



Holly Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Holly students returned from Christmas break full of energy and enthusiasm and are truly excited about their learning. At all grade levels, students are showing on a daily basis that they are eager to work hard, contribute to class discussions and also be responsible citizens. We are very grateful for our students and their positive attitudes. At Holly we support and CARE for each other and always strive to be in the GREEN ZONE!

The New Year also brings about many changes for our Holly Community. Not only do we have new students joining us, but we also have some new and returning staff. We would like to welcome Ms. Rodgers and Ms. Sutton-Peters to Holly. Ms. Rodgers and Ms. Sutton-Peters are our newest members of the office team and we are so fortunate to have them. We would also like to welcome Ms. Varpaul back to Holly.

Andrew Shook



KINDERGARTEN—2017/2018

For children born in 2012, Kindergarten registrations for September 2017 begin Monday, January 16 from 10-2. You will need to bring:

- Student's proof of birth date:
(1) birth certificate and/or
(2) permanent residence card + Passport;
- Immunization record and any medical condition information;
- Proof of address (phone bill, rental agreement, etc.); and
- Parent's proof of citizenship.

We look forward to meeting with you and helping you enter your child into Holly. Our student records clerk, Mrs. Rodgers, is here to make your child's registration easy. Please do not hesitate to ask her for assistance.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR SICK CHILD AT HOME

At school we continue to be concerned about your child's well being. We all need to be vigilant and continue to wash our hands and cough into our elbows. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather; we go outside every recess and lunch unless there is extreme weather conditions.



Please keep your child at home if:

- If your child has a fever
- If your child is too sick to take part in normal school activities
- If your child has or you suspect he/she has a known communicable disease (eg. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox)
- If your child throws up we ask that you keep him/her home for 2 days

HOLLY SOCIETY NEWS (PAC)

Our PAC continues to work towards raising 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 Wednesday after school at the outside gym doors by the playground.**



Did you know that just by being a registered family at Holly you are already a member of PAC? We would love to have you come out to one of the PAC meetings to meet the executive, find out about activities around the school and meet and socialize with other parents. It's also a great way to have your questions answered and voice heard about your children's education and where the fundraising dollars should be spent. Feel free to check out the Holly website listed below.

We also welcome you to help out where/ when you can—no pressure! We really appreciate the regulars as well as look forward to seeing new faces. We can always use the extra help, even if your schedule permits a last minute basis. If you have any comments/questions to pass along to the executive please contact us.



On behalf of the Holly PAC we would like to thank you for your generous donations and your continuous support throughout the year. Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of the students at Holly Elementary school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February

13 – BC Family Day – School Closed
17 – Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
22 – Pink Shirt Day – Celebrate Diversity!

March

10 – Second Formal Report Cards
10 – Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
27 – School Reopens

CHECK THE FIRST PAGE IN YOUR CHILD'S PLANNER FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR!

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.**



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 in the Holly lobby.

The Holly Newsletter is Now Available by



Instructions to Sign Up

1. Go to 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

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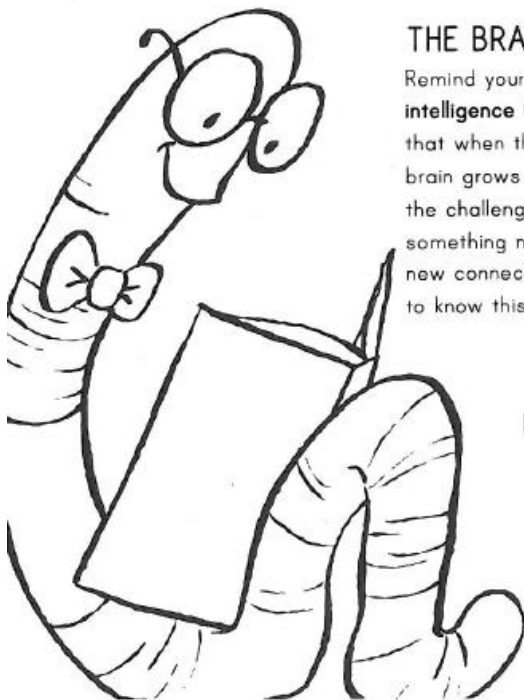
TALK ABOUT IT

Talk with your child about his or her day, but guide the discussion by asking questions like:

- Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn?
- What did you do that was difficult today?

ENCOURAGE FAILURE (say what?!)

Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and **it is okay!** Remind her that each time she fails and tries again, her brain is growing stronger! Don't step in to prevent your child's failure - this is how she learns to persevere in the face of challenges.



THE BRAIN CAN GROW!

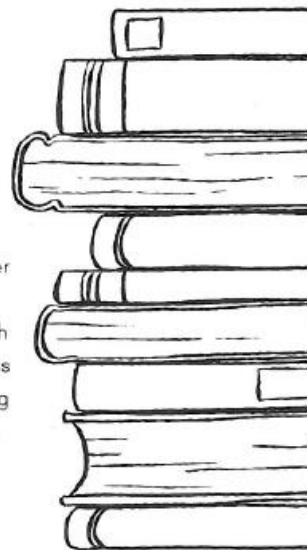
Remind your child that **his or her intelligence is not fixed**. Remind her that when things are difficult, her brain grows if she persists through the challenge. Each time she learns something new, her brain is making new connections. Your child needs to know this is possible!

PRAISE THE PROCESS

Instead of saying, "You're so smart!" praise effort, goal setting, persisting through challenges, or being creative.

You can say something like:

- "Wow! You must have worked really hard on this!"



HELP THEM CHANGE THEIR DIALOGUE

The way your child talks to himself makes a huge impact on his mindset. If he says, "This is too hard!" help him change that to "I can't do this yet, but I will keep trying." Give him the words to say when he is feeling defeated by modeling it yourself!