



# Holly Elementary School

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## Mr. Shook's Message

The first term of school is going by so quickly! Earlier this month our students observed Remembrance Day here at Holly with many parents and community members. I was very proud of our students who presented thoughts and feelings, and for those who sang meaningful songs of Remembrance. I was also proud of all of our Hawks in the audience who were respectful participants during the assembly.

On December 2nd some of you will receive your child's first term report cards while others will receive no formal report card at all! That is because, this year, teachers will either use a new Communicating Student Learning report card or will communicate through an online learning portfolio called FreshGrade.

Regardless of how the learning is being communicated, teachers have put forth great efforts teaching your child and assessing their progress.

Please take time to sit with your child and share in their learning together. Spend time celebrating the great accomplishments throughout the first term. We are so very proud of each student at Holly because of their fine efforts in their learning and in their citizenship.

Besides recognizing the successes try to capture one or two learning goals for the second term. This approach will help your child feel proud of their efforts as well as clearly know what to focus on next term. Enjoy in the sharing of your child's learning!

Research indicates that, "When parents are involved in talking about learning with their children, the children achieve more. The more parents are involved, the higher the student achievement levels." (Ann Davies, 2001)

Sincerely,  
Mr. Shook, Principal

## Library News

Holly Library Learning Commons has been busy this term! Students have been busy reading and working on assignments, so you may have noticed lots of library books coming home. Please help your child to remember to bring their books back to the library. They can drop them off anytime. If you have library books from another school, just bring them to the library and we can send them back. **Please return all library books by Monday, Dec 12!**

We also had "Drop Everything & Read" and almost every student participated by reading that day. Many students also participated in the BC Giants Program "Read to Succeed" and the BC Lions program "Read, Write & Roar."

## Winter Fair

On Friday Dec 9 we will have a sale in the library to raise money for the Surrey Food Bank. Most items cost under a dollar. It's a great opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their family members for the holidays! The fair is open to students from all grades.

## Flu Season is Coming

Each year an influenza vaccine is developed to protect against expected flu strains and it is recommended that everyone receives it. Listed below are some of the people who qualify for free vaccine:

- Children and adults with chronic medical conditions
- People who live with seniors, adults, or children with chronic medical conditions
- Healthy children between the ages of 6 - 23 months
- Pregnant women in their 3rd trimester



For further information call your local health unit

## School Meal Program



Our amazing meal program serves approximately 400 students each day.

A few points to consider if you would like your child to be on the meal program:

- Forms must be signed every month by the parent and returned to the teacher as soon as possible
- Please note any food allergies and/or food restrictions (for religious reasons only) on the form
- It is very important that your children eat what is provided on the lunch program. There is a daily menu included on the back of each form; **should your child not like what is on the menu then he or she must bring a lunch from home on that day.**

## Mark Your Calendars

This year, we are fortunate to have an Artist in Residency for our students in grades 1 to 7 from December 7 – 16, sponsored by the School District. SQx is a professional dance company dedicated to fostering the development of contemporary dance through performances and outreach programming. SQx uses dance to share and encourage innovation, kinship, collaboration, and teamwork. On Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15, we will be showcasing our dances as well as having our Kindergartens share some songs. Please join us for our Celebrations of Song and Dance.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on Wednesday Dec 7 starting at 1:45 pm. Starting Monday Dec 5, **please call the office at 604-585-2566 or stop by in person** to book an appointment time with your child's teacher.

## December 2016

- 2 First Formal Report Cards
- 7 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
- 7 Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:45 pm
- 14 Celebration of Song & Dance #1 1:00 pm
- 15 Celebration of Song & Dance #2 1:00 pm
- 16 Last Day of School before Winter Break

**Winter Break December 17 – January 2  
School Re-opens January 3**

## Holly Society News

### Popcorn Sales

Our PAC continues to raise money for the school to bring in things that enhance our children's education such as field trips, physical education enhancement, technology upgrades, and so on.



**Popcorn sales have changed to Wednesday after school at the outside gym doors by the playground**

### Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017  
6:00 pm – Library @ Holly

## Christmas Dinner

Everyone is welcome!

Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 to 8:00 pm  
Upper Auditorium  
Whalley Legion  
13525 106 Avenue



## Holly Website

Please take a moment to look at the **Communit-E-Bulletin** posted on the Holly website. It contains links to a number of services available in the community. This information is also posted on the bulletin board in the Holly lobby.

## The Holly Newsletter is Now Available by



### Instructions to Sign Up

1. Go to [www.surreyschools.ca/holly](http://www.surreyschools.ca/holly)
2. Enter your email address under "Email List"
3. Click the box next to "I agree to the terms and conditions"
4. Click the "Submit" button