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Special Dates

April 2

2nd Term Report Cards
Jump Rope for Heart

April 3

Good Friday- No School

April 6

Easter Monday
No School

April 7,8,9

Scholastic Book Fair

April 8

Early Dismissal 1:37
Parent Teacher
Conferences
Family Book Fair Night
2-6 pm

April 17

Kids' Swap Meet
2-6 p.m.

April 21

PAC Meeting
8:45 a.m

April 24

Ready, Set, Learn
1:15 -2:30 p.m.

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**Building a Community
of Learners – Together**

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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Sports Update:

Our badminton season is in full swing and students have been practicing regularly and competing against neighbouring schools. It has been exciting to see the enthusiasm of the teams as they continue to develop their skills. Thank you to parent drivers and coaches for continuing to support athletics here at Ray Shepherd.

Scholastic Book Fair:

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming again to Ray Shepherd! We are excited to say that on April 7th, 8th and 9th we will be having a Book Fair. Students will have the opportunity, during scheduled class times, to preview the books on the Tuesday and Wednesday and then they will be able to purchase books Wednesday evening and Thursday.

We will be having a special **Family Event** from 2 PM to 6 PM on Wednesday, April 8th for parents to come with or without their children. There will be a Family Event Draw where you could win \$25 worth of books for your family and \$25 for your child's teacher.

Book Fairs connect students to the books that they want to read which encourages them to read more. As well, by purchasing books and supporting our Book Fair, you enable our school to obtain new resources for school and classroom libraries and fund special literary events such Book Celebrations. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you all there.

Ready, Set, Learn:

On Friday, April 24th from 1:15 to 2:30 pm Ray Shepherd Elementary will be holding open house activities for 3 and 4-year-old children **in-catchment**. This fun event will provide interactive experiences for children and their parents to foster positive interactions and instill an excitement for learning. Please call the school or email our head secretary Ms. Fox (fox_k@surreyschools.ca) to register.



Reading Link Challenge:



At the beginning of March, 6 teams of students competed in the in-school Reading Link Challenge. The Reading Link Challenge is a reading program for grade 4 and 5 students that promotes the "sport of reading." Using the elements of a classic reading program, children are encouraged to participate in a group activity, to read for retention, and to participate in a public library activity that promotes the love of reading as a pleasurable life long experience. The 6 teams were asked a series of questions about 6 different novels that the teams had read and studied. We would like to congratulate Mia, Emma, Jenna, Anna, and Cassidy of the team *Deadly Moustaches* for answering the most questions correctly. *Deadly Moustaches* went on to compete against other South Surrey schools last week and finished in third place. Congratulations to all teams who participated.



Jump Rope for Heart:

Jump Rope for Heart is coming up! Our Jump Rope for Heart Event will take place on Thursday, April 2nd, at 1:30 p.m. We look forward to everyone participating in this fun event by exercising and raising funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We have begun collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you for helping support this worthy cause!

Parent/Teacher Conferences:



Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, April 8th starting with an early dismissal at 1:37 p.m. Please make arrangements for your child(ren) to leave early, at 1:37 p.m., on this day. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher during an available time slot on April 8th please contact your child's teacher to arrange another conference date and time. Parent-teacher conference bookings can be done on-line and instructions to sign up will be provided in your child's report card on April 2nd.

Earth Day:

Earth Day is on April 22nd but we would like to encourage students and members of our school community to make every day "Earth Day". Some ways you can do this are:

- * Save Energy: turn off lights and unplug things when they are not in use.
- * Reduce your carbon footprint: walk to school or ride your bike instead of driving a car.
- * Reduce: use re-usable containers and limit use of plastic water bottles whenever possible to reduce waste.
- * Reuse: use re-useable shopping bags whenever you go grocery shopping or use your creativity to create things using household waste like toilet paper rolls or egg cartons.
- * Recycle waste products and compost grass, food scraps and kitchen waste.



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