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Special Dates

April 1

Reading Link Challenge

April 5,6,7

Scholastic Book Fair

April 7

Family Book Fair Night
5:30-7:30 pm

April 15

Jump Rope for Heart

April 18

Pro-D Day
No School

April 19

PAC Meeting
8:45 a.m

April 22

Earth Day
Wear Green

May 5

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

Academics

Athletics

Attitude

Arts

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:

In April we will be having our second book fair. Book Fair will arrive on April 5th and go until April 8th. Students will all have the opportunity to visit the book fair twice. Once to view the books and the second to purchase books if they wish. Families are also invited to come to the Family Night event on Thursday, April 7th from 5:30-7:30. During this time families may enter the Family Night draw to win \$25 worth of books for the family and \$25 for their child's classroom. We hope you can all come and join us in this literacy celebration. Book fairs help connect students to the books they want to read as well as raise valuable funds to support literacy initiatives at our school

Ready, Set, Learn:

On Friday, May 5th 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.



*** Please note the professional day on Monday, April 18 that has been added to our school calendar. There will be no school on this date.**

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 Ben, Leif, Declan, Lila, Nicole and Landon of the team Ghostly Readers for answering the most questions correctly. Ghostly Readers will go on to compete against other South Surrey schools the first week of April. Congratulations to all teams who participated and good luck to the Ghostly Readers!



Jump Rope for Heart:

Jump Rope for Heart is coming up! Our Jump Rope for Heart Event will take place on Friday, April 15th 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 will begin collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation shortly. Thank you for helping support this worthy cause!

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". To support conservation awareness, we are encouraging students to **wear green** on this 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.



Earth Day[®]
CANADA

READY, SET, LEARN

You are invited!

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

When: May 5th, 2016, 1:15 – 2:30 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***



Request from the Ray Shepherd PAC for Sponsors and Volunteers

Hello families!

Dare I say it but our Mayfair is only a few weeks away! It's going to be such a great event and so many of you have been working hard behind the scenes. We are still looking for volunteers to help our Conveners and need people to help with set up and clean up. We're also looking for pop up tents that can be used for our big day.



Sponsors:

We have some great business owners that have agreed to sponsor a \$1000 or \$500 ride and bouncy castle so if anyone is interested in having their business advertised and would like to help with our fundraising, please contact lee@frosts.ca

These donations will be MOST welcome!

There will be more information coming out over the next few weeks about the collection of used clothing and toys for our flea market and the selling of raffle tickets for our many prizes. Next week each child will be sent home with one raffle book (more will be given on request!) and some flyers with all our information. The class that sells the 1st set of books the fastest will be thrown a pizza party! A second pizza party will be given to the class that sells the most raffle books.

