



WEEKLY OFFICE UPDATE: APRIL 9TH



J. T. FOSTER SCHOOL

MONTH: April

YEAR: 2020

From the Principal's Office:

As we start our spring break I want to thank each and every family of our broader community. This unprecedented situation has been a tremendous challenge for the families of our community and all of us at J.T. Foster. As we continue to deliver this alternative educational system, we are learning as well. I want to encourage everyone to send me an email at doucetr@lrsd.ab.ca or email the office at s-jtfoster@lrsd.ab.ca with any issues or challenges you are having. We are here to help. Complaints are a help as we find ways to improve and compliments are nice as we deal with the challenges.

My wife Leonie and I extend a heartfelt Happy Easter to everyone. Stay healthy, stay safe, and be kind to one another.

Roger

Easter Break



Easter break begins this week, with no classes for teachers or students from Friday, April 10 until Sunday, April 19. Online and blended programming will resume for everyone on Monday, April 20.

It may seem strange to take a week off from classes in April when things have already been so different since classes were cancelled across Alberta on March 15. However, this time will be an important opportunity for everyone to recharge after the disruption of the last several weeks.

Parents have been more responsible for ensuring at-home learning is happening, and that

may be challenging as some children resist engaging in school work.

For **students**, it's tough not being at school to socialize with friends and have the staff close by to answer questions.

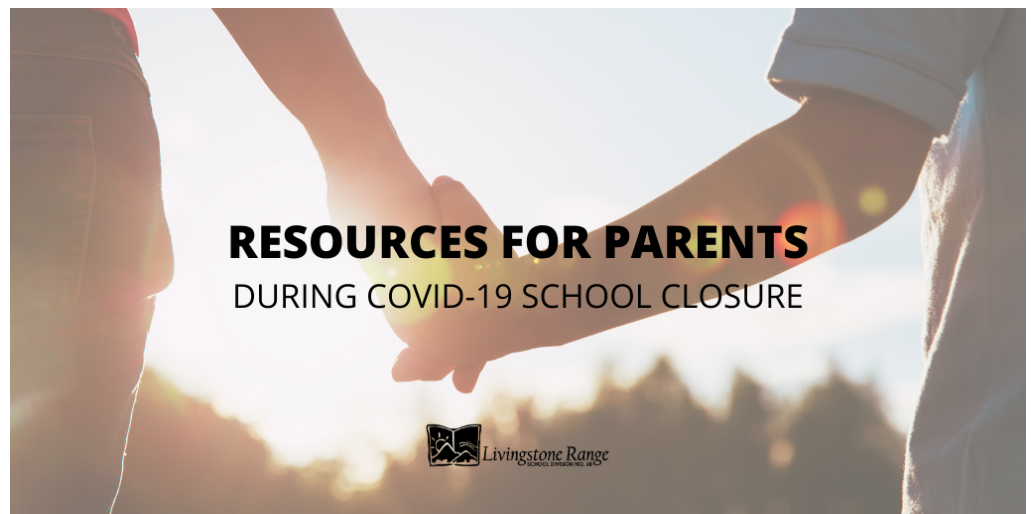
For many **teachers** this has required changes to their units, lesson delivery, assessment practices, and even their comfort level with technology.

All of this combined with other concerns like personal health, social distancing, and potential job loss for family members has been a lot over the past few weeks.

We hope that Easter break gives you the opportunity to take care of yourselves and your loved ones. We encourage you to focus on physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing as well as gratitude for the truly important things in life. Take a well-deserved break and be ready for at-home learning to resume April 20.

Resources for Parents During COVID-19 School Closure

As parents, students, and families adjust to new conditions and learning environments because of COVID-19, we want everyone to stay well physically, emotionally, and intellectually.



Our professionals have curated resources to help families: tools to help structure your days at home, fun activities to do online, ideas for staying physically active, positive mental health strategies and hotline phone numbers, emergency & financial support contacts, and supports for

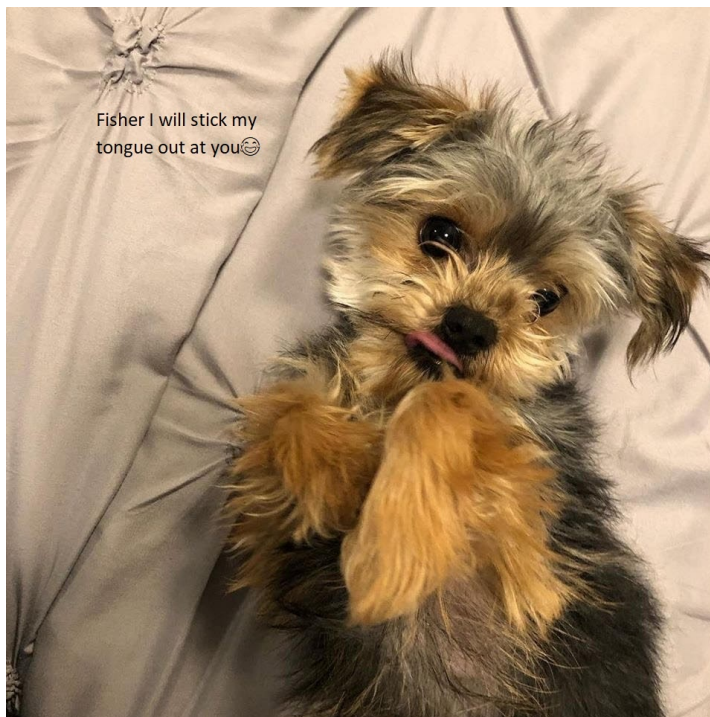
First Nations, Metis, and Inuit families.

Explore [Resources for Parents During COVID-19 School Closure](#) and share it with your family and neighbours. We're all in this together. And LRSD is here for you.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Pet Parade, here are the photos we received;



Brousseau This is Beaner, in a puzzle box. Puzzles are something that help us pass the time.



Fisher I will stick my tongue out at you 😊



Fisher This is the only thing I need, my red ball!!!



Grace and Lucy ♡
Snuggles help ♡



Winch



Zavier and Jade



Gammies and Jade



Tyler & Ivy



Rhylen riding Lena





Rhylen bottle feeding a new calf



Jarett with Mr. Black 4H steer



Tyler giving the new calf some ear scratches 💙



Wideman's bringing home the cows



Tyler
with
Dennis
the cat
& a
new
calf



Koda and Blu Lorenz



Peach Jones
graduates
this year!



Jaycee and tweet



Hi from Jace & Easy



Loralee



Jayden Flitton's guinea pig, Burner

His brother's cat, Casper on the prowl



Karson and Rango

Our Mission:

- *To create lifelong engaged learners.*
- *To inspire excellence in leadership, academics, athletics, and fine arts.*
- *To develop critical thinkers, problem solvers, and ethically responsible citizens.*

Our Vision:

- *People: Be a great place to learn, be inspired, and self-discovery.*
- *Planet: Be a responsible and ethical citizen in a local and global world.*
- *Community: To create a dynamic engaged community that includes the arts, athletics, and respects the agricultural roots and traditions of our community in order to nurture creativity and lifelong learning.*