Hello Calais Community!
Each week when I write this newsletter, I look back at what I wrote at this time last year. Normally I find that it’s quite helpful to keep me consistent in my message and not missing any important details. This year my focus is very different in that we are getting ready to move into a remote period beginning Monday, 12/7 and ending on Tuesday, 12/22.

While there are certainly quite a few challenges with pivoting to remote instruction for both school personnel and families, my focus as always is on the positive. I’ll frame this as – we are about to embark on an adventure together! As with any adventure, there will surely be times when the winds blow in our favor, and times where it does not. We have done a lot of planning for favorable conditions and come up with solutions where we anticipate challenges will arise. That said, I’m absolutely sure we have missed something. Please know it’s my hope that you will all reach out to me as often as you need with questions or concerns.

Below are some important details:

- Lunch (and breakfast for the following day) will be delivered daily. Please order for the week by calling Sandy at the front office (454-7777 ext. 100) or emailing calaissschool@u32.org. Meals will be delivered to your homes between 10:45-12:00. I’m leaving this range wide for now until we know how many to plan for. I will share more approximate times once we have more solid information.
- Students have been practicing (many families too) for weeks on how to access instruction and services using their tablets or chromebooks. Our hope is that it will be easy for students and families to access our learning management system, Canvas, by going to the Canvas button on our website. When students/families sign in to Canvas, there are several ways to access what you need:
  - Classroom pages have schedules and buttons for each specialist and allied arts class
  - Each staff member has a canvas page that students have been shown how to find
  - I’ve also created daily schedules with links…just in case nothing else works😊 Fingers crossed that this doesn’t happen!
- I will review any feedback and/or questions I receive before the end of our first week with an eye towards any necessary revisions for the following week.

Thank you for going on this adventure with us!

Be well,
Cat Fair, CES principal
## Dates to Remember

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As we transition into our planned school closure and remote learning, we would like to remind families about Basecamp expectations as well as following Vermont Department of Health guidelines.

We are asking all parents to **complete Basecamp daily**, the same as they would if students were going to be in the building. The only difference would be the answer to whether your student is going to be in person or virtual. This will help us keep up with our students as well as keep everyone in the habit of completing the screening on a daily basis.

We do not anticipate a loosening of restrictions prior to the Holiday Break. Current Vermont guidance regarding how to [Prevent Covid-19](#) prohibits gathering with anyone outside your household (with very few exceptions), and also contains mandates regarding people visiting your home from out of state. Please note that there ARE NOT 14 days after Christmas to quarantine before school opens again on January 4. **We are all responsible for keeping our community safe** during these unprecedented times and we are all relying on each other to follow the guidance and do the right thing. We can all agree that keeping schools open is a priority, and while schools are shown to be very safe in terms of transmission rates, the thing that will close us down is unchecking community spread.

Have a peaceful and safe time of remote learning and Holiday season and remember -

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!**

Nurse Maria