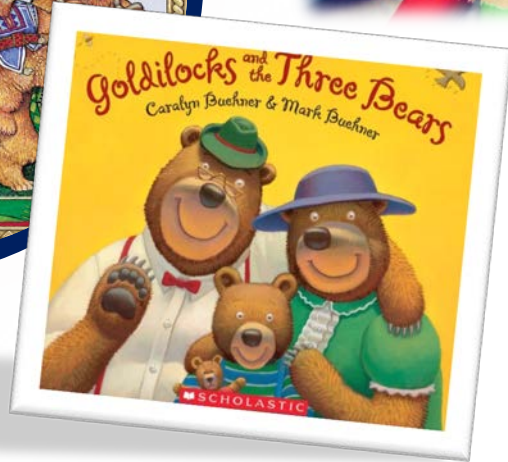
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLMV89vDzQA&feature=youtube>

### **Alberta Health Services: Ways to Wellness**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ju2G3KtKNA>



# ECS



In Kindergarten, we have been busy comparing different versions of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Students have had lots of fun creating videos to tell Miss Marquardt what is the same or different between the versions of the story. They also got to create their own version, and retell the story. We have continued our Jolly Phonics program, and have now covered the digraphs, ch, sh, and th. In Math, we recently completed our unit on 3D objects. The Kinders had fun searching for examples of 3D objects in their homes. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I miss seeing my students every day and look forward to seeing their smiling faces in person again.

Above is an example of flipgrid videos they have been making for me.

-Miss. Marquardt



# 1H

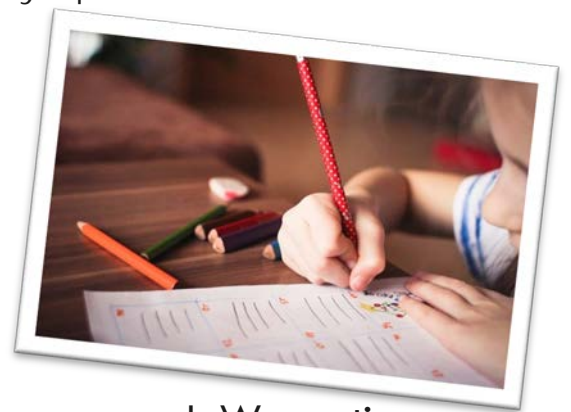


Grade 1H has been working on

place value in Math and long vowels in phonics. They wrote a story about a lost dog this week and we are going on google meet for the first time on Wednesday April 29th and Thursday April 30th.

-Ms. Holliday

# 1P



In 1P in we have been working hard to learn in a new way! We continue to work on our reading and writing, as well as our math with our Place Value unit. We are using google classroom as well as paper and pencil activities. It has been fun seeing some of our friends on google meet, as well as some of their work on our classroom "Bulletin Board" each week. We are getting very good at solving jokes too!

-Mrs. Henson



# 2W



Hats off to 2W students and their families. We are learning to use google classroom more comfortably each week. Students are reading and reading and reading some more. Check out the picture of Taecee...she is even reading to a newborn calf in the barn! Together, we've got this!



Mrs. Wieclaw

# 2M



Grade 2M have been busy learning at home this month with many new activities! We have been practicing Yoga Math. This is where the students answer an addition or subtraction sentence, are given a yoga pose and have to hold it for the answer they got! Here is Breanna holding a yoga pose! We also had some fun around our house measuring pieces of furniture with different items we found! Here is Easton measuring with books.

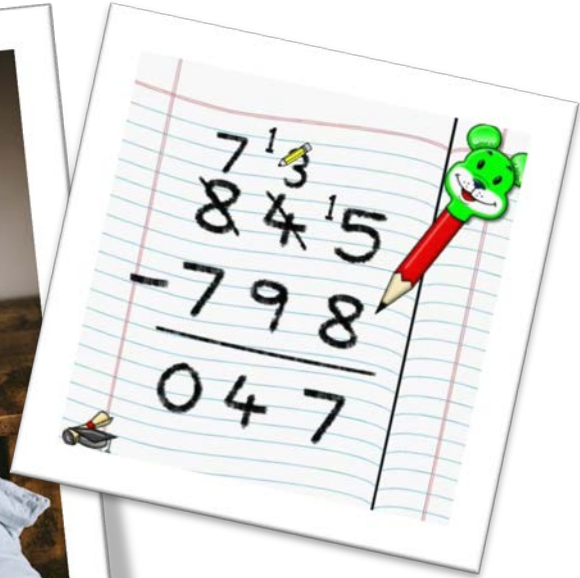


We all miss each other very much! That's why we've been checking in with small groups through Google Meet. To catch up, say hi, and show our friends the different creations we've made while we are at home staying safe and healthy!

