Hello END Families

Please refer to this week’s edition of the **Husky Howler** to stay informed of important information and events happening at END!

**Calendar**
- Sept. 30 - Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 2 - PJ Day
- Oct. 12 - No school - Thanksgiving
- Oct. 13 - No school - PD Day
- Oct. 14 & 15 - PTI - online/phone call format
- Oct. 22 - Picture Day

**Good News!**
As we enter the fourth week of school, we are happy to share that our school re-entry has been very successful to date! We are very impressed with all our students and how they have adapted to, and are following the new protocols in and around the school. All teachers continue to work diligently to ensure all students can access their learning both at school and at home should they be unable to attend. All teachers are updating their ‘Google Classrooms’ and/or their ‘SeeSaw’ accounts to ensure students can access their classwork remotely should they require. Parents are encouraged to maintain in contact with their child’s teacher if a child is away for an extended period of time.

**Protocols for when students may be sick or showing symptoms of illness.**
We respect that the self-isolation timeline is challenging for many families, however, for the safety of our entire school population, we need families to respect the outlined timelines and follow all AHS guidelines. As we continue to be proactive in ensuring the health and wellness of students and staff at END, we ask that families adhere to the outlined expectations regarding illness at school as identified in [GSACRD Parent Guidebook for Re-entry](https://www.gsacrd.ca)

Alberta Health Services’ website is updated regularly. Currently, guidelines for what to do next are as follows:
● AHS advises that you should get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. Go online to book an appointment for a COVID-19 test.

● If you have any of these symptoms you are legally required to isolate for at least **10 days**, from the start of your symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer:
  ○ fever
  ○ cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
  ○ shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
  ○ runny nose
  ○ sore throat

● **If you have any of these other symptoms, stay home, and minimize your contact with others until your symptoms resolve:**
  ○ chills
  ○ painful swallowing
  ○ stuffy nose
  ○ headache
  ○ muscle or joint aches
  ○ feeling unwell, fatigue, or severe exhaustion
  ○ gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or unexplained loss of appetite)
  ○ loss of sense of smell or taste
  ○ conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye

● Students with pre-existing health conditions that cause symptoms of illness should be tested for COVID-19 at least once. A negative test will help show that symptoms are related to their pre-existing conditions and not to COVID-19. This will establish what their baseline for being healthy looks like. Families should notify their school about any pre-existing condition and the symptoms it causes. As long as these symptoms remain the same, the student can attend school.

● If symptoms change or worsen, the student will need to leave the school, follow illness protocols, and have another COVID-19 test to determine if the symptoms are still related to the pre-existing medical condition. If the test is negative, the student may return to school. Families can learn more about COVID-19 testing and book a test online through Alberta Health Services.

**Illness at School: Parents’ Next Steps**
Alberta Health Services’ website provides information on the following steps:
1. Take the COVID-19 Self-assessment: Go online to take the COVID-19 Self-assessment.
2. Book a COVID-19 test: AHS advises that you should get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. Book an appointment online.
3. Parents should follow AHS’ isolation guidelines.
4. Monitor your health, and call Health Link 811 if you have questions or concerns. Call 911 immediately if you are experiencing severe symptoms of COVID-19, including difficulty breathing, severe chest pain, feelings of confusion, or loss of consciousness.

**AHS - Student Illness Guidelines**

**GSACRD Parent Guidebook for Re-entry**

In order to assist students who are away from school for an extended period of time, **ALL** teachers are updating their google classrooms or websites to include material of daily lessons. Arrangements to pick up hard copies of material can be made with your child's classroom teacher. We thank all our families for their pingng understanding and support!

**Parking**

For both drop off and pick up we are encouraging families to park in the neighbourhood and walk to the school to keep traffic around the school to a minimum. We respect that mornings and afternoons are very busy times for families, however, for the safety of all our students following the outlined parking guidelines will help ensure limited congestion around the school. Let us all be patient and kind!

**Parents**

At this time GSACRD policy articulates that the school is open to staff and students only. All parents and guardians wishing to access the school must do so by appointment only. Appointments may be made by calling the school office at 780-939-4020. We understand the challenges facing all school stakeholders at this time and we trust that all families will be respectful of the safety protocols in place, we ask for your patience and cooperation as we navigate the opening of the school.

**GSACRD Voice (Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative)**

As summer comes to its official end, and the leaves change to their beautiful reds and yellows, it only seems fitting to get cozy and warm for the chilly season ahead. Check out the following Self Care Challenge for some fantastic self care activities that you and your family can do this Fall before the snow hits the ground.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tqW5Rccgh7Yi4n5JdEdtJrSQ1pk9xsaQ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tqW5Rccgh7Yi4n5JdEdtJrSQ1pk9xsaQ/view?usp=sharing)

**Parent Council / Parent Fundraising Association**

Our first school fundraiser is upon us! Our Parent Council is taking orders for customized END face masks. The face masks come adorned with our END school logo or END Husky logo, they are one size fits all with fully adjustable ear loops, the cost is $10.00 per mask. Order forms are being sent home Monday Sept. 28. We ask that order forms and payment be returned to the school no later than Oct. 2. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6PM, all parents/guardians are invited to attend.