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Special Dates

April 5-7
Scholastic Book Fair

April 6
Book Fair
Family Night
5:30-7:30 p.m.

April 13
Jump Rope for Heart
1:00 p.m.

April 14
Good Friday

April 17
Easter Monday

April 18
PAC Meeting
8:45 a.m.
Staffroom

April 20
Ready, Set, Learn
1:00-2:15 p.m.

April 26
Early Dismissal
1:33 p.m.

Academics
Athletics
Attitude
Arts

**Building a
Community of
Learners – Together**

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd April 1, 2017

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:

The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming! We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from April 5th to the 7th. Students will have the opportunity, during scheduled class times, to preview the books on the Wednesday and Thursday and then they will be able to purchase books on the Friday.

We will be having a special Family Night Event from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 6th for parents to come with or without their children. There will be a Family Night Draw where you could win \$25 worth of books for your family and \$25 for your child's teacher. Students must be accompanied by an adult on Family Night.

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 the school library and fund special events.

Ready, Set, Learn:



On Thursday, April 20th from 1:00 to 2:15 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.

Jump Rope for Heart:

Jump Rope for Heart is coming up! Our Jump Rope for Heart Event will take place on Thursday, April 13th at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to everyone participating in this fun event by exercising and raising funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We will begin collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation shortly. Thank you for helping support this worthy cause!



Me to We Team:

The Me to We Team has done a tremendous job organizing events and supporting both local and global issues. This year they have raised \$950 for health projects in Haiti! Way to go team. Some other events they have participated in are:

- * organized a Halloween for Hunger food drive for the Surrey Food Bank
- * organized hampers for our sister school during the Christmas holiday
- * sold rafiki bracelets at the Craft Fair to support mamas in Kenya
- * sold Me to We cookies to support health projects in Haiti
- * donated any extra funds from dances to health projects in Haiti
- * sold cand grams to promote friendship & kindness with all proceeds going to health projects in Haiti
- * led and organized assemblies throughout the year
- * promoted pink shirt day and presented in classrooms
- * organized care packages in backpacks for a local homeless shelter



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 support Earth Day are to:

- * 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.

PAC News

Hello parents, we hope you had an amazing Spring Break with your families. I would like to send out a big *Thank You* to Christy Weepers and her amazing group of volunteers Ali Whittome, Jen Mathieson, Soon Nick, Adam and Anna Mitchell and Jun Xue our amazing Treasurer for all of their hard work in and hosting the Parents' Pub night. We had a great time getting to know each other and enjoying the delicious food and drinks at Ocean Park Village Pub. Thank you to all of you

who donated prizes for the silent auction, and congratulations to the highest bidders who won some really great prizes and along with the 50/50 helped us to raise \$5350.29.

SILENT AUCTION

50/50 DRAW

Please continue to help us raise money for the kids at our school by purchasing Mother's Day Planters or items from the Spring Essentials catalogue that will be coming home soon. Thank you for all of your support, Aimee McDonald, PAC President.



READY, SET, LEARN

You are invited!

Who: Three- and four-year-old children and their parents/caregivers

When: April 20, 2017 1:00 – 2:15 P.M.

Where: Ray Shepherd Elementary, 1650 136th St., Surrey, B.C.
Phone: (604) 531-1471

You're invited to visit our school for this exciting early learning event.

Ready, Set, Learn is a program designed to provide children and families with an opportunity to participate in a series of play-based learning activities within the school setting. This early learning program is part of an initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Parents/caregivers will receive helpful tips to support their child's learning and development, as well as information about the early learning programs offered by the school district and the community resources available to families. It is a great way for you to get to know your future school and meet the principal, staff and students.

Please visit the BC Ministry of Education website for the booklet *Helping your preschooler get ready for school* (English and translations available).

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/rs/

***Please share this information with anyone
you know who has a three or four year old child.***