



Holly Elementary School

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MR SHOOK’S MESSAGE

It has been an exciting past few weeks. There have been many wonderful fieldtrips, which have extended learning outside of our classrooms. Our track teams brought home a ton of ribbons from the SPED track meet and Riverdale Track Meet. They did a wonderful job competing in the events and were excellent representatives of our school. We look forward to seeing our team compete at the District Meet on June 4. Thank you to our awesome track coaches for providing this opportunity for our track stars.

Once again our dance teams and choir wowed the audience at the Children’s Festival and at our Parent Appreciation Tea. Our students also “ROCKED IT” at our musical. Thank you again to all our staff for volunteering their time to help our kids prepare and to Ms. McPherson, Mr. Kim and Ms. Varpaul for leading the way.

Sincerely,
Andrew Shook

PARENT REQUESTS FOR 2019/2020

Decisions regarding the placement of students in next year’s class are complex, involving many factors. Some factors are gender balance, learning styles, previous placements, balance of student academic and behavioral needs, student strengths, etc. Parents can provide the school with important information, which can assist in the placement of students. This information should not be a request for a specific teacher or friend, but rather important personal, educational, or social information. If you wish to provide us with information please drop us a note at the office. Thank you!

2019-2020 BELL SCHEDULE

8:30	First Bell
8:35	Class Begins
10:20-10:35	Recess
11:42-12:00	Students Eat Lunch
12:00-12:22	Outside Activity Time
12:22	Afternoon Classes Begin
2:22	Students Dismissed



SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Please plan to join us for our annual Sports Day! The whole family is welcome! Rain or Shine!

The following is a rough timeline of the day:

- attendance in class at 8:30
- proceed to starting stations
- rotation through stations
- rotations complete by 11:30
- lunch in classrooms
- outside play at lunch
- students may go to the concession
- students return to class for attendance at 12:27
- egg toss or tug of war or class activity
- ribbons presented in class
- dismissal at 2:27



HOLLY SCHOOL FEES 2019/2020

The school district requires that we inform parents of upcoming school fees. At Holly, our generous and hard working parent group (Holly Society) supports students in various events and field studies throughout the year. They also pay for all student planners, which cost \$5 each! However, we do sometimes ask parents to contribute to special events. Throughout the school year parents may be requested to pay anywhere from \$2.00 to \$25.00 for various field trips.

We also request that our Kindergarten families purchase school supplies through Holly Elementary. This allows all children to learn with the proper supplies. The cost for Kindergarten school supplies is \$30.00, which is paid by the parents directly to the teacher.

At all times these fees are optional. We, at Holly, are committed to all students taking part in activities and, if at any time, you are asked to fund an event or supplies for your child and the cost is too much, please call us at the office and we will do our best to confidentially help you.

Andrew Shook
Principal, Holly Elementary School

LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the school year is close and that means that all library books need to come back to the library. Please look in your homes for any lost or missing books, as your student will be charged for the cost of any missing or damaged books.



HOLLY'S SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Once again, at Holly Elementary, we are offering a series of summer education programs. Selections have been made by Holly staff according to a criterion given by the school district. Registration forms have already been collected and we are ready to begin when July comes.

- Students in K to Grade 6: Tue. July 2 – Fri. July 12; 8:30am - 12:56pm @ Holly Elementary.
- Students in Grade 7 Transition to Grade 8: Tue. July 2 – Fri. July 26; 8:30am – 12:42pm @ Guildford Park.

DRESS EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to establish a positive learning atmosphere at an elementary school. We want to see clothing worn that will ensure the physical and personal safety of all of our students. Clothing for school should follow these guidelines:



- Students should avoid any clothing that displays expressions or graphics, which could be judged offensive, including alcohol or drug references, etc.
- Students should avoid clothing that is too revealing or too mature for children in an elementary school.
- Students should avoid clothing that could interfere with their safe participation in physical activities.
- Hats are not to be worn unless permitted by their classroom teacher.

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.

STUDENT SAFETY

Please remember to go to the end of 107A to turn around. U-turns in front of the school are very dangerous for our students as well as for drivers. Also, a reminder that there is no student drop-off in the staff parking lot. Thank you to all those parents who are making an effort to keep our students safe.



VISITORS – All parents & visitors to the school **must** report to the office.

SCHOOL HOURS

All students should be at school at 8:25 am and be ready to enter class when the bell rings at 8:30 am. **Class**

begins at 8:35 am, coming to school just before 9:00 a.m. means that your child is late.



Late students disrupt the class and teacher upon entering the classroom. Late students also demand considerable time from the secretaries. Please help us by ensuring that your child arrives at school on time.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN

The end of the school year is fast approaching, so could you please let us know:



- if you are moving over the summer and will not be returning to Holly in September
- if your child will be late returning to school in September so that we can hold your spot
- of any changes in address, phone number, **citizenship**, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE

6	SPORTS DAY
12	GRADE 7 GRADUATION CELEBRATION
25	YEAR END CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
26	FAREWELL ASSEMBLY
27	FINAL FORMAL REPORT CARDS LAST DAY OF CLASSES EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:27 PM

2019-2020 CALENDAR

SEPT	
3	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – 1 HOUR (10 AM – 11 AM)
4	FIRST <u>FULL</u> DAY OF SCHOOL (8:30 AM – 2:22 PM)
27	TERRY FOX RUN
30	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
OCT	
2	PHOTO DAY
14	THANKSGIVING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
24	EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:22PM STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES
25	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
NOV	
6	PHOTO RETAKES
7	REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY – 9:00AM
8	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
11	REMEMBRANCE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
DEC	
6	FIRST FORMAL REPORT CARDS (CSL)
WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 23, 2019 - JANUARY 3, 2020	
JAN	
6	SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER WINTER BREAK
FEB	
11	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:22PM
17	FAMILY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
21	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
MAR	
13	SECOND FORMAL REPORT CARDS (CSL)
SPRING BREAK: MARCH 16 – MARCH 27	
30	SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER SPRING BREAK
APR	
10	GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
13	EASTER MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
29	ART CRAWL EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:22PM
30	PARENT TEA
MAY	
1	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
5	CLASS GROUP & GRAD PHOTOS
18	VICTORIA DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
25	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
JUNE	
12	SPORTS DAY
17	GRADE 7 CELEBRATION
25	FINAL FORMAL REPORT CARDS LAST DAY OF CLASSES EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:22PM