

# FROST ROAD ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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## Message from the Admin Team

Ey' Swayel Frost Road families,

As we head into the holiday season and bring term one to a close, we would like to thank you all for your continued support with being partners in learning. Our staff continue to put their hearts into creating engaging learning opportunities and providing caring classrooms for our learners. Outside the classroom, thank you to our dedicated team of office and custodial staff who ensure the smooth operation of the school and help our learners on a daily basis. Thank you to our coaches who provide opportunities for our students to thrive. Thank you, as well, to the many parents who go the extra mile: organizing and contributing to PAC meetings; creating fundraising opportunities; providing special school activities... and the list goes on. We wish you the very best, and we hope that you have many opportunities to enjoy time with your families and, despite the bustle of the season, savour those precious moments together.

Best wishes for a beautiful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing all of you back in the New Year.

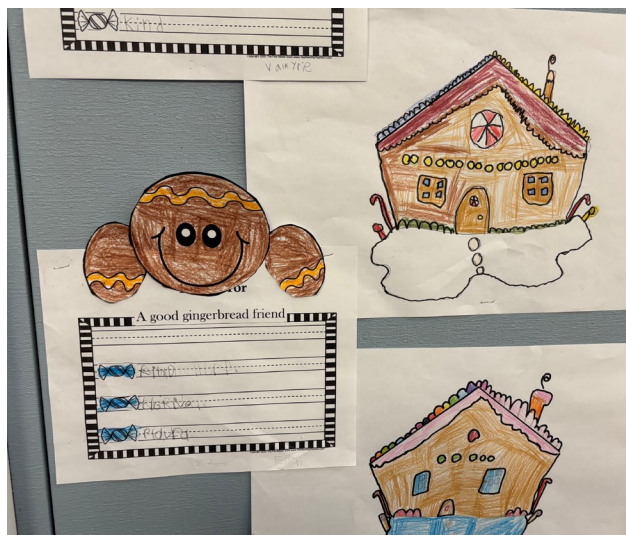
Take good care,

Andrew Shook and Christie Switch

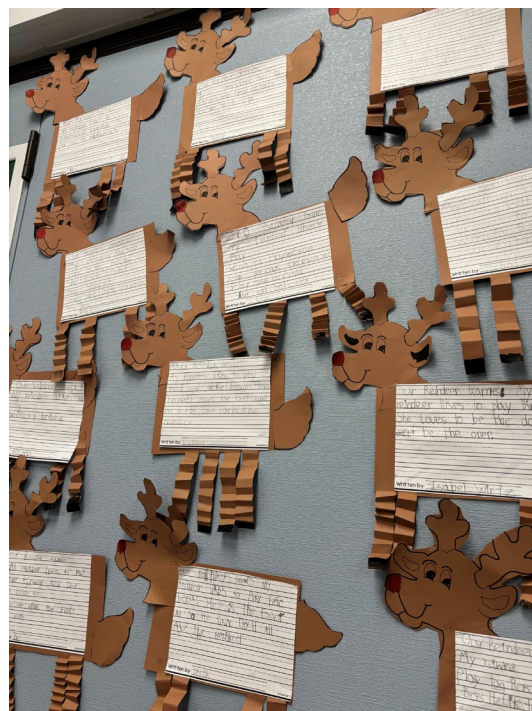
**Wishing you a Wonderful Winter Break from the Office Staff!!**













## Library Update

# THANK YOU

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EARNED US: \$ 2,347.73 TO GO BACK INTO THE LIBRARY. MRS. HOYANO WAS ABLE TO BRING IN OVER 50 NEW BOOKS WITH THIS MONEY AND HAS PURCHASED SOME NEW WIGGLE CHAIRS AND FLEXIBLE SEATING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! REMINDER THAT REGULAR BOOK EXCHANGE WILL COMMENCE THE FIRST WEEK BACK IN JANUARY. MRS. HOYANO WISHES YOU A RELAXING WINTER BREAK AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



## This is Epic!

Starting in January, we will be welcoming an autism assistance dog named Epic to our school to support one of our students with diverse needs. Epic will be the newest member of Mr. Moore's Division 3 class.

Assistance dogs play a crucial role in assisting individuals with various challenges, providing not only physical support but also emotional and psychological benefits. The presence of an autism assistance dog can significantly enhance the well-being and learning experience of the student it supports. It is important to recognize that this student has the right to receive this support, and we are committed to ensuring that their needs are met in a respectful and inclusive manner.

