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I hope that everyone is enjoying this wonderful day. With recent global events, I thought I would address concerns over the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are actively monitoring the ongoing public health situation surrounding this issue. We are committed to help protect the health and safety of our students, staff and families. As a school, we are purposing to keep our facility extra clean by sanitizing our classrooms and common use items regularly. We are continuing and increasing our frequency of sanitizing high-touch areas, including desks, tables, door handles, light switches, computers, devices, educational toys, sporting equipment, surfaces, etc. We have access around the building to hand sanitizer.

We also want to teach our students healthy habits. We encourage them to get lots of rest, eat healthy foods and exercise. We have taught our students about the importance of coughing into their sleeve (and washing those clothes), how to properly wash their hands, and wipe down devices and the areas around them. It is important to avoid sharing personal devices and accessories. If your child is feeling sick, please keep them home from school so they can rest, helping their bodies heal quickly, so they can come back to school. If your child does get sick at school, you will be called to come and pick them up immediately. If you plan to travel, please ensure that your child is healthy before they come back to school. For further preventative ideas, check out the Public Health Agency of Canada.

We live in a society that tends to promote fear and worry. We see it all over the news and social media and it can affect our kids. I just wanted to let you know that we have your backs; we're teaching your kids that God is for us, not against us. (Rom 8:31) That no weapon formed against us will prosper (Is 54:17) and that we are healthy and whole in the name of Jesus. That by His stripes we are healed (1 Pet 2:24) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6) We remind them that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Tim 1:7) That a thousand may fall at our side, and ten thousand at our right hand; but it shall not come near us. (Ps 91) And that the Lord will keep us from all harm; He will watch over our lives; the Lord will watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore. We remind them that we do not need to fear, for He is with us; that we do not need to be dismayed, for He is our God. He will strengthen us and help us; He will uphold us with His righteous right hand. (Is 41:10)

As a parent, we also encourage you to speak these promises over your family.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." (3 John 2)

We love doing life with you! God Bless, Kim Fuller