

# Continuing Student Learning Plan Newsletter - Volume #2



The Northland School Division

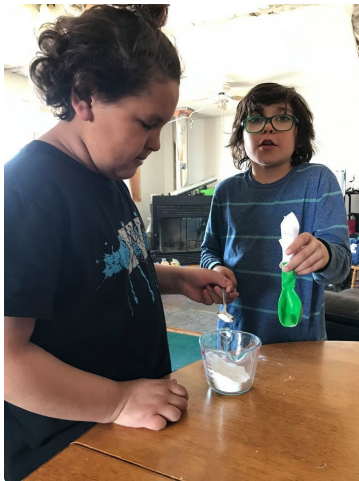


Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello everyone! This is the second edition of the Northland School Division (NSD) "Continuing Student Learning Newsletter". When the province cancelled in-person classes on March 15th due to COVID-19, school divisions were tasked with developing a plan so students can still continue 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 are engaged & working hard at-home



A great example of hands-on learning at home. Elizabeth School students are conducting a science experiment!

As part of the "Continuing Student Learning Plan", schools deliver content through the use of technology and hard copy work packages. Teachers contacted 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.

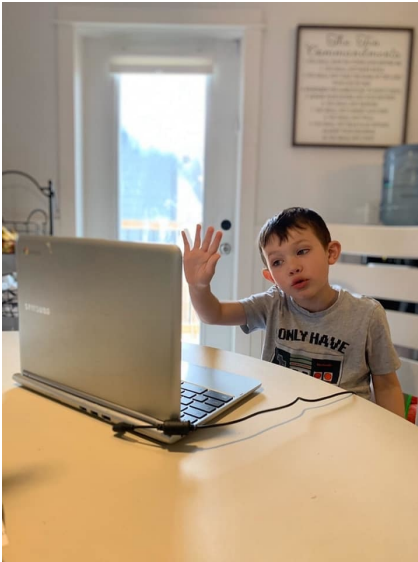


Cortez Young, a student from Calling Lake School, applying his math skills while completing a carpentry project.



Speaking of hard work, check out the hands on learning taking place! Some Pelican Mountain School students are learning how to garden, which aligns well with the science curriculum.

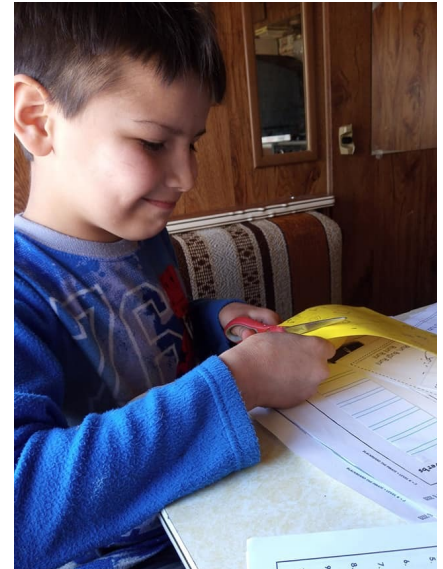
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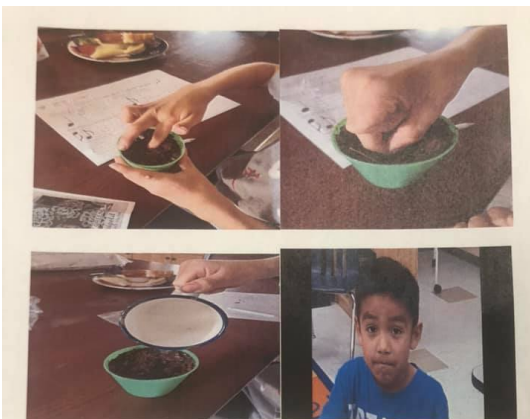
During the COVID-19 pandemic, leveraging the use of technology to support student learning is critical. Because of technology, Khan Communication Services Chatter program is still able to help students with speech.



Fort McKay School students had an interesting task laid out for them in order to celebrate Earth Day as well as show appreciation to all of the first responders. Here is Lexi showcasing her artwork!



Joey Anderson, a student from Gift Lake School, working hard to finish his homework package.



Wyatt Stewart, a grade 1 student from St. Theresa School, has been busy planting. Wyatt is so lucky to have a family that sees the importance of his education blooming.



J.F. Dion School students showing dedication to their education journey while learning at-home.

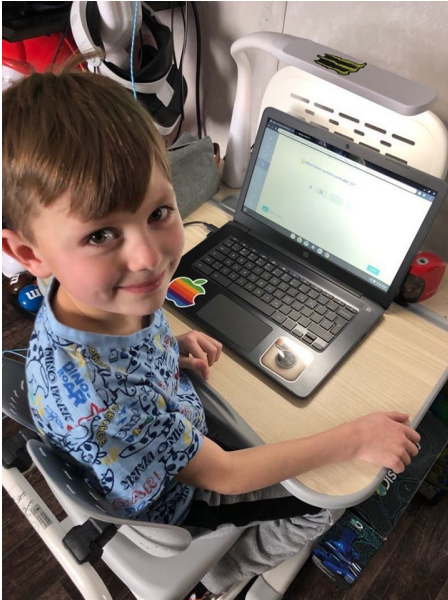
**Wyatt Stewart:**

Placed a seed carefully into soil, and then he gently covered it and added water,

then he placed it in sunlight and now he is waiting patiently for it to bloom.



