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Dear Tom Longboat Families,

I have received some additional resources that may be of interest to your family and children during this period of learning at home.

Making Social & Emotional Learning Stick - Parent Resources

This link includes 3 videos for parents about what they can do at home (e.g., the importance of maintaining a routine and how to set up a schedule, how morning check-ins and evening debriefs can help with managing emotions during this stressful time, helping your brain notice positive things, calming strategies). It also includes downloadable material to help parents implement these strategies.

https://makesociallearningstick.com/keep-calm-and-structure-on-how-to-manage-emotions-and-build-structure-at-home-during-covid-19/

Harvard Developing Child Website

This link takes you to the Harvard Developing Child website. Click on the PDF link to get activities and games that parents can do with their children to develop executive functioning skills.

https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/activities-guide-enhancing-and-practicing-executive-function-skills-with-children-from-infancy-to-adolescence/

CTV and CNN News Resources

These links let you visit museums, art galleries and other arts related events (concerts, operas, plays, ballet). The first one is for Canadian sites (ROM, Vancouver Art Gallery, Canadian Museum of History, AGO, Canadian War Museum, National Ballet of Canada). The second has links for the arts around the world.

https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/bored-during-self-isolation-tour-these-museums-from-the-comfort-of-your-couch-1.4852971

https://www.cnn.com/style/article/what-to-do-at-home-streaming-art-museums-concerts-coronavirus-trnd/index.html

Learning at Home - Reminders

A reminder that the Ministry of Education and the TDSB have provided additional online resources to support the Ministry's Phase 1 of learning at home:

- https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home
- https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Health-Active-Living/Coronavirus/Learning-Resources

East Metro Youth Services

Our school Social Worker, Megan Cowan, has forwarded a flyer from East Metro Youth Services, which I have attached to this email. Their telephone number is 416.438.3697, extension 0. Sessions are available from Monday-Thursday, 2:00-8:00 p.m., and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A reminder that I have continued email access during this time and can be reached at andrea.chisholm@tdsb.on.ca.

Please stay safe and healthy with your families.

Sincerely, Andrea Chisholm Principal Tom Longboat Jr. PS