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*A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS*

The impacts of COVID-19 are widely increasing everyday. At home learning has become part of the new norm. However, during this time of social distancing, please do not feel that this is something you have to navigate alone. It is important for all parents and guardians to know that Whitefish River First Nation and Shawanosowe School are here to provide assistance and support to all of our students.

For Shawanosowe School families, staff want to make the transition to home learning as smooth as possible. To do this, we have set up **online classrooms using Seesaw and Google Classroom**. These apps will help us work together to provide students with meaningful learning experiences at home; share learning activities and resources, capture home learning, and communicate about student progress and needs. Most importantly, they provide the opportunity to stay connected with parents, guardians, teachers and peers.

All students in Grades 1-6 have Shawanosowe School g-mail accounts. They will use these accounts to login to their online learning. Classroom teachers will be posting a daily task list for students to complete, with a focus on math and literacy. Please know that the focus is on maintaining learned skills and not on curriculum expectations. Our goal is to lessen the impact of COVID-19 once students are able to return to the classroom.

For those families that do not have internet access at home, provisions have been put in place to provide these students with literacy and math activities to complete at home and parent/teacher communication will continue via phone call.

At home learning is hard. We get it. As teachers and staff who are also parents, we understand how you are feeling. We are all trying to navigate this new normal. We are here to tell you, don't stress. Do what you can. These are ever-changing times and we understand that sometimes just getting everyone up, fed, and dressed is a job in itself. Remember, learning can take many forms; a smudge or prayer in Anishinaabemowin, a walk in the woods, a card game, or cozing up to read a book together.

In conclusion, please know that we are here to support you. Do not hesitate to reach out to us via email, text messages, phone calls, or other virtual means if you have any further questions, or comments.

We want everyone in our community to stay safe so please remember to stay home and stay healthy. Please feel free to contact me at 705-862-2508 if you have any questions or concerns.

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