

Continuing Student Learning Plan Newsletter



The Northland School Division



Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello everyone! This is the first edition of the Northland School Division (NSD) "Continuing Student Learning Newsletter". When the province cancelled in-person classes on March 15th due to COVID-19, school divisions were tasked with developing a plan so students can still continue to learn from home. On March 27th, NSD released information about its **"Continuing Student Learning Plan"**. The plan aligns with Alberta Education's guide for continuing student learning. The "Continuing Student Learning Newsletter" highlights how NSD schools are implementing the plan and student success stories while learning from home!



NSD students adjusting to learning at home



Nolan, Anzac Community School, at his workspace using his hands-on manipulatives from his work package to do his math work. Fruit loops were used for the subtraction/snack and to see whether the answer was odd or even.

As part of the "Continuing Student Learning Plan", schools deliver content through the use of technology and hard copy work packages. Teachers have been contacting families to see what they have or need to support student learning through the use of technology. Students who don't have access to technology work from hard copy work packages and have regular telephone communication, with a teacher.

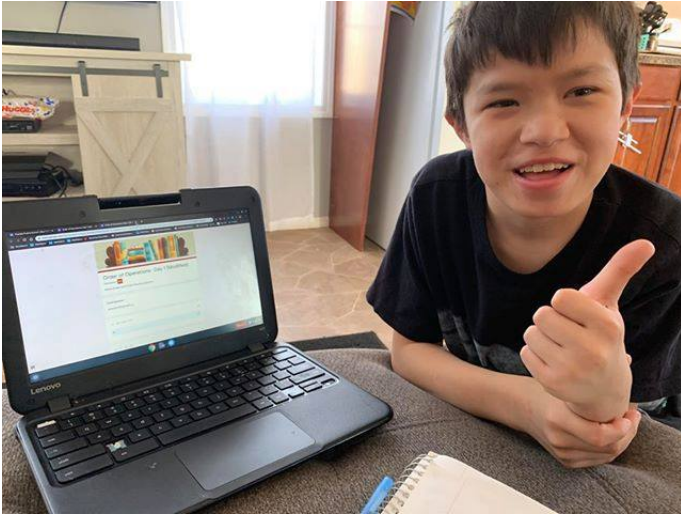
The "Continuing Student Learning Plan" engages student learning through a variety of means, such as:

- Online learning platforms for sharing lessons and resources and collecting completed work such as Google Classroom and Google Sites.
- Paper and pencil learning tasks and hands-on learning.
- Online tools for communication and collaboration such as Zoom video conferencing and Google Hangouts/Meet.
- Google tools for both independent and collaborative work along with feedback, and assessment such as Google docs and Google slides.
- Access to additional online learning tools to enhance both student engagement and learning such as Flipgrid and Kahoot.
- Access to additional learning supports such as Alberta Distance Learning (ADLC) resources, course or subjects' specific resources.



Veronica, a grade one student at Calling Lake School, said she is getting used to at-home learning but misses Mrs. White and her friends. Keep working hard Veronica :)

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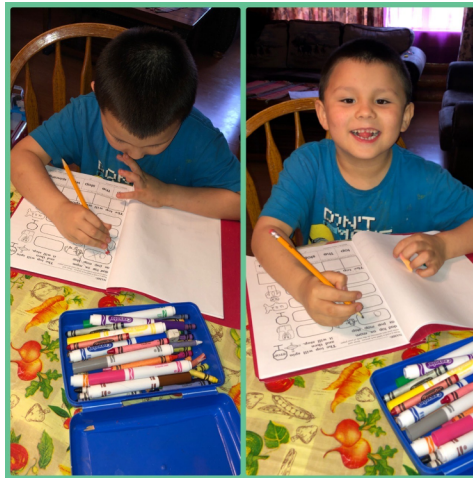
Avery, a Paddle Prairie School student, completing assignments using his Chromebook.



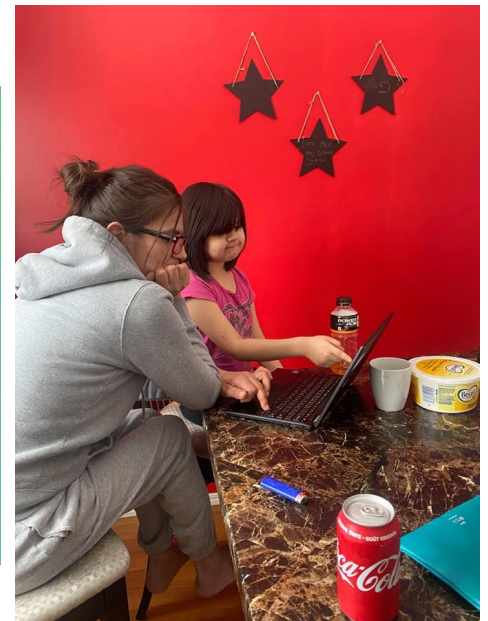
Check out this science project by Bethanie, a student from Bill Woodward School!



A parent from Elizabeth School is supporting her child with the programming at home.

