Stay at home executive order takes effect April 2, 2020: The work of our school to provide remote learning, social emotional support, and food service deliveries to families are considered essential services that are allowed and directed to continue by the Governor, even during the stay at home order. Please understand that drop off of food or materials will be only on the door step with no face to face handoff to keep everyone safe from the spread. If a family no longer needs the food deliveries, please email kphilbroook@vinalhavenschool.org

School Vacation April 18 to 26: Students and parents will not be expected to adhere to remote learning routines the staff have in place during the week of April vacation. We will be exploring ways we might be able to provide food for the period of the break, but we have not finalized the details yet. Notice will go home to families currently receiving food once details are determined.

Remote learning extends to at least May 3rd: Based on the new executive order announced March 31st, remote learning will resume following April break and be in place at least through May 3rd. If the State of Emergency is continued past it's first 30 days, remote learning will automatically extend for the duration of the State of Emergency status.

Widow Island Fund (WIF): A reminder that last year a fund was created by an anonymous benefactor “...to enhance the extra-curricular opportunities available to Vinalhaven School students that enrich and reinforce their academic experiences and success. The donors want to encourage thoughtful and creative programming that provides multiple opportunities for as wide a range of students as possible over time. Programming in the arts, theater, group singing, orchestras and sports is encouraged, as is support for clubs, travel to regional and national competitions or community service programs. The Widow Island Fund will support programs, not individual scholarships.”

A group of community volunteers and school staff have developed WIF guidelines and an application process. If you have a program in mind to serve our children, please submit an application to me by April 30. I will convene the newly formed WIF Award Committee appointed by our Board last fall to review the applications and award grants in early May. You can find the application on the school website by going to the RESOURCES tab, then TEACHERS, then scroll to the bottom of FORMS. NOTE: A school level leader (this round Bryan Feezor) must provide a letter of support before you submit it!

Principal, Assistant Principal and other Searches: Current postings include a Principal and Assistant Principal as a whole staff collaboration and visioning regarding needed leadership structure for next year determined these two positions as a need. In addition, we need to fill the following vacancies - long term sub for Discovery Room Teacher for the first two trimesters (maternity leave), Grade 3 one year (maternity leave), HS Science (19-20 was a one year), K-12 PE/Health (retirement), Technology Educator, (retirement) and K-12 Special Ed Teacher and Ed Tech 3 (anticipated need to meet IEP obligations).