-Mrs. Mainland

# 3P

3P students are practicing improving their writing by choosing interesting ideas and organizing their thoughts clearly. Next, they will focus on word choice and sentence fluency. Reading, phonics, comprehension are continuously worked on. 3 digit subtraction continues to be done, as well as, starting addition and subtraction word problems.



and

-Mrs. Priebe



## Grade 6 May News



Welcome to May! We hope everyone is well and staying safe! First and foremost, we want to thank both parents and students for their patience and understanding as we transition to remote learning. We want to make this transition to remote learning as seamless as

possible, so please contact us if you are having any difficulties or concerns. As per the order from the Minister of Education, grade 6 students are expected to have 5 hours of work per week. The content focus will be on Literacy and Numeracy with a minor focus on Social and Science. Below we have included a curriculum outline to what students are working on.

### Curriculum Outline

Language Arts - Writing - Narrative and Functional, Poetry and Comprehension

Math - Addition and Subtraction of whole numbers and decimals, Multiplication and Division of whole numbers and decimals, and Patterns and Relations. It is **very** important that students **automatically recall** multiplication and related division facts to **9x9**. Practicing this skill between 10 to 15 minutes daily will be beneficial for your child.

Social - Ancient Athens

Science - Solar system, inner and outer planets, and objects that emit and reflect light in universe

Stay safe,  
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# STEM 7 and 8

Dear Parents, Students and Families of Clear Vista,

First things first, WE MISS YOU!!

The past two months have been very unique and have challenged us all in many different ways. While we all have been getting used to new learning environments and delivery of course content, we wanted to update you about successes and all of the fun learning we are having in our digital classrooms.

Grade 7 students have been busy learning about adding and subtracting positive and negative integers in Math. In Science, not only have we been appreciating the warm temperatures lately, but we are also just finishing up our Unit of studies on Heat and Temperature.

Grade 8 students have furthered their knowledge by not only adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers, but have learned how to multiply and divide positive and negative numbers! In Science, students have just finished their Unit on Light and Optics and are now moving onto the Unit of Mechanical Systems. We hope to maybe see some future builders at home constructing simple machines using everyday objects!

We have both really enjoyed getting to check in and catch up weekly with students in our Google Meets. Ms. Thurmeier often has guest appearances of Loki the Husky to help teach about “paw” sitive and negative numbers. While neither Ms. Thurmeier nor Loki is much of an artist, Mrs. Hemsing can usually get a round of applause for her fantastic drawings during her mini lessons!

Thank you for all of the support we have received as teachers, and also for the support students are providing each other in the google classrooms! Keep up the excellent work!

Sincerely,

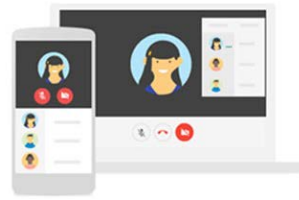
(Megan)<sup>2</sup>

Mrs. Hemsing and Ms. Thurmeier

# Google



## LA 2



I would like to thank all the parents of LA 2 students. I had excellent communication and cooperation with parents during this time. Students are doing their best to complete assignments given to them and for those participating video chats. I look forward to working with parents and students in the future. Let's all be safe and healthy.

-Mr. Barton

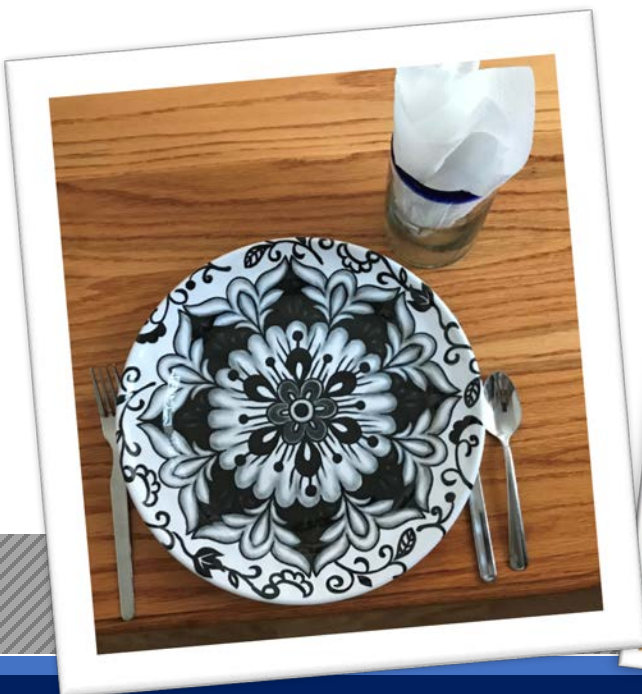


## LA 3



LA3 students have been working on workbooks that were sent home as well as google slide research, life skills activities (eg. setting the table), art projects and we had a number of great telephone chats and a few google meets. I'm really missing the students and I'm thankful for all opportunities to connect with them.

-Mrs. Bourget



# Support staff sends a message to CV Families!

Please click the link to watch

<https://spark.adobe.com/video/jAqzODxKYAzsJ>

## Message from CV EA's

With heavy hearts the Clear Vista Educational Assistants would like to say goodbye to all students and families.

Our last day of work is April 30th. We hope that all our Clear Vista families stay healthy and happy!

WE'LL  
MISS YOU!!

CLEAR VISTA  
FAMILIES!