Hello END Families,

First of all, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding, as we create messaging that is accurate and timely. Information is ongoing and changing hourly, so we are endeavouring to give you a large picture of what to expect over the remainder of this week. You will have received a message yesterday from our Superintendent with our district update, it is linked here: Coronavirus COVID-19 Update March 16,2020.pdf.

Further to the communication sent by the superintendent yesterday evening, I am providing a schedule for parents to pick up their childs’ resources and belongings, along with other pertinent information.

Parents/Guardians accessing school

On Wednesday, March 18th we will be allowing one parent/guardian to come to the school and collect their childs’ belongings from their respective classroom. This will be done in an orderly fashion, and staggered throughout the day. We are asking that only one parent/guardian enter the school through the front entrance, at which point we will check off their name. Parents/guardians will be allowed to proceed directly to the classrooms to clean out all belongings. We are required to have less than a certain number of people (each time slot has no more than 100 people) within the school at any one time, therefore we ask that you follow the schedule below. If you are unable to come during these assigned times, then please contact the office to arrange to pick up your materials at an agreed upon time, on Thursday, March 19.

Please check in at the Office upon arrival.

• 8:30 - 9:30 am – Last names starting with A-C
• 10:00-11:00 am – Last names starting with D-J
• 11:30 -12:30 pm – Last names starting with K-M
• 1:00 – 2:00 pm – Last names starting with N-S
• 2:30 – 3:30 pm – Last names starting with T-Z

Please note that the following guidelines will be used when parents/guardians are allowed in to pick up their belongings:

• Parents/guardians will be required to check in and out at the Front Office.
• Please bring a bag to collect your childs’ belongings.
• Parents/guardians will be required to leave immediately after retrieving their childs’ belongings.
• Parents/guardians will not be allowed to gather socially within the school.
• All library books and classroom books or reading programs are required to be returned on Wednesday.
• Teachers will not be able to meet with parents during the above scheduled pick up times.
• If your family does not have a computer device in order to receive updates from your teachers on Google Classroom and to complete school work, please let us know this when you check in on Wednesday at the front office.

How we will deliver learning over the next while:

The traditional face to face learning will have to evolve for now. Our teachers are diligently working on new avenues to deliver the curriculum. Staff is preparing for learning to commence at some point in the next two weeks. At this time, plans to have learning provided in the most accessible manner possible are being worked on (i.e.: accessible by google classroom and email). As per the Superintendent’s message, a communication with a timeline regarding course readiness and delivery will be shared at some point next week. Schedules, and exact logistics will be forthcoming.

The main message resulting from a teleconference yesterday afternoon with the Government of Alberta is “that we will work together as partners in education on a consistent provincial strategy for ensuring that all students in Alberta have online education”. This means that we will develop online materials and a consistent approach to communicating with parents and not rush to send home one or two lessons at a time. If you have any questions, I would ask that you refrain from sending emails to your child’s teacher as they are busy preparing lessons for the next few weeks. However, I would be more than happy to answer any questions or concerns. Please email rogorman@gsacrd.ab.ca or jwiley@gsacrd.ab.ca

Take care of yourself during this trying time.

God Bless.

Ryan & Jen