

Continuing Student Learning Plan Newsletter - Volume #3



The Northland School Division



Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello everyone! This is the third 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 implemented the plan and student success stories while learning from home!



NSD students are engaged & working hard at-home



While learning from home, Wabasca's Hailey Rathbone working towards graduation in 2021! Keep going Hailey :)

As part of the "Continuing Student Learning Plan", schools delivered 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.



From May 19-22, 2020, Paddle Prairie School organized an Outdoor Learning Week. Each day the school posted a new outdoor learning activity for students to complete. In the photo, a student built a traditional shelter! Click on the website link to learn more <https://tinyurl.com/y9rtfwn9>.



Conklin Community School students read Rainbow Fish and worked on a craft together via Zoom!

Creativity on display to celebrate NSD graduates



Normally, NSD schools would host a graduation ceremony in the gymnasium or community hall and invite parents/guardians, community members and dignitaries to attend. But due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, a regular ceremony was not possible. This year, some schools hosted parades to celebrate the graduates. In addition to creative celebrations, banners were installed on light posts in communities and lawn signs were showcased at schools and where graduates live.

"During a challenging time in our lives, I was proud to see the level of creativity shown by staff and volunteers to celebrate NSD graduates," said Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras, Superintendent of Schools, Northland School Division. We are extremely proud of all of our grads and are looking forward to celebrating more graduates in the future. A special thank you to parents, staff and community members for supporting these students during this difficult time. With your support, we are proud to report that 32 students graduated this year."

When the new school year begins, fall graduation events are being planned to honour more NSD graduates.



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Paddle School Principal Lucas Whittle visited each graduate to present them with gifts and a certificate to acknowledge their accomplishment.



Bill Woodward School celebrating Victor Bouchier's graduation accomplishment in his hometown of Janvier!



J.F. Dion School celebrating grade 8 graduates. Grade 8 students move onto high school in communities such as Cold Lake and Bonnyville.



Check out the signs made to honour graduates in Conklin!

Examples of how NSD supported staff wellness



In June, NSD hosted a division staff wellness challenge. 10 schools and a central office team participated in the challenge. The goal was 30 minutes of daily physical activity per staff member. As you can see above, Fort McKay School staff got some exercise while participating in the community diabetes walk. The winner of staff wellness challenge was Hillview School. Congratulations to the Hillview staff!



NSD sponsored Bailey Johnson to host yoga sessions for staff. Bailey hosted six sessions in June.

NSD receiving support from volunteers!



Thank you wildfire crews for helping with delivering food to Chipewyan Lake families!



We want to give a huge shout out to Kelly Warawa for helping Anzac School - Bill Woodward School with the delivery and pick-up of the Janvier work packages over the last 3.5 months. We really appreciate all of your help, Kelly!

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Jansi, Edlanat'e, Hello

*Have a safe and wonderful
summer break!*

*First day back is September
8, 2020*

