



NEWS FROM THE NEST

December 9 – 13, 2024

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Dear Parents and Supporters of East Lake,

Thinking back, when you remember what "homework" meant- what do you recall? I think of time spent doing math questions, memorization, teachers walking down rows in classrooms to check for completion, red check marks and x's.

As an educator and parent now, "home learning extension" has a different feel to it. It feels like bridging the gap between home and school and connecting with my own children. I look forward to talking with them about their learning, sharing books and celebrating artifacts of learning that they are proud of. The way that learning extension happens varies on the teacher, the concept and the method of communication with home. It might look like books to share, class challenges, discussion question prompts through newsletters and social media or talking through work that makes its way home.

Rocky View Schools Admin Procedure 360 (Assessment and Communication of Student Learning) indicates that "homework" or "practice activities" are to be used by teachers as formative assessment (meaning a tool that identifies learning gaps and how to close them, assessment "for" learning). By no means is home learning extension meant to be a barrier, significant add on of time or responsibility. We know our students are busy all day learning and need time for rest, family and outside activities.

East Lake teaching staff have recently engaged in reflective sessions to analyze our fall assessment data. Many grade teams mentioned this notion of home learning extension- as a way to communicate with parents, to share in their child's learning and to provide another avenue and venue to talk about and connect with student learning. We will continue this discussion as grade teams and as a school in order to support and strengthen student learning opportunities.

We look forward to connecting through home learning extension and the discussion about this topic.

Yours in Education,

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This Week:

December 13

Christian Program
Family Chapel
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

December 13

Winter Movie Night
5:00 – 8:30 pm

December 13

Purdys Chocolate/
Winter Plant
Fundraisers Pickup
5:00 – 8:00 PM

Upcoming:

December 20

Last Day of Classes

December 20

E-Gift Card order
deadline

December 23 – January 3

Winter Holidays
No School

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