To ensure a smooth integration of the assistance dog into our school environment, we will be providing training sessions for both students and staff. These sessions will help everyone understand the role of the assistance dog and the responsibilities associated with having a working dog in the school building. Our goal is to create a supportive atmosphere where the assistance dog can perform its duties effectively while maintaining a safe and comfortable environment for all. Please be assured that all district procedures and guidelines will be followed throughout this process. We are dedicated to making this transition as seamless as possible and to addressing any questions or concerns you may have.

Welcoming an assistance dog into our school is a positive step forward for the student it will support, and it reflects our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive educational environment. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we embark on this journey together.

Meet Epic



## Winter Health

### Keeping your child healthy during winter

As the chilly winter season is upon us, there's a few extra things you can do to help keep your children healthy and well. Navigate this season with these essential tips.

### Bundle up for the cold

Dressing appropriately for the cold weather is vital in keeping your child comfortable and protected. Wearing multiple layers is a great way to trap body heat and provide insulation against the cold.

Keep a warm hat, gloves, scarves and insulated boots handy. Remind your child to wear these items before heading outside to play or going to school.

### Protect against winter illnesses



Winter brings an increased risk of colds and flus. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep (nine to 11 hours for elementary-aged children), eating a variety of foods and staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Ensure your child receives their annual flu vaccine and talk to a health care provider about any additional vaccines that may be recommended. Teach your child good respiratory etiquette such as regular hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. If they are sick and cannot stay away from others, they can wear a mask to reduce the risk of spreading their illness. Learn more about masks here: [Masks \(bccdc.ca\)](https://bccdc.ca/masks)

### **Keep their bodies moving**

While colder weather may limit outdoor activities, it's crucial to keep your child active during winter as regular physical activity boosts their immune system and keeps them energized. Encourage indoor play and activities such as dancing, yoga or interactive video games that promote movement. Look for winter programs at local community centres or indoor sports facilities.

Find more tips for a healthy winter: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/winter-health>



**Please let us know if your child will be away from school for any reason.**

Your cooperation is required in reporting to the school, not just the teacher, when your child is going to be late or absent from school. The office staff calls all those students who are away and whose parents we have not heard from. We appreciate your co-operation.



**e-mail: [frostroad@surreyschools.ca](mailto:frostroad@surreyschools.ca)**

**phone: 604/572-4050**

**\*\*When you call the school you will hear a message, to bypass this message simply press '0'. If you are wanting to report a student absence press '1'.**

- Please be sure to include the teacher's name, division number, and reason for the absence.
- If your child has had an episode of vomiting or diarrhea, please stay home for at least 1 day before returning to school.

Thank you!!



### **Reminder: Dress for the Weather**

The cold and wet weather has arrived, so please ensure your child has outdoor gear for going outside at recess, lunch and throughout the day. Having a warm rain jacket, an outside pair of boots or shoes and dry socks is important. Even if it is not raining, the grounds are wet. Please ensure your child has an extra set of pants, a clean shirt, socks and shoes at school. Thank you for your assistance!



## Weather Related Procedures: What to Know Before It Snows!

With the weather getting chillier, and overnight temperatures hovering around zero degrees, it's important for parents, caregivers, students and staff to know the district's severe weather procedures for announcing school closures, delayed openings or cancellations.

In the event of snow, all schools in the Surrey School District will remain OPEN, except under extreme circumstances.

### **When all schools are closed:**

Any districtwide closure or delayed school opening will be announced on the Surrey Schools [website](#) and individual school websites, as well as communicated on the district's [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts. Staff will also receive an email.

An announcement will be made by 7 a.m. at the latest, based on the best information available at that time.

*Please note: Typically, only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced. Except under extreme circumstances, no announcement will be made that schools are open.*

### **When schools are open:**

**\*\* Student safety is our first priority and a shared responsibility. As always, parents and caregivers may choose to make other arrangements if they don't feel it is safe to travel to school. Students will not be penalized for such absences. \*\***

To ensure safe travel to and from school, families who choose to attend should plan ahead by:

- allowing extra travel time, to prevent rushing on icy or wet roads;
- checking transit schedules and routes, to plan alternative transportation if needed; and
- wearing weather-appropriate footwear to avoid slips and falls.

### **How are school closures decided?**

Given the varying weather conditions across Surrey and White Rock, a variety of factors are considered before a decision to close schools is made. The district takes the following steps in determining whether to delay opening or close schools due to weather:

- Designated staff members travel predetermined routes to assess conditions at and around school sites.



