

Rogers Public Schools Shines

When the world shut down in March 2020 due to the pandemic, so did public schools. But that didn't mean learning shut down.

Our teachers, our administrators, our students, our parents and our community continued to shine. Forced with a quick unprecedented need to shift methods of delivery, everyone came together to keep the learning progress continuing. Even if that meant teachers looking a little different in front of their students.

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson declared all schools would shift to online learning. At the time, no one had any forethought that that would continue through the remainder of the school year.

But starting that following Monday, our teachers found ways to reach their students in ways they had possibly never ventured to use before. Google Classroom, Zoom meetings, YouTube lessons became common vernacular in our learning world.

Published two days later, this video gave our students, staff, parents and community the reassurance they needed that we could continue teaching and learning and that although we were scattered, we were all in this together. This video gave everyone a glimpse behind the scenes. The outcome was a tremendous morale boost, even for administrators, knowing that our staff, although scattered and working from home, would do their very best to meet the needs of our students.

It attracted more than 9,000 views and 186 reactions. A staff comment sums up the confidence it inspired:

"What an amazing group of teachers, students, parents, administrators, facilitators, specialty areas, etc., etc., etc. we have in Rogers!!! SO proud to be a part of this wonderful district!!! [#rpsshines](#)"