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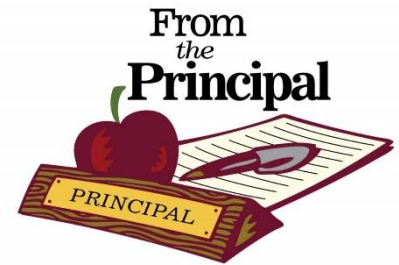
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February was another great month of learning for students at Lena Shaw! I spent a significant amount of time in classrooms this month and was impressed with the dynamic and engaging lessons going on in all of our classrooms. From morning meetings and mental math to computer programming and robotics coding, there were many dynamic activities to engage students at all levels. I am constantly reminded how lucky I am to work, play and learn at Lena Shaw!



On February 27, Lena Shaw staff and students celebrated Pink Shirt day with an assembly focused on the message of kindness and how each one of us can make a difference at our school and in our community. Several of our intermediate students helped to create a video that explored the impact that each one of us can have in making Lena Shaw a safe, caring and kind place to learn. At the same time, we were treated to a wonderful choral performance from our grade 3 classes. Thank you to everyone who made Pink Shirt day at Lena Shaw a great success!

As we move into March, I want to let parents know about our upcoming Lena Shaw makeover. I invited a District team to tour our building last week and spoke about our amazing students, staff and parent community. As part of this tour, we looked at the current state of the building and explored opportunities where we can both refresh and update the inside of the building while providing resources to staff and students that reflect 21st century learning while providing for innovative opportunities where students can work and collaborate together on learning tasks. Part one of this transformation will include some updates to the main office, the main entry way, our IJST classrooms and our Social Development Classroom. Here teachers and students can expect to see significant furniture upgrades and redesigned learning spaces. At the same time, our library will be getting a complete refresh with a design that will include collaborative spaces, whiteboard tables, a comfortable reading zone and some new book storage shelving. Next, our common area will be slowly transforming into a collaborative hub filled with whiteboard tables and new seating to allow students to work as teams to explore and share their thinking with each other. Overtime, this common area will slowly transform beyond a collaborative learning zone to more of a makerspace where students will have access to an ADST construction zone, interactive lego wall and school wide technology. Finally, as part of phase one of our refresh, each kindergarten classroom will be getting all new student work spaces, student seating and play centers. Students, parents and staff can expect to see these upgrades coming to our school over the next few months. The District has assured me that once these areas are complete, we can expect to see upgrades and transformation in each of our LST, primary and intermediate classrooms. The refresh coming to our school is just one way to help teachers and students engage in twenty-first century learning. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and am looking forward to the journey that takes us there.

Formal Report Cards

Just a reminder to parents, that report cards are being issued on March 8, 2019. If your child's teacher is sharing student learning using the traditional template, you can expect a formal report card to be issued at end of day on March 8th. If your child's teacher is reporting out using Fresh Grade, you may have already had a chance to log in to see teacher updates, comments and reflections. For parents and guardians accessing Fresh Grade, please make sure that you log in on March 8th to ensure you have the most up to date assessment of your child at this time.

Important Dates Ahead

March 8	Formal Report Cards
March 10	Daylight savings time starts – Spring Forward!!
March 13	Intermediate Spring Concert at 1pm
March 18 – 22	Spring Break
March 25 – 29	School Closure

Intermediate Spring Concert – Wednesday, March 13 at 1pm

Join us on Wednesday, March 13 for our intermediate Spring Concert where you will enjoy a wide variety of performances including our school band, our Grade 4/5 choir and some of our talented soloists. Please arrive by 12:50pm and please stay until the end as to not disappoint any of the students that are on at the end. Thank you!

Spring Break & School Closure March 18 – 29, 2019

Keeping student information up to date

Please help the school keep your student's information up to date by contacting the office if you move, get a new phone number or would like to add/change a contact to your student's record.

Basketball



Our boys and girls basketball teams have been practicing hard, playing well and showing good sportsmanship throughout the season. The teams have had a great season and are now preparing to play in the annual playday tournaments at Lena Shaw. We wish them the best of luck in their year end tournaments and thank them for being great ambassadors of our school. A big thank-you to all the coaches that help make these teams possible and ready to compete in games. Go ORCA's Go!



