

To Ashland District School Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff:

We are now into our second week of shutdown and everyone is feeling the stress of change. Be assured that the staff at ADS is working hard to prepare lessons, contact parents and students on a regular basis, prepare and deliver lunches to those that need them, and support the learning of every student.

Now that the initial rush of change has occurred, it is time to reflect on our own practices. I am very proud of the efforts of our entire staff in creating a remote learning process on such short notice. Ashland District School is a leader in this initiative throughout Aroostook County. With that being said, the staff is making adjustments to the work load for students to make it more appropriate for home learning.

To the parents, Keep Calm and Carry On. We understand the stress of working full time and then coming home to teach your children well. We are getting constant feedback and are working on systemic improvements as the information is coming in. Do your best and encourage your students to do the same. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. We will make arrangements to the best of our ability to support your students. Encourage them to problem solve, ask questions and persevere. These are all valuable lessons for the remainder of their lives.

Encourage them to reply to teacher's emails and requests so we can stay in contact. Thank you for your feedback, patience and continued communication.