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**

- **March 22** - Report Cards Emailed Home - Term 3 begins
- **March 23** - Parent Teacher Interviews - 5:00 - 8:00
- **March 24** - Parent Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30
- **March 24** - Winter Fun Day!
- **March 25** - Virtual Way of the Cross
- **March 26** - No school - day in lieu
- **March 29** - April 1 - Spring Break
- **April 2** - Good Friday - No School
- **April 5** - No School - Easter Monday
- **April 6** - Students return to school

**Arise! - Living our Faith**

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we have taken time to reflect and pray to help strengthen our relationship with God. Students continue to embrace our Lenten service project ‘Chores for Change’, as they collect money to donate to an elementary school in Kenya to help with the purchase and construction of water storage tanks. This Thursday we will be ‘walking’ the Way of the Cross virtually as a school community!

**Report Cards & Parent Teacher Interviews**

Report Cards will be emailed home Monday March 22 at 3:10 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students learning this term. We will be hosting virtual Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday, March 23 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM and Wednesday, March 24 from 3:30 - 6:30 PM. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.
Winter Fun Day
On Wednesday March 24, we will be hosting a Winter Fun Day for our students. Students will participate in spirit building activities such as Tic Tac Toe, a Treasure hunt, Obstacle Courses and more. All COVID 19 protocols, cleaning measures and cohorts will be maintained, as well, the majority of activities will take place outside so students need to dress in warm clothes, rubber boots, splash pants and warm coats and gloves are highly recommended!

School Spirit
We are continuing to look for ways to ensure school spirit and morale remains high as we navigate these challenging times. We have increased our school spirit days and positive ticket awards, giving students opportunities to be celebrated for showcasing great behaviour in the classroom and around the school. We are planning a Winter Fun day to provide students with opportunities to engage in fun activities with their cohorts as well as providing more virtual whole school activities!

Student Drop off and Pick Up
If you are dropping off or picking up your child from school we ask all parents and guardians to do so in a safe and patient manner. It is highly encouraged that parents/guardians park on the street and walk to the school to collect their child(ren) to reduce congestion in the school parking lot. Administration has begun discussions with our town and traffic safety partnerships to review our current drop off/pick up & parking infrastructure. However, this process will take time to review and we want to continue to ensure the safety of all, so please be patient, be kind and follow all traffic regulations.

Parent Council
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 April 7, at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be available via Google Meet, the link to the meeting will be shared with all families on April 7.

Parent Fundraising Association
Our PFA is running an Easter campaign! Please take some time to review the many options available for families! All forms are due back no later than March 3rd, with payments. Payment options: Cash, Cheque (payable to Notre Dame PFA) or E-Transfer
Pick up date at the school: Wed, March 24 @ 3:30-6:00 (or after last bus whichever is later)
Please see the following link for more information on what is available in this great campaign!

END Parent Fundraising Easter Campaign
Managing family meals can be difficult with how busy life is. Check out the following link for ways to improve meals with your family:

[Managing Family Meals]

You are being invited to participate in a survey about the Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools (MHCB) program (also known as GSACRD Voice) that is present at END. The purpose of this survey is to collect information about your experience with GSACRD Voice. This program provides mental health-related programs, activities, and learning opportunities at SKTA and in the communities of Morinville & Legal. You may be familiar with some of the programming and activities provided to your child(ren) with Miss Brittany or Miss Josey last year. Some programming examples are: the Kimochi program, mental health lessons, Orange Shirt Day activities, recess activities, girls groups, boys groups, SWAT (Student Wellness Activation Team in 2020), Slice of Summer Programming, Snow Much Fun Christmas Bundles, and so much more. You may have participated in some of our learning opportunities and/or events such as any Parent Cafe, the Gingerbread building activity, newsletter information, and more.

The survey is part of a larger evaluation of the MHCB program. The information you provide will help us to learn about the needs for programming and to make improvements. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes of your time. Your participation is voluntary and any information you provide will be kept anonymous. Your name or email address will not be linked to your survey answers in any way. Thank you for your help!

[https://survey.albertahealthservices.ca/parentpost]

The deadline to complete the survey is March 31, 2021.

If you have any questions about the survey or MHCB, please contact our Program Manager, Lauren Chow ([lchow@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:lchow@gsacrd.ab.ca)) or the AHS contact, Karen Matson, either by telephone or by email. Her contact information is:

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Parent Café - Family Values
Join us virtually on March 23rd at 6:30pm for a wonderful discussion on values and the family. Our guest speaker for this event is Danielle Reed, owner of Coach On The Go, motivational speaker, facilitator of The Daring Way (TM) Workshops, and her own Fit+Fierce workshops for girls(grades 4-12). Danielle is a compassionate person who strives to bring laughter and optimism to others!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact MHCB program manager Lauren Chow at lchow@gsacrd.ab.ca
As will all our events, it is FREE and open to the general public.
To register, please visit this link: https://gsacrdvoice-familyvalues.eventbrite.ca

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.

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 of 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!