



Dalewood Elementary School

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Dear Dalewood Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. I know that the Dalewood staff, students and families, are working hard to manage the transition to distance learning during these unprecedented times and want to thank everyone for their patience and ongoing efforts.

As we continue to follow the Ministerial Order and guidelines from Public Health, we are also looking ahead and planning for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Beginning in September 2020, Dalewood will be on a Balanced School Day Schedule. A Balanced Day Schedule supports healthy eating, encourages physical activity, and provides the opportunity for students to participate in more activities, clubs and teams. It also provides for longer blocks of learning time for students in the classroom. The schedule consists of three blocks of instructional time and two nutritional breaks. Each nutrition break is 40 minutes, including 20 minutes for a snack/lunch and 20 minutes for physical activity. Students will be permitted to leave school property **during the second nutrition break only**. While I understand that the new schedule may impact families, particularly with younger children, and I am hoping that this early notice will provide time for families to make any necessary arrangements.

The new start time for Dalewood School is 8:15. No change to dismissal time.

New Balanced School Day at Dalewood:

Playground Supervision Starts at 8:00am

Period 1: 8:15-9:15

Period 2: 9:15-9:55

First Nutrition Break: 9:55-10:35 (20 minutes for eating, 20 minutes for outdoor recess)

Period 3: 10:35-11:35

Period 4: 11:35-12:35

Second Nutrition Break: 12:35-1:15 (20 minutes for eating, 20 minutes for outdoor recess)

Period 5: 1:15-1:55

Period 6: 1:55-2:35

We appreciate your continued support with your child's learning during this difficult time. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the near future.

Sincerely, Mrs. Johnson
Principal of Dalewood School