



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 6th 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

Hello, I am Mrs. Myles! I am the new Teacher-Librarian at Holly Elementary.



Here are some guidelines for borrowing books:

- Kindergarten and Grade 1 – One book per week. Books stay at school.
- Grades 2/3 – 1 book per week. Allowed to take them home. Please remind your child to return books on their Library Day.
- Grades 4-7 – 1-3 books for up to 2 weeks. Allowed to take home.

Get Ready! The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to Holly Elementary from December 2nd - 5th It will be great opportunity to buy some Christmas presents and get the latest new books! The Book Fair will also raise money to purchase new books for the school library. A handout will be coming home soon with more information.

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

Christmas Dinner

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





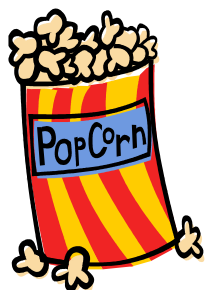
School Meal Program

- 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 10
6:00 pm – Library @ Holly
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

2019-2020 CALENDAR

DEC	
6	FIRST FORMAL REPORT CARDS (CSL)
12	CHRISTMAS CONCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 12:15 PM - DOORS OPEN 11:45 AM o 6 PM – DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM
20	LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE WINTER BREAK
WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 23, 2019 - JANUARY 3, 2020	
JAN	
6	SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER WINTER BREAK
FEB	
11	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:22 PM
17	FAMILY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
21	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
MAR	
13	SECOND FORMAL REPORT CARDS (CSL) LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE SPRING BREAK
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 @ 1:22 PM
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 GRADUATION CELEBRATION
25	FINAL FORMAL REPORT CARDS LAST DAY OF CLASSES EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:22 PM



Surrey CHRISTMAS BUREAU

It's almost that time of year again!

Our 2019 Toy Depot will once again be located at 10240 City Parkway (the former Stardust Skating Centre, across from Surrey Central Skytrain)

Registration will open Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 9:30 am. Hours of operation:

Monday – Saturday 9:30am – 2:00 pm for registrations

Please, no earlybirds: We want everyone to stay warm and dry, there is no need to line up early and stand in the rain. We will be registering families up to December 7 so there is plenty of time. We will also offer one evening registration session on Wednesday, November 13 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

To register you MUST show ALL FOUR of these:

1. **Government-issued photo ID**
2. **Income Information** – If you get Social Assistance, bring a cheque stub or other proof, like two months bank statements clearly showing Prov. of BC deposit.
3. **If not getting Social Assistance**, bring bank statements for 2 months AND ALL income information for the year, with latest paystubs for all jobs for the whole year, E.I info, and all other income statements.
4. **Proof you live in Surrey** (phone bill, rent agreement, mail, electric, cable or gas bill)
5. **BC Medical Care Cards** for everyone in the family