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Haying in the 30's Social Justice Project

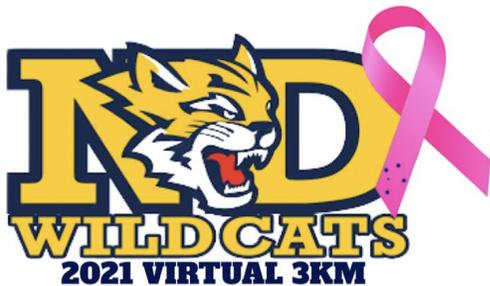
Cold Lake, AB (April 20, 2021) – Holy Cross Elementary School has a tradition of doing a school-wide Lenten Social Justice Project each year.

In February, the school's principal, Mr. Will Baker, lost his courageous battle with cancer and passed away. As a school in grief, they decided to launch a fundraiser for the [Haying in the '30's Cancer Support Society](#). This wonderful organization provides financial support to individuals diagnosed with cancer in the Lakeland region.



Typically the school raises about \$2000.00 for their Lenten project. This year, the students went above

and beyond by raising \$5000.00! Each time a class raised \$50, a green ribbon (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma) with the class name was put on the wall around the memory quilt created to honour the life of their incredible school leader.



Staff and students from École Notre Dame High School (ÉNDHS) in Bonnyville were also working on fundraising for this cause. They organized the Wildcats 2021 Virtual 3K Challenge for Cancer.

“Cancer has affected so many of our staff and students' families that we at École Notre Dame High School felt called to do something about it in this season of Lent” said principal Vince Spila.

The organizers invited students, staff, parents, and the Lakeland Community to participate in their event. They were overwhelmed with the response from the Community (Lakeland and Wildcats), and are proud to be able to present a cheque for \$3,600.00 to Haying in the '30's Cancer Support Society.

Organizers of the Wildcat Run would like to thank the community and Marigold Lane Creative for donating the medals to participants.

Martin Naundorf from Haying in the 30's will be at the Holy Cross Elementary School to receive the donations on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Lakeland Catholic School Division would like to thank all who participated in these important fundraising events. They are so proud of the hard work staff, students and community members dedicated to making these fundraising initiatives such a success.

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