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**

- **Nov. 29** - First Sunday of Advent
- **Dec. 1 - 11** - Christmas Toy Drive
- **Dec. 2** - Parent Council (online 6 PM)
- **Dec. 3** - 12 days until Christmas break theme challenge - Wear Blue
- **Dec. 3** - Virtual Parent Cafe (online 6:30 PM) - Poster Link: [Virtual Parent Café](#)
- **Dec. 4** - PJ day!

**This Week!**

- TOY DRIVE - once again this year we will be collecting toys and gift cards for Christmas presents for children in our community. We encourage students to bring in a new toy/gift card (wrapped) identifying the age and gender of the child it is intended for.
- Parent Council online Dec. 2
- Parent Cafe online Dec. 3
- Please note that all school fees are now past due. Fees can be paid online via: [School cash online](#)

As per the communication shared with families on Nov. 25, the Alberta Government announced that in school learning will be maintained for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. At the present moment our school remains open to all registered students and GSACRD staff. We will closed for Christmas break on Dec. 18 and the school will remain closed until Jan 11. Learning for students during the week of Jan. 4 - 8, will be available remotely. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks. As we continue to navigate the realities brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask our families to abide by all provincial protocols, including self assessing children daily prior to coming to school and staying home if a child is showing symptoms. We also ask that families continue to refrain from congregating and socializing around the school before and after school hours. We all understand the challenges we are
currently facing, but through our diligence, patience and kindness we will continue to ensure the health and safety of others in our community.

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](#). Please note the new symptoms list and requirements effective Nov. 2, 2020

**NEW COVID-19 Symptom List for Children - Effective Nov. 2**

**Core Symptoms**
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste and smell

A child with one or more of these symptoms MUST isolate for 10 days. They can return to school earlier if they have a negative COVID-19 test, are NOT a close contact of a positive case and symptoms are gone.

**Other Symptoms**
- Chills
- Sore throat/painful swallowing
- Runny or congested nose
- Feeling unwell/fatigued
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Muscle/joint aches
- Headache
- Pink eye

A child with only ONE of the ‘other’ symptoms must stay home and be monitored for 24 hours. If the symptom is improving, they can return to school when they are feeling well enough to go.

A child with two or more of the ‘other’ symptoms - or one symptom that is getting worse - must stay home until symptoms are gone or he/she has a negative COVID-19 test result.

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 Dec. 2, at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be available via Google Meet only, the link to the meeting will be shared with all families on Dec. 2.

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
50 Outdoor Things to do With Your Kids in the Winter (GSACRD Voice)
There has been so much unpredictability this year, but one thing is for sure… The snow is here to stay! May as well make the best of it! Check out the attached link for 50 fun ways to play in the snow with your family!

Parent Café is Back! (GSACRD Voice)
We are very excited to re-introduce our virtual Parent Café! Check out the following link for more information on our first session scheduled for December 3rd, 2020. Guest speaker Lalitha Taylor is a registered dietitian and will be speaking on how nutrition can affect mental health. We hope you can join us!
Virtual Parent Café - December 3, 2020

December 2020
END’S 12 Days until Christmas Break

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