GREETINGS from the Advanced Learning Department!  We truly hope this communication finds you and your family healthy and happy.  Our goal is to support families, students and staff to ensure students are feeling connected, supported and able to access learning from home. The Teaching and Learning Department, which includes Advanced Learning, has worked to provide learning opportunities that compliment or provide additional learning experiences beyond what classroom teachers are providing. In the sections below, please find information and guidance for accessing learning opportunities, social-emotional support and community resources.

Additional resources have been compiled by the Bellevue Gifted Alliance (BGA), our PTSA Committee, and the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). Hopefully, these resources will provide additional support to you as needed. As always, please contact Advanced Learning with any questions or concerns. (Contact information is listed above.) We are here to support you!

Resources for Everyone:

- Bellevue Gifted Alliance (BGA)
  - Homeschool Resources During the Covid-19 Closure
  - Bellevue Gifted Alliance April Newsletter
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
  - Supporting Your Gifted Children During Covid-19
  - Resources for Educators and Parents During Covid-19 (PreK-12 Enrichment & Educational Resources and Social Emotional Support)

Support for Elementary School Students

In addition to what classroom teachers are providing each week, families may visit the Bellevue School District website to access additional learning activities for students. Upon reaching the elementary learning opportunities page, you will want to click on your child’s grade level. This will take you to a One Note Notebook that contains a chart with linked activities in each content area. Your child’s teacher also has access to these activities and as thus may assign some of them to your child.

Each week, the chart begins with Social Emotional Learning. We highly recommend that students take advantage of these learning opportunities. Research on highly capable students tells us that children often have heightened emotional reactions when confronting sensitive situations, like the one we are experiencing currently. Children may also complete the main activities under each content area. Students participating in the self-contained services model, may wish to visit the Math and Science sections at the next higher grade level to extend their learning.

In the Literacy and Math sections, opportunities to Extend Your Thinking are provided by our Advanced Learning Developers.

Under the Literacy section students may . . .

- Read a story from the Advanced Learning Curriculum and complete the accompanying inquiry activity that prompts children to use critical thinking, speaking, listening and writing skills.
- Complete the Creative Thinking Skill lesson to promote fluent, flexible, original, and elaborative thinking skills. (Please note: following the series of creative thinking lessons, a series of critical thinking activities will be provided.)

The Extend Your Thinking activities in the Math section will allow students to utilize different types of thinking to solve unique mathematical puzzles or engage in problem-based learning activities. For students in self-contained services, who are enrolled in IMT1, IMT2, or Algebra 1, extension activities can be found by visiting the Middle and High School Learning Resources and clicking on Math. For 5th grade students receiving self-contained services, extension activities in Science may also be found in the Science section of the Middle and High School learning resources.

Support for Middle and High School Students
Likely, your middle or high school student has been in touch with teachers on numerous occasions. Teachers are working to emphasize consistency, while being flexible and adaptive. Curriculum Developers are working to provide teachers with additional resources that allow them to best deliver the instruction they identify as their core curriculum. For courses that follow a specific sequence and prepare students for the next course, curriculum developers are working with teachers to determine how to ensure that all learning objectives are covered. For certain courses, some learning objectives may be moved to the next course in the sequence, so that students fully learn the most essential concepts prior to the end of this school year.

For students seeking additional learning opportunities beyond the core instruction, BSD has now provided multiple resources for each content area. Students and their families may access these opportunities to engage in learning beyond classroom instruction. These additional learning opportunities may be found by visiting the Middle and High School Learning Resources page on the BSD website. Additional resources may also be found in the BSD Student Portal.
BSD Food Resources
https://bsd405.org/corona-virus-covid-19/
https://bsd405.org/services/nutrition-services/free-meals/

HopeLink
https://www.hopelink.org/location/bellevue-food-bank-and-emergency-services

BELLEVUE LifeSpring
https://www.bellevuelifespring.org/emergency-assistance/

BSD Counseling and Mental Health Resources
https://bsd405.org/services/counseling/

City of Bellevue Covid19 Community Resources