Internet safety

What are the concerns about access?

The Surrey School Board believes access and use of technology is an integral component of current learning and working environments. However, the potential for misuse of the Internet exists, even with due diligence.

Sending or receiving inappropriate information (e.g. racist, slanderous, pornographic, threatening, sexist, confidential, etc.) or using chat rooms or polling booths for this purpose is possible.

Sophisticated search capabilities and easy access to web sites provide a wide range of information at your child's fingertips. Internet contact with students by strangers with questionable motives is also a major concern, particularly with chat rooms.

What is the Surrey School District doing to reduce the risk of inappropriate use of technology?

Internet access for all schools in B.C. is provided by the Provincial Learning Network (PLNet), a network supported from Victoria. PLNet provides virus protection service and limited blocking of inappropriate sites, such as pornography.

School district responsibilities

- To provide age appropriate instruction for students on responsible, appropriate use of the Internet.
- To make every reasonable attempt to ensure appropriate use of the Internet by students.
- To investigate suspected misuse and provide consequences for misuse of district resources.
- To encourage parents and students to complete a Technology Access and Use Agreement form as part of mandatory consent for student access to the Internet at school.



Student responsibilities

- To follow guidelines set out by the Surrey School District and his/her parents regarding Internet use.
- To make responsible decisions around his/her use of technology and the Internet.

Parent responsibilities

- Instruct your child to never give out identifying information - home address, school name, or telephone number - in a public message such as chat or bulletin boards and be sure you are dealing with someone you and your child know and trust before providing personal information via e-mail.
- To instruct your child regarding boundaries of what is considered acceptable use of the Internet by your family.
- To be aware of the risks in accessing the Internet.
- To emphasize to your child the importance of personal safety in Internet use and that people online may not be who they seem. Because you can't see or even hear the person, it would be easy for someone to misrepresent him or herself. Thus, someone indicating that "she" is a "12-year-old girl" could in reality be a 40 year-old man.
- To monitor and supervise your child's use of the Internet when not in a school setting.
- To be aware that children can access the Internet from almost any computer (home, friends, or school).

Suggestions for parents

- Place home computers in a high traffic area in the home, not your child's bedroom.
- Set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use. Discuss and post them near the computer as a reminder.
- Make casual checks of your child's work while they are using the Internet.
- Monitor the sites visited by your children through logs and bookmarks on your computer.
- Consider 'filtering' software which can block access to objectionable sites, words or phrases.

For more information visit the
www.wiredkids.org website



Lena Shaw Elementary Gym
Wednesday, April 17th
1:00 to 2:00 pm

Calling all 3 and 4 Year Olds!

An afternoon of fun, learning and a gift bag to take home!

Ready, Set, Learn is an early learning initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education. It is designed to provide children and parents/caregivers with an opportunity to participate in a series of play-based learning activities within school or community settings. It also provides an opportunity for families to receive information from participating community agencies. Three- and four-year-olds and their families are invited to attend the Ready, Set, Learn event at Lena Shaw Elementary on April 17th from 1:00-2:00pm.

Will your child turn 5 years old in 2019?

Kindergarten Registration started on January 14, 2019.

Now is the time to prepare for Kindergarten Registration for September 2019! Registrations will begin at 10am and continue until 2pm everyday starting on January 14, 2019. Please bring all of the documents mentioned below to complete your registration.

The documents required to register are:

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport).
2. Proof of guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document or guardianship order).
3. Proof of Citizenship for both the parent and student (Canadian Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Passport, Landed Immigrant Document, Permanent Resident Card, Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced Identification Card).
4. Proof of residence (e.g., ordinarily resident) of parent/guardian in BC:
 - a. Three pieces of identification showing the address of residence (purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
 - b. One of the three pieces above must be government issued in order to complete the registration process (BC driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID or BC Care Card of parent/legal guardian).
5. Immunization records
6. Care card.

