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Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

As we move into the last four weeks of school for 2020, we wanted to check in with you to provide some updates and information.

We have been very fortunate that due to the hard work of all School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) staff, we have been able to provide safe, sanitized and distanced spaces for students and staff. Though school does not look entirely like it used to, our students are engaged, focused and connected to each other in a very positive way. We are very pleased to see so many of our students thriving despite the changes that they have had to adjust to.

Many outdoor Fall events and activities have occurred, and we were very impressed with the work that went into creating Remembrance Day events so that students could honor those who have served.

Our Winter season will also look different this year. Our usual Winter Concerts will NOT be in-person events, but each school is working hard to create a memorable performance or presentation that will be shared with you via technology. Your school will be in communication with you to share in more detail what this will look like for your child's class and the school as a whole.

As we move to more indoor activity and engagement with the colder weather, we must remind everyone that the Health and Safety measures we have in place remain a priority. Social distancing, mask wearing, disinfecting and staying home when not well are all measures that must be adhered to. Please see the detailed Ministry information below.

https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Monthly_Update_Nov_2020.pdf

On behalf of School District No.58, we wish you our very best in health, happiness and peace for the upcoming season!

Respectfully,

Jameel Aziz
Assistant Superintendent