



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.

The first few days of classes will focus on students getting to know one another, how to get along, and learning about school expectations. Over the next few weeks, staff may make minor changes to classes to make the best learning environments for students. We appreciate your patience as we get to know our students and classroom compositions.

As you probably know, we have had many changes over the summer with our portables and playgrounds. We will continue to see changes as our school will be receiving seismic upgrades later in 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!

Sincerely,
Andrew Shook

NEW/RETURNING HOLLY STAFF

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

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| • Ms. A. Morrissey | Band |
| • Ms. N. Beach | Child Care Worker |
| • Ms. C. Anselmo | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. P. Narang | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. J. Roblero | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. Z. Khan | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. S. Bungar | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. J. Watkins | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. J. Gill | Classroom Teacher |
| • Ms. M. Grohmann | Early Lit Teacher |
| • Ms. A. Barnachea | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. T. Chohan | Education Assistant |
| • Mr. N. Goel | Education Assistant |
| • Mr. J. Kim | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. P. Litt | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. T. Mohan | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. G. Nijjar | Education Assistant |
| • Mr. R. Rafada | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. K. Rai | Education Assistant |
| • Ms. H. Rhazlane | Education Assistant |
| • Mr. K. Vining | Education Assistant |
| • Mr. A. Karlgren | Integration Teacher |
| • Ms. M. Myles | Librarian |
| • Mr. J. Miles | Social Development |
| • Ms. M. Tait | Strong Start Facilitator |

NEWSLETTER



Starting October, 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
- 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.

Friday, September 27 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 23-27. Please send in your quarters, loonies and toonies to help support Cancer Research.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM



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.
- 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.

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.

OPTIONAL STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Insure my Kids Accident Insurance program underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

Plan features:

- Provides coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or not insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans; for example, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling and much more.
- Covers injury related Dental (including future expenses).
- Covers injury related Eyeglasses (repair or replace up to \$300).
- Low annual premiums from \$13 per student for the Silver Plan (discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information, or to apply online, visit Insuremykids.com.

2019-2020 CALENDAR

SEPT	
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 – SCHOOL CLOSED
11	REMEMBRANCE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
DEC	
6	FIRST FORMAL REPORT CARDS (CSL)
20	LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE WINTER BREAK
WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 23, 2019 - JANUARY 3, 2020	
JAN	
6	SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER WINTER BREAK