



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 15th some of you will receive your child's first term report cards while others will receive no formal report card at all! Again, 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 11!**

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, December 8 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 only open to students from Kindergarten to Grade 3.**

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

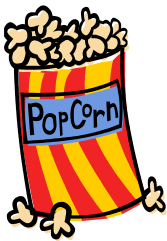


- Forms must be signed every month by the parent and returned to the teacher BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY MONTH!
Please note any food allergies and/or food restrictions (**for religious reasons only**) on the form.
- Please encourage your children to eat the food that is provided and not to throw it out in the garbage. There is a daily menu included on the back of each form; should your child not like what is on the menu then please provide a lunch from home on that day.
- Due to safety concerns food is not to be taken home.
- We need your support to ensure that our meal program is continued.

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 every
Wednesday after school
at the outside gym doors
by the playground**

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
6:00 pm – Library @ Holly

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on Tuesday, Dec 19 starting at 1:45 pm. **Starting Wednesday Dec 13, please call the office at 604-585-2566 or stop by in person** to book an appointment time with your child's teacher.

Christmas Dinner

Everyone is welcome!
Sunday, Dec. 24th
4:00 to 8:00 pm
Upper Auditorium
Whalley Legion
13525 106 Avenue



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December

15 First Formal Report Cards
19 Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
22 Last Day Of Classes Before Winter Break

Winter Break December 23 – January 7
School Re-opens January 8

January

8 School Re-opens

February

12 Family Day – School Closed
16 Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
? Pink Shirt Day – Celebrate Diversity

March

16 Second Formal Report Cards
Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break

Spring Break March 17 – April 2
School Re-opens April 3

April

3 School Re-opens

May

1 Art Crawl starts
2 Art Crawl – Early Dismissal
3 Parent Tea
4 Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
8 Class Group Photos
21 Victoria Day – School Closed
28 Non-Instructional Day – School Closed

June

? Sports Day
? Year End Celebration Assembly
? Grade 7 Graduation Celebration
28 Final Formal Report Cards
Last Day of Classes – Early Dismissal

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