- A recommendation to close schools or cancel buses is discussed with key district personnel, as well as neighbouring school districts. Student and staff safety are always our top priority.
- A variety of factors are taken into consideration, including road, sidewalk and parking lot conditions, and issues such as power outages and other emergent matters.

**For more information, please check our information brochure, available in [English](#), [Punjabi](#), [Chinese](#) and [Arabic](#).**

***If you have any questions or concerns about safe travel to and from school, please talk to your school.***

# Weather-related closures, class cancellations and delayed school openings



In the event of inclement weather, we want to remind families, students and staff about where to find information and how we make decisions to cancel classes, delay school openings or alter bus service due to weather.

All schools in the Surrey School District will remain OPEN if at all possible, except under extreme circumstances.

## HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE?

The Surrey School District covers a large geographic area, so conditions at individual school sites may vary. A variety of factors are considered before a decision is made, including:

- Road, sidewalk, school and parking lot conditions;
- Issues such as power outages and other emergent matters.



Designated staff members travel predetermined routes to assess conditions, and a recommendation to close schools or cancel buses is discussed with key district personnel, as well as neighbouring school districts. Student and staff safety are always our top priority.

## WHEN WILL I KNOW?

A decision to close or delay opening schools districtwide will **be made by 7 a.m. at the latest**, based on the best information available at that time.



## HOW WILL I BE INFORMED?

Except under extreme circumstances, no announcement will be made that schools are open. Only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced. We will communicate this information as soon as it's available through:



@Surrey\_Schools



@surrey\_schools



SurreySchools



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Metro Vancouver media



## FAMILIES ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE

Student safety is our first priority and a shared responsibility. Parents may choose to make other arrangements if they don't feel it's safe to travel to school. Student absences under these circumstances will be excused. Parents should contact the school if a student will not be attending.

## PAC News: Purdy's Fundraiser

*Congratulations to Divisions 4 & 21 for being the top raising Primary & Intermediate class and earned themselves a pizza party! Thank you for supporting our school community!!*

## Connect to Kindergarten Parent Information



# CONNECT TO KINDERGARTEN

Please join us for this informative series for families with children entering Kindergarten in September 2025.

### No RSVP Required



**Online Session #1: Registration & Beyond**

- How and when do I register?
- What are Choice Programs and how do I register?
- What can I expect in September?

**January 8th, 10am-11am  
OR January 9th, 7pm-8pm**



Scan the QR code for the meeting link

**Online Session #2: Helping my child be "school ready"**

- What do schools expect in terms of learning? In terms of independence?
- How can I support my child to have a successful transition to Kindergarten?

**February 4th, 10am-11am  
OR February 6th, 7pm-8pm**



Scan the QR code for the meeting link

**In Person Session #3: Emotional Well Being and School Readiness: How play and attachment are key!**

- How does a strong attachment with my child provide safety at school and readiness for learning?
- How is play one of the most important, well-researched and effective ways to help my child be "school ready"?

**April 15th, 6.30 - 8pm**  
District Resource Education Centre  
14123 92 Ave  
Child Care Provided Ages 2-10



Scan the QR code to request child care

**Further information please contact:**  
Leah Christensen, District Principal Early Learning and Child Care  
Tel. 604.595.5164

## YMCA

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*Are you looking for before and after school care?*

*The YMCA Kids Club has opened a before and after school care program at this school site.*

*Part time and full-time spaces.*

*For more information or to register please email [ymcakidsclubs@bc.ymca.ca](mailto:ymcakidsclubs@bc.ymca.ca)*

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## Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025	Winter Break
January 6, 2025	School reopens after winter break
January 15, 2025	Black Excellence Day
February 17, 2025	Family Day – No School
February 21, 2025	Non-Instructional Day – No School
March 17, 2025 – March 21, 2025	Spring Break
March 24, 2025 – March 28, 2025	School Closure Days
March 31, 2025	Schools reopen after spring break
April 18, 2025	Good Friday – No School
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday – No School
May 2, 2025	Non-Instructional Day-No School
May 7, 2025	Early Dismissal – 1:28 pm
May 19, 2025	Victoria Day – No School
May 26, 2025	Non-Instructional Day -No School
June 26, 2025	Early Dismissal – 1:28 pm
June 27, 2025	Administrative Day – Schools Close

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***School Website: [Frost Road Elementary](#)***

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