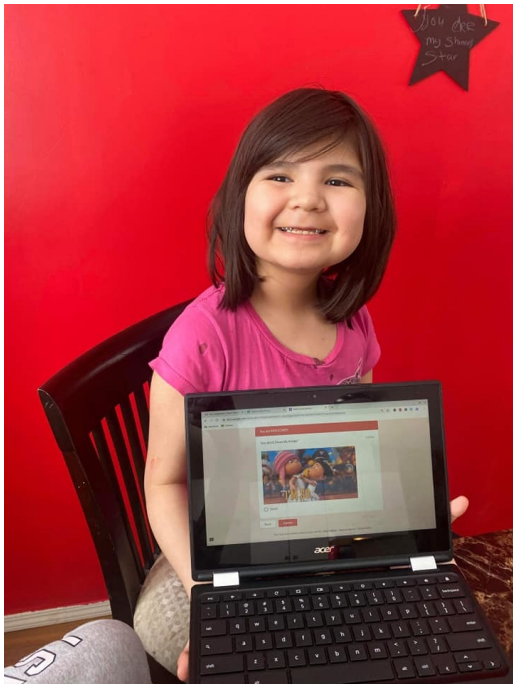


Mason, a student from Conklin Community School, working hard and smiling at the same time.



Gift Lake School parent and student learning together.

Examples of NSD schools delivering programming



A number of NSD students are using Chromebooks to complete online lessons!



A number of NSD schools have created Google Sites to house and deliver programming to students

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A number of NSD schools are using video-conferencing (Zoom or Google Meet) to connect with students. We shared our "Continuing Student Learning Plan" with CBC

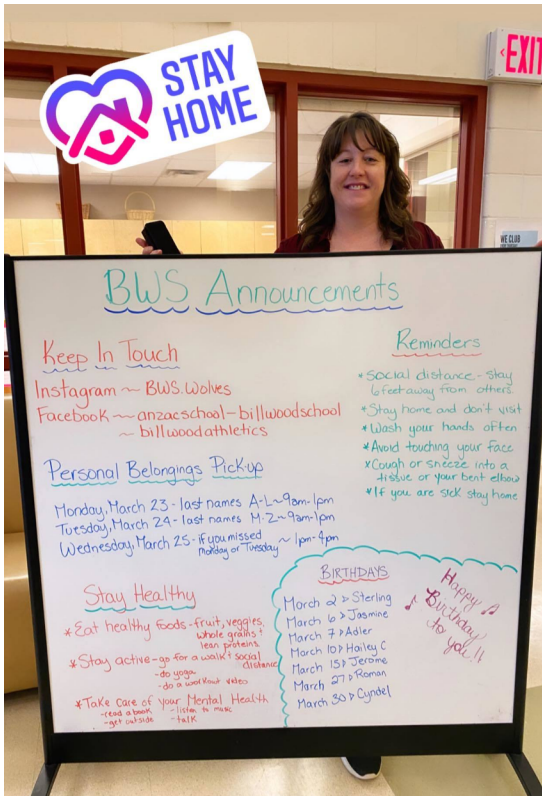
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School bus drivers helped to deliver learning packages to students.



Creative ideas for communicating with families



Anzac-Bill Woodward School's Mrs. Janvier helped to post and broadcast morning announcements on social media.

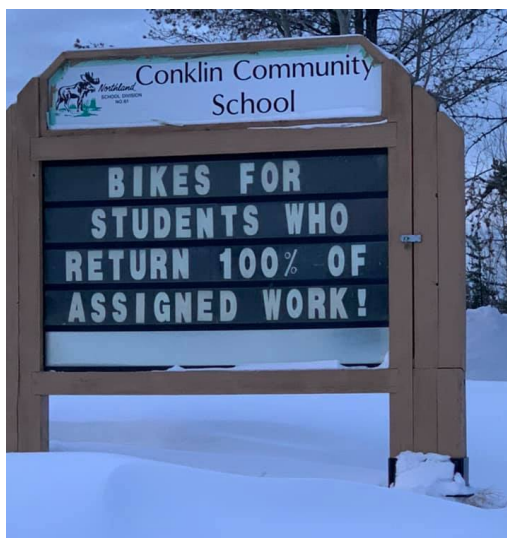


A number of school staff have recorded heartwarming messages to students. We miss NSD students very much.



Elizabeth School is using Facebook Live to communicate morning announcements and birthdays. They also read stories or demonstrate a science experiment.

With support from the Conklin Community Enhancement Society, students who return 100% of assigned work will earn a bike.



How NSD is supporting students and families



Mental Health Resources



We understand this is a time of high anxiety for many. There is an overwhelming amount of information coming at us all. Northland School Division is here to support students, parents and community members. We have compiled mental health information from several sources www.nsd61.ca.

Resources created by Mental Health Capacity Project Staff

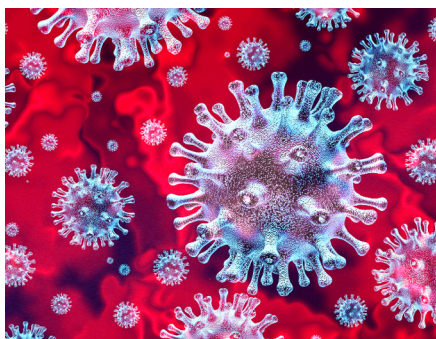


A great example of efforts being made by our Mental Health Capacity Building Project Helping Hands and the Athabasca Delta Community School Family Wellness Worker to support students during COVID-19.

They created family fun self-regulation packages. The packages include:

- parent info from Alberta Health (how to talk to your
- children about feelings)
- play dough and benefits
- egg craft
- self esteem snakes and ladders
- active coping calendar

COVID-19 Question and Answer Page



We have received a number of questions from students, staff, parents and community members about COVID-19. We created a Question and Answer (Q & A) page to support NSD families www.nsd61.ca.