April 7, 2020

Dear DCS Community,

DCS staff have been blessed and encouraged by their phone and video calls with families and students over the past week. Thank you for your words of support! Our staff are working very hard to provide a supportive, meaningful, and flexible Christian education program for your children.

This Week's Educational Program

This week our staff are rolling out literacy and math programs for all learners. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your family teacher (K-9), or your course teachers (grades 10-12) if you have questions or encounter issues. Most of all, we don't want to overwhelm (or underwhelm!) your family and if you're feeling that way, please let us know so that we can adjust to better meet your needs.

DCS Library Ready for Your Book Requests!

DCS is happy to be able to continue supporting our community of readers! If you'd like to borrow books from the DCS libraries, <u>please fill in this online form.</u> Our librarian, Bev Rayner, will contact you when book bags are ready for pickup or delivery. Please read the book request form if you have questions about the safety measures that are in place for this system.

DCS Library Book Request Form: https://forms.gle/rke1D14fxNpL4bqu9

In-School Supports

We are grateful to be able to serve a small number of children who require in-school services. Our first week with these learners went very well. Safety protocols are in place throughout our buildings to protect staff and the dozen or so students who are at DCS during the day, divided between the elementary and secondary schools. Contact the school if you feel you may qualify for in-school services.

Generosity

I wish to express my deepest thanks to so many people for generous acts of kindness over the past couple of weeks within our community. It's encouraging to see people helping one another in different ways. Beauty comes from God, and I've witnessed many beautiful moments.

Specifically, I want to thank:

- Lyne Williams for providing food hampers to those in need
- A generous DCS family who donated computers for families in need
- Our incredible DCS staff and Mid Island Bus who donated over \$7000 towards the DCS tuition relief fund last week.

An Encouragement

With Easter nearing, I am reminded of a powerful hymn that my Bepe and Peke (Oma and Opa) used to love, which is still sung from time to time in my church. May these words give you hope and peace.

It is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well With my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

God is good, all the time.

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