



# Holly Elementary School

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## Mr. Shook's Message

As the holiday season draws closer, the festive and community spirit of Holly is evident. The students, parents, volunteers and staff have already started to make plans to celebrate the holidays at Holly. The students have worked hard in their studies and we have had many clubs, sports and services for students operating daily at our wonderful school. On December 17, we look forward to listening to our band and taking part in holiday songs together as a school. Please note that space will be limited as this will be an all school assembly.

Please take the time to go over your child's report card and /or FreshGrade portfolio. Please also book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher during Parent/Teacher interviews.

On behalf of Holly staff I would like to wish you a safe and happy winter holiday. We hope you enjoy sharing this time with your children and make the most of this festive season. Along with some of the fun activities you may have planned, please remember to encourage your child to practice reading and/or writing daily for a short amount of time. This will help our students continue to build on their growing skills. From all of us at Holly to all of you, we wish you a safe and happy holiday.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Ms. Fenton on becoming the New Principal at Senator Reid Elementary starting January 2019. Please join me in thanking Ms. Fenton for her commitment to Holly Elementary.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. Moxness on becoming the New Vice Principal of Holly Elementary. Mr. Moxness will begin his new role in January as well.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Shook, Principal

## 2019 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations for September 2019 will begin on Monday, January 14, 2019 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If your child was born in 2014, you will need to bring:

- 1) Birth Certificate or P.R. Card (of student)
- 2) Immunization Record
- 3) Proof of Address
- 4) Citizenship of Parents



## Message from Ms. Fenton

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that I will be leaving Holly Elementary after the Christmas holidays. I am sad to be leaving but excited that I have been appointed principal of Senator Reid Elementary. Holly holds a special place in my heart. The students, staff and parents are helpful, thoughtful and caring. I have felt welcomed and supported during my short stay here. Thank you for being great HAWKS and for making my experience at Holly so wonderful.



## 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.

## S.T.A.R.R. Program

### After-school Programs

The S.T.A.R.R. program would like to thank all of the students who participated in the Fall 2018 after-school programs. We had a great time!

Winter 2019 programs will begin in January.

**Registration for S.T.A.R.R. after-school programs is now done through placement only.** Forms will

be sent home with students who are chosen to participate. Please watch for Options S.T.A.R.R. packages that come home with your child.

Registration into the programs is only confirmed once the forms have been completed and returned.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding S.T.A.R.R. programming, please feel free to call 604-613-5215. We appreciate your continued support!



## Library News

**Parents:** 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 Friday, Dec 14!**



## Christmas Dinner

Everyone is welcome!  
 Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 4:00 to 8:00 pm  
 Upper Auditorium  
 Whalley Legion  
 13525 106 Avenue



## PARENTS as PARTNERS

Enjoy the two-week holiday with your family! Although school does not restart until January 7th, there are two big pieces that will help your child stay healthy and keep learning!

1. Exercise with your child every day. This could mean going for a walk, going to the recreation centre, playing on the playground, swimming, or kicking the soccer ball around. Daily exercise keeps the mind and body healthy and ready for learning!
2. Read every day! Even if it is just for 15-20 minutes, reading will help keep your child's brain active and working on reading skills they are learning at school. With younger children you can read with your child out loud and for older kids it helps if there is a quiet reading environment...maybe you can read at the same time they are!

## 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 11  
 6:00 pm – Library @ Holly  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## 2018-2019 CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

14	FIRST FORMAL REPORT CARD (CSL)
21	LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE WINTER BREAK

**WINTER BREAK:**  
 DECEMBER 24, 2018 – JANUARY 4, 2019

### JANUARY

7	SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER WINTER BREAK
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### FEBRUARY

13	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:27 PM
18	FAMILY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
22	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
27	PINK SHIRT DAY

### MARCH

TBA	TALENT SHOW
15	SECOND FORMAL REPORT CARD (CSL) LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE SPRING BREAK

**SPRING BREAK:**  
 MARCH 18 – MARCH 29

### APRIL

1	SCHOOLS REOPENS AFTER SPRING BREAK
8	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
19	GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
22	EASTER MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
30	ART CRAWL STARTS

### MAY

1	ART CRAWL – EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:27 PM
2	PARENT TEA
3	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
7	CLASS GROUP & GRAD PHOTOS
20	VICTORIA DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
27	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
31	SPRING BREAK MUSICAL

### JUNE

TBA	SPORTS DAY
TBA	GRADE 7 GRADUATION CELEBRATION
TBA	YEAR END CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
27	FINAL FORMAL REPORT CARDS LAST DAY OF CLASSES EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:27 PM

