

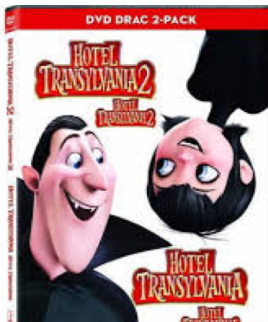
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NEWS FLASH

Regular Kennedy Trail Newsletters will be sent out Monthly. However; from time to time we may need to send home additional information prior to the regular newsletter. This is a NEWS FLASH.

Photo Retakes

School Photo re-takes will be on Monday morning (October 30th). If your child missed the original photo day please make sure they get their photo taken.

Family Photos

Lifetouch photographers will be here on the evening of Tuesday, November 7th. Please call the school to book your time. Sitting fee is only \$10.

A reminder that our first PAC event will happen tonight. Please join us for a FAMILY movie night. The PAC will be showing Hotel Transylvania 2. Doors open at 5:30. Movie starts at 6:00. The PAC will also be selling popcorn, chips and water.

Admission is \$1 per person at the door.

THANK YOU to our volunteers!

Important Dates – Please check our website throughout the month for updated or new dates.

October 30	October 31	November 3
Photo Retakes	Halloween Parade and Thriller Dance	Non-Instructional Day-No School
November 9	November 10	November 13
Remembrance Day Assembly	Non-Instructional Day-No School	School Closed-for Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday



The annual Hallowe'en parade will take place at 10:45 on Halloween day. Students are encouraged to come to school in their costumes. You may want to send your child with a change of clothes to ensure costumes stay in good condition for "trick or treating." While most children will be wearing costumes to school for Halloween celebrations, I would like to remind parents that District policy does not allow any types of replica weapons at school. **Therefore, costumes at school should not include toy guns, knives, swords or other items that could be considered weapons.** We are expecting that our older students will continue to look out for the needs of our younger students and not wear overly scary or gory items that may upset the younger children. Masks will only be permitted during the parade.

Community Safety

We are all responsible for keeping our community safe. Each Halloween, there is the potential for the District to experience a rise in broken glass, graffiti and other property damage at school sites. If you notice any suspicious activity it is recommended that you call the RCMP non-emergency number at (604) 599-0502 or 911 for emergency situations. Please see the letter at the back of this Newsflash for Halloween specific issues.

Parking Lot Concerns

Please obey all traffic laws while dropping students off or picking up. These laws are created in the interest of student safety. Please do not park along the curb in the parking lot next to the school. This is a no parking zone. This area must be kept clear to allow emergency vehicles access. Also please remember to slow down in all school and park zones.

Lunch Drop Off

In the interest of student safety, parents are asked to drop off student lunches at the table near the office. Paper and pens are available at the office to label lunches. Parents are not permitted to go down hallways without first signing in and getting a visitor pass. **Students are also no longer permitted to run out to the parking lot to pick up lunches from parked cars** as this can pose a safety risk for our students.





Family Portraits

Family Photo night is coming to our school

Support our school in promoting community spirit.

Lifetouch will be bringing their portrait studios to our school on:

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

As a fundraiser for our school, they will be setting up their portable studio in our school. It will provide you with the opportunity to have a family portrait taken with the convenience of location and familiar, comfortable surroundings. **The entire sitting fee is given directly back to our school.** Each family will have the opportunity to have a minimum of eight different poses taken. The photographers will be using both traditional and contemporary backgrounds and props.

For just \$10 your family will receive one sitting and an 8 X 10 portrait from the preview of your choice.

Don't miss out on this opportunity. Unfortunately, our school is limited to the above date, so it will be, first come first serve. Be sure to purchase your sitting by **Monday, October 30th, 2017.**

Yes, our family would like to book a portrait sitting.

Family Name

Student Name

Grade

Division

Telephone #

E-mail address

Please check a first and second choice for sitting time:

5:00 - 6:00 pm _____

6:00 - 7:00 pm _____

7:00 - 8:00 pm _____

8:00 - 9:00 pm _____

Please pay by using School Cash Online.



Safe Schools Department

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October 26, 2017

Dear Neighbour,

Re: Safe Schools Halloween Initiative

As you know, Halloween is approaching. I am writing to request whatever assistance you can provide to help us keep our schools and neighbourhood from being vandalized.

In the last school year, the Surrey School District took close to \$317,052.59 out of its budget (our taxes) to repair acts of vandalism. This money could have supported our students in many different ways. The Surrey School Board remains focused on reducing this expense.

While we do our best to educate young people to convince them of the senselessness of vandalism, we are also looking for other ways to deter vandalism on our schools and in the area. One approach is to enlist our neighbours' help to watch for anyone "hanging around" our schools, particularly after dark on Halloween.

For many years, the school district has organized patrols of district staff (including trustees) in which small groups take shifts of an hour or two to walk around the grounds of the school. This small effort does a great deal to deter youth from even approaching our schools.

Please help us out by keeping your eyes and ears open to any activity at our schools and don't hesitate to notify us if you notice people milling about. If there is obvious, active vandalism taking place, please immediately notify police by calling 9-1-1. We also welcome your call to a special Surrey School District phone number set-up for Halloween at 604-677-3890 to report any suspicious activity so a security patrol can be dispatched.

School vandalism affects our entire neighbourhood. Defaced walls or damaged property can be seen by everyone. News reports about such activity generate a public perception about our neighbourhood. Vandals allowed to congregate at a school typically spread their activities to neighbouring homes and vehicles. Vandals frequently choose to return and congregate where they have not encountered any deterrents in the past.

Please join us as we demonstrate to vandals that they are not welcome at our schools, or in our neighbourhood!

Thank you for your help.

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Rob Rai
Director, School & Community Connections

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Jeff McMillan
Manager, Security/Infrastructure