



# HORACE MAY HOTLINE

February 2, 2023

Greetings Husky Families!

Love a Husky ❤️ sale is going on now! We are raising funds to help cover the cost of a new Husky sign for the front of our school. Order forms went home with students in January and orders will be taken through Friday, February 3rd. The cost is \$12 and includes a Ty Classic Husky dog and a Husky pocket folder.

Contact Mrs. Pearson for more details at [kathy\\_pearson@isd31.net](mailto:kathy_pearson@isd31.net)

At this time, there will be no school on the following February days:

Monday February 20 - President's Day

Monday February 27th - Staff Development Day

We hope those of you that joined us for the PTO sponsored event - Family Fun Night - had a great time. What a wonderful way to shake the winter blues and be active!

The PTO is also sponsoring an I love to Read night on Thursday, February 23 from 6:00 p.m until 7:30 p.m. And looking ahead - we will be having a PTO Family Movie Night in March! More details to come!

### A few reminders:

- Drop Off begins at 7:30 a.m. Please don't drop students off before that time as support staff is not on duty until then.
- Dismissal is 2:40 (2:35 for Kindergarteners)
- Everyone goes outside for morning recess (weather permitting) unless you are eating breakfast at school. Breakfast is FREE for all students.
- If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school at 218-333-3240 or email our secretary at: [laurie\\_dokken@isd31.net](mailto:laurie_dokken@isd31.net)
- If your contact information changes during the school year, please call or email the office. It is imperative that we have updated phone numbers and addresses.

The next PTO Meeting will be Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Horace May Library. Join us to see what fun things the PTO is planning for our school!

Please be sure your child is dressing for the cold weather. We have many students that are coming to school without the proper winter gear. We go outside for recess every day when the temp is 0° or warmer and the windchill is -5° or warmer. And Physical Education classes occasionally go outside (weather permitting) for classes and sledding. Send your kids in appropriate outside clothing so they are able to participate.

February is “I LOVE TO READ MONTH”! Watch for fun things we will have going on for our students. We will also be celebrating Dr Suess’s birthday on March 2nd with special cupcakes from Raphael’s Bakery!

**Important Message from our Transportation Department:**

Parents and students, we need your assistance. Our bus drivers face challenges when it is dark. They must watch for fire numbers, for children waiting for their bus, and for street signs, all while reading driver directions and staying on time. In an effort to help our drivers, we are asking families to have their child carry some type of flashlight to help the driver better identify the driveway. Some examples of this would be if your child has a cell phone, use the flashlight on the phone, a reflective backpack.

Please check on a regular basis that your fire number is standing upright, clear from snow and debris so it is clearly visible from directions.

All students should have their bus card either attached to their backpack or accessible inside it. This information is vital for drivers and emergency personnel.

If your student crosses in front of the bus, either when boarding or de-boarding, remind them they need to wait for the driver to signal them across.

If they have a sub driver the bus number might also be different, however at the school the bus is going to park in the same spot every day no matter who is driving the bus. Please address this with your student.

School Board policy requires all students to be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to pickup time. Please help us by having your student at their stop prior to scheduled pickup time.

These efforts would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

ISD 31 Transportation Department  
218-333-3225