# Examples of NSD schools delivering programming



Grayson Kreutzer, a student from Anzac School, at-home using his Chromebook to complete a Mathletics assignment.



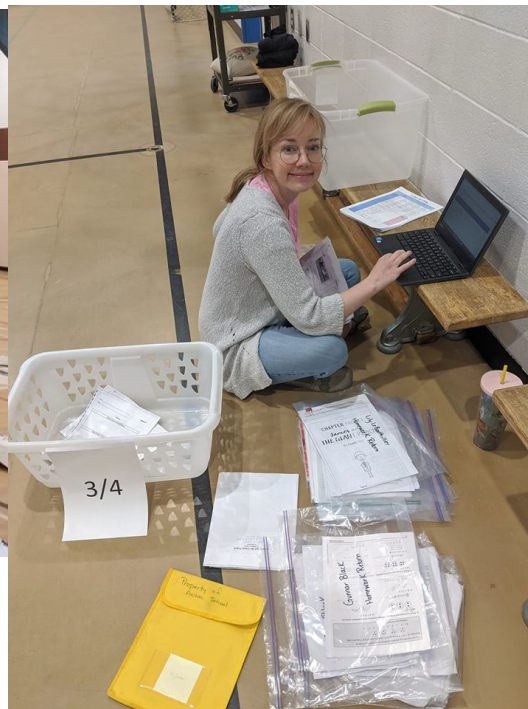
Mason, a student from Conklin Community School, joined a Zoom session to work on his Math. He also shared his Mother's Day craft to school staff.



An NSD student from Calling Lake is happy to receive a new paper-based package of assignments.



Staff at St. Theresa School regularly prepare and deliver paper-based packages to students.



Mrs. Banks, Anzac School Teacher, assessing returned packages from students. Thank you parents and guardians for supporting at-home learning with your child!



# Creative communication ideas with families and community



St. Theresa School showed their appreciation to healthcare professionals during National Nurses Week (May 11th-17th).



Mistassiniy School recently hosted a student awards broadcast on Facebook. The awards program encourages students to complete their coursework in order to stay on track.



To support mental health and encourage students to get fresh air, Paddle Prairie School organized a scavenger hunt. Students are encouraged to go outside and find as many items that were communicated as possible.

## Flower Power

Your challenge is to build a flower, using the materials provided, that stands up on its own!

**Bonus Challenge:**  
Label each part of your flower.

**Materials**

1-2 Sheets of Paper    Scissors, Tape & Glue

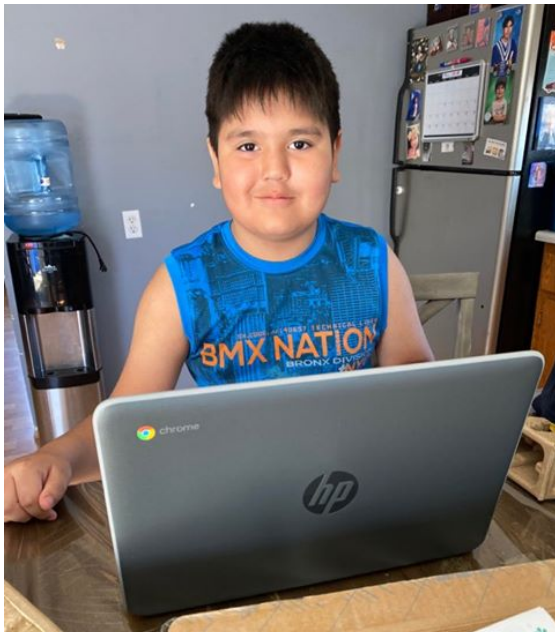
5 Pipe Cleaners

5 Straws

On a weekly basis, J.F. Dion School posts a Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Match (S.T.E.A.M) Challenge on Facebook. The first challenge encouraged students, with support from family, to build a flower using the materials provided, that stands up on its own.



