



Holly Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL MR. SHOOK'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We want to extend a special welcome to the new children and parents who are joining us for the first time, particularly our kindergarten students. We are looking forward to a great year of learning and fun.

As you probably know, we have had many new families move into our neighborhood during the summer. This means that it is difficult for us to predict how many classes we will need at each grade level until we actually count the students who do not show up! Until we can confirm how many classes we will need, students will be in temporary groupings with teachers. This will also help us to get to know them better as we make those classroom placements.

The first few days of school will focus on getting to know one another, how to get along, and learning about school expectations. Over the next few weeks, the students will move into their new class groupings for the year.

I appreciate the interest shown by parents for their children's progress, and the staff looks forward to sharing with you the responsibility of educating and caring for your child this year. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or praise, please feel free to contact us at the school. Let's make it a great year!

NEW/RETURNING HOLLY STAFF

We are pleased to introduce and welcome our new staff members:

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| • Ms. Burr | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. Dhaliwal | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. Dinsmore | Classroom Teacher |
| • Emily | STARR |
| • Ms. Ghuman | CYCW (Social Development) |
| • Ms. Hanna | Early Lit. Teacher |
| • Ms. Ho | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. Le | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. Micke | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. Norman | Classroom Teacher |
| • Sharon | STARR |
| • Ms. Steffler | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. Street | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. T. Peterson | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. Wagner | Education Assistant |
| • Mr. Weissig | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. Yang | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. Yip | Classroom Teacher |

NEWSLETTER



October will be the last paper issue. Starting November, Newsletters will be posted on the Holly Website (www.surreyschools.ca/holly) and will be sent out to parent emails.

Please ensure you are signed-up in order to receive newsletters and other important information.

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

COMING HOME SOON

Your child will be bringing home a number of forms that will require your signature.

- Basic Field Trip Approval
- Technology Consent Form
- Media/Website Consent Form
- BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program

Please sign all forms and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Student Information/Verification Forms will also be coming home soon! *Please confirm the address, phone numbers, contact persons & medical information is correct.* This information can also be updated at the office at any time throughout the year.

NOTE: We must have a working contact number at all times.

ELECTRONICS

We recommend that **all** electronic items be left at home unless a teacher is requesting them for learning purposes.



Please Note: If you choose to have your child bring a personal device from home (ie, phone, ipad, ipod, games, mp3s, etc.), the school will **not** be responsible for theft or any damage.

If electronic items are brought to school they **MUST** remain in the student's backpack and turned off during school hours, including recess and lunch. Their use will not be permitted at any time throughout the day unless the teacher requests they be used for school work.

Every classroom has a telephone that may be used by the student, with a teacher's permission, to call for emergencies or important matters only.

TERRY FOX RUN

Rain or Shine!

Terry Fox is a Canadian hero that we honour every September in school. He was a brave, selfless man who gave all he could to raise money for cancer in his attempted run across Canada in 1980.

Thursday, September 28 we will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run. This run is a wonderful community event that celebrates the life of one of Canada’s greatest heroes and, more importantly, teaches students about courage, determination and respect.

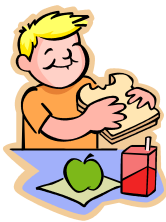
The “primary student” run will take place on school grounds at 1:00 p.m.

The “intermediate student” run will take place on the school grounds at 1:30 p.m.

Parents, lace up your shoes and join us!
In the spirit of Terry’s goal to “Outrun Cancer we will be holding a fundraising coin drive the week of September 25-29. Please send in your quarters, loonies and toonies to help support Cancer Research.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

****** PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY ******



Once again Holly will be having the school meal program.

A few points to consider:

- **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.
- 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.**
- **FOOD IS NOT TO BE THROWN IN THE GARBAGE IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT LIKE IT!**
- **FOOD IS NOT TO BE TAKEN HOME**
- We need your support to ensure that our meal program is continued.

SCHOOL VISITORS

In the interest of safety, **everyone entering the school or the grounds must check in at the office.**

Classrooms are busy learning places and we try not to interrupt them during instructional time. If you need to see your child, leave him or her a message, or drop off a lunch, our office staff will happily take care of that for you. As well, it is difficult at the end or beginning of the school day for our office staff to have in-depth discussions with parents. Making appointments either by phone or in person is preferable.

**ACCIDENT INSURANCE
(FORMS ARE AT THE OFFICE)**

The Surrey School District does not insure for expenses incurred if a student is injured on school grounds or during school activities, and the Medical Services Plan (MSP) is limited and does not cover all of the charges. However, families have the opportunity to purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance.

The plan’s features include:

- Coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in or out of school
- Coverage of expenses that are limited, or not insured under private or group insurance plans or MSP, including private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling, rehabilitation and more
- Coverage of injury-related dental work, including future expenses
- Fully-transferable insurance from school-to-school anywhere in Canada
- Optional premium plans cover babysitting costs or a teen’s wages from a part time job, should a student be homebound due to injuries

For more information and to apply, visit www.iapkidsplus.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September	
5	School Opens
25	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
28	Terry Fox Run
October	
4	Picture Day
9	Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
19	Early Dismissal – Student Led Conferences
20	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
November	
3	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
8	Picture Retakes
10	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
13	Remembrance Day (Stat Holiday)
December	
15	First Formal Report Cards
19	Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
22	Last Day Of Classes Before Winter Break
25	Winter Break Starts

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

