

March 16, 2020

Dear Atwood Families,

My dearest hope is that this letter finds all of our Atwood families healthy and managing well with all of the changes in our world.

Our school teachers are all here today preparing some resources for you to access to help your children maintain their academic skills while out of school for this time period. We certainly don't expect you to teach all day long...that's our job! We just wanted to provide you some resources to assist you in this journey.

If you have internet access by Thursday of this week, you can go to [www.rsu18.org](http://www.rsu18.org) and you will find (under the folder/tab Atwood Primary School), your child's teacher and resources they have provided for you in their folder. If you do not have internet access, you can come to the school office and we will provide your child with materials. Remember, when all else fails...read, read, read to your child. We also have a fun little site that is open to you called "Goodnight Atwood". You can access it from your phone, ipad, or computer at <https://sites.google.com/rsu18.org/stories> Let us read to your child through this website!

We will have someone in the office to answer the phone from 8:00 to 3:00, and we have developed a system for feeding children who need meals. Each day, from 9:00 to 11:00, breakfast and lunch will be prepared in bags that can be picked up at our school cafeteria. Also, we are partnering with the Alford Center to offer dinner to children. You can receive dinner at 5:00 at the Williams Elementary School.

During our school closure, if you need the support of our social worker, Dolly Bartley, you can email her at [dbartley@rsu18.org](mailto:dbartley@rsu18.org) or call the office at 465-3411 and we will get a message to her! Please don't hesitate to call...we are here for you!

Above all else, stay well. We are all in this together, and what is most important, is your health and the health of your family. Let the children know we miss them, and we are thinking of all of you! If your children start getting stir crazy, put on some music and let them dance to our school songs: "Don't Give Up On Me" by Andy Grammer, or "Try Everything" from Shakira, or "This is Me" from the Greatest Showman Cast....or they love: "Dance, Dance, Dance" from Zumba Fitness! When all else fails: dance.

Here's hoping we are together soon....

My Best,

Jennifer McGee, Principal of Atwood Primary School folder