# NSD receiving support from education partners!



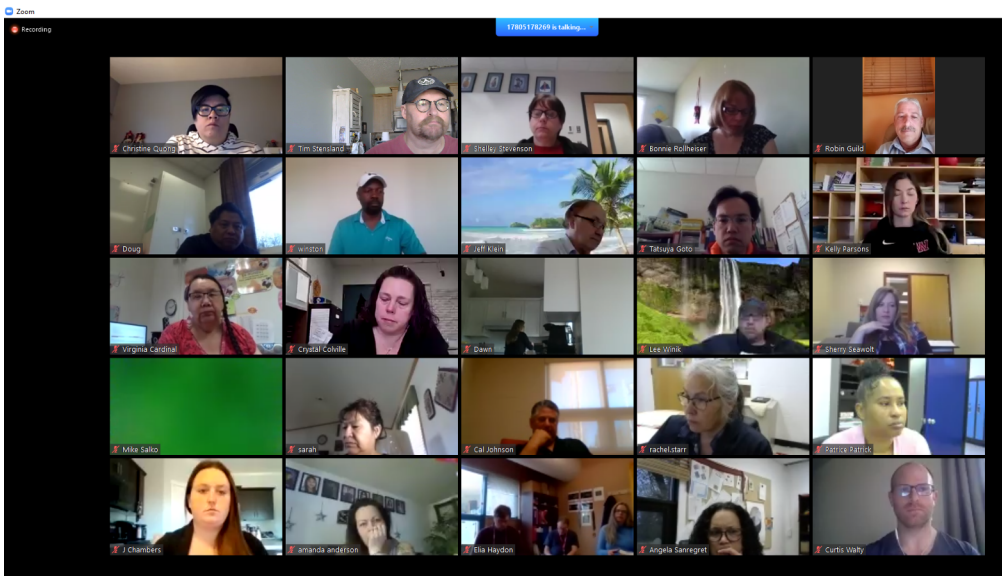
## Thank-You!

Thank-you so much to Telus & Jane Stroud for providing Wifi for our students at both Bill Woodward & Anzac Community School! This will allow all of our students to be able to access online learning from home!



A recent act of kindness is impacting hundreds of families in the Northland School Division. The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and Rupertsland Institute (RLI) donated Chromebooks to support online learning for Métis students in the division <https://tinyurl.com/y8o64tru>.

Northland School Division would like to thank Jane Stroud, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Councillor and Telus for helping to make sure all Anzac students have wireless internet connection. This allows all the students to participate in at-home learning through the use of technology.



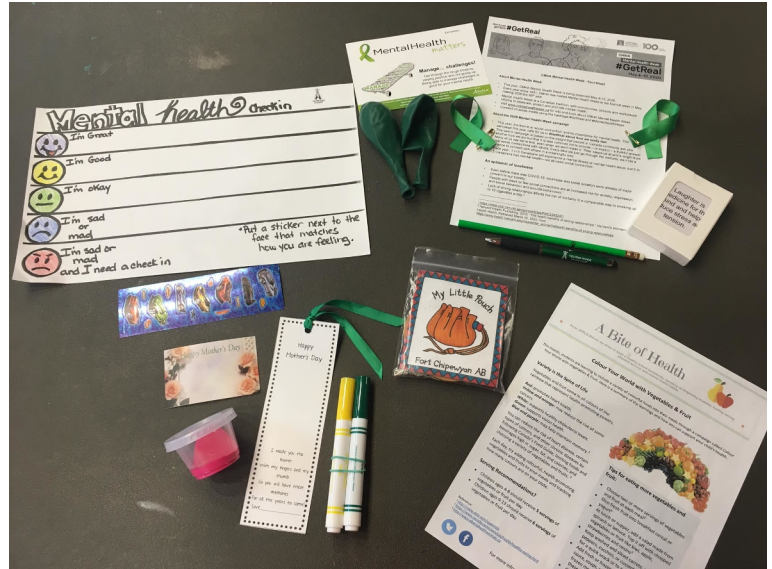
Thank you Christine Quong, Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium Consultant, for hosting professional learning for hundreds of NSD school staff. The learning opportunity supports NSD's goal of leveraging the use of technology to support student learning.



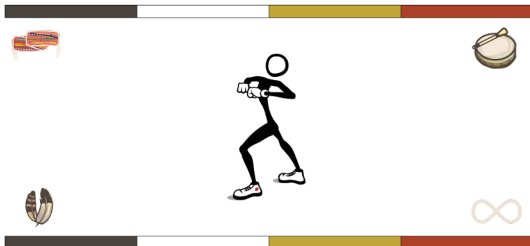
# How NSD is supporting students and families



Northland School Division is here to support students, parents and community members. We have compiled mental health information from several sources on our website [www.nsd61.ca](http://www.nsd61.ca).



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 kits that included mental health check-in charts for youth with stickers, APPLE Schools tips for eating fruits and vegetables and medicine bag kits with a charm, bead a sage inside.



A number of students, staff, parents, guardians and grandparents participated in the Northland School Division (NSD) Shuffle Challenge. The challenge was inspired by the movie Ice Age 4: Continental Drift. In the movie, Sid the Sloth performs a dance move called the "Sid Shuffle". Another reason NSD organized the challenge was to boost morale during this challenging time due to COVID-19.

In May, NSD posted submissions from students, staff, parents, guardians, and grandparents performing the "Sid Shuffle". The video that earned the most likes, loves, and wows within a 24 hour period is declared the winner. The winner of the NSD Shuffle Challenge is Trish and Tommy Gerrits from St. Theresa School! Congratulations Trish and Tommy!

