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**
- Oct. 30 - Halloween Costume Day
- Nov. 2 - No School - PD Day
- Nov. 6 - Remembrance Day Liturgy & Ceremony
- Nov. 6 - Half Day - 11:45 Dismissal
- Nov. 9 - 13 - Fall Break - No School
- Nov. 16 - Term 2 Begins
- Nov. 19 - Picture retakes & for online students
- Nov. 20 - Report Cards go Home

**Good News!**
Last week was a great week of learning for our students! Last Thursday we held our school picture day, re-takes will be scheduled for Nov. 19 and at that time all our online students will have the opportunity to participate. Please see the link provided by Life Touch for online order information: [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca)

**This Week!**
- Friday Oct. 30 - Halloween costume day! - Please refer to our Halloween expectations and costume guidelines.

**Halloween @ END**
Halloween at END will look a bit differently this year. Please see our guidelines for Halloween celebrations on Friday, October 30, 2020

Students will be permitted to wear costumes, but also must have appropriate masks for the school day.
**Treats/Snacks:**
Due to restrictions of food sharing, students and parents are not permitted to bring in snacks or individual treats for the class on this day.

**Halloween Costumes:**
Halloween is an exciting time of the school year for students where they have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite heroes, fantasy characters, or professionals in our community. There are a wide variety of costumes that are available for purchase. For the most part, they are suitable for elementary schools in terms of theme and coverage.

All costumes need to be respectful of their bodies and display a sense of modesty and positive messaging with slogans and images. We are asking parents to keep the following in mind:

- No inflatable costumes or large seized costumes that inhibit social distancing in classrooms
- No costume props at school (e.g. swords, brooms, toy guns, etc.) Too frequently, these items are misplaced, forgotten at school (and students do not have them for trick or treating) or are inappropriately used within a school context.
- Refrain from costumes with makeup that creates the *illusion of excessive gore*.
- Preference that *no clown/joker costumes* are worn on this day as recent media/commercial films have increased the sensitivity to clowns in some children.
- Costumes are *not to contain offensive or suggestive slogans/phrases, promote or be related to the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs*.
- As a school community that embraces an inclusive and multicultural environment and promotes respect for all people, we want to inform parents that ‘*culture is not costume*.’ We are asking for continued parent support that costumes that are based on cultural stereotypes are not worn to school for Halloween.
- Any student who wears a costume that is not appropriate for a school setting will be asked to remove it. If a student arrives at school wearing a costume deemed inappropriate by school staff, parents will be contacted and informed of the situation.

**Remembrance Day**

As we prepare to teach about and make Remembrance Day a more personal experience for our students, we are inviting families to share their connection to the military or Emergency Services (RCMP, first responders, Fire, etc.).

We are asking families to identify if a member is currently serving, has served or passed while serving. We will be creating a display in our front showcase honouring the names of all respondents. Please share your responses in the following format:

Ex. Major Sharron Broadbent /Army/ Currently serving

Please email your responses directly to Mme Peacock, apeacock@gsacrd.ab.ca ASAP. Thank you.
Notification Period Email
On Oct. 8, a notification email was shared with all families asking them to complete a very short survey identifying their desires regarding transitioning from online learning to face to face or moving from face to face to online. For our school and Division planning, we ask all families to complete the survey by Oct. 31: short survey

Protocols for when students may be sick or showing symptoms of illness.
As we continue to be proactive in ensuring the health and wellness of students and staff at END, we ask that families follow the outlined expectations regarding illness at school as identified in the GSACRD Parent Guidebook for Re-entry.

Additional Resources
- When do I keep my child at home visual planner
- AHS - Student Illness Guidelines

We need to stress to our families that we must be very diligent with our student illness policy. If a student showcases a primary symptom, they are legally required to self isolate and not return to school for a 10 day period and are symptom free or if they have received a negative COVID test and are symptom free. 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.

In order to assist students who are away from school for an extended period of time, ALL teachers are updating their google classrooms & 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 ongoing understanding and support!

Parent Council / Parent Fundraising Association
We continue to encourage families to consider participating in our Parent Council and Parent Fundraising Committee, both groups support our school in a number of ways and help ensure we at Ecole Notre Dame are serving all our families to the best of our abilities. Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Nov. 4, at 6:00 PM. The meetings will be held both at the school and in a virtual format to accommodate our parents.

Little Caesars Pizza Kits Fundraisers
- Information and order forms sent home Oct. 19
- Order forms due Nov. 4
- Questions contact Lauren @ lorgauthier@msn.com
**Dress for the Weather**
As temperatures begin to cool, this is a reminder that all students should bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school, including: jacket, toque, gloves, boots, snow pants, etc… All recess are outdoors and it is the expectation that all students go outside during this time.

**GSACRD Voice**
When our grocery budget is limited, it can be tough to decide how to spend our money and on what kinds of groceries. Alberta Health Services has compiled a list of tips that can help you save some money while still buying the foods you and your family love to eat. Check out the article here:

[Tips to Spend Less Money on Food](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/)... (Alberta Health Services, 2020)