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Special Dates

Dec. 14 - 17
Lost & Found Items on
Display

Dec. 17
Christmas Concert
1:15 p.m./7:00 p.m.

Dec. 18
Pajama and Stuffy Day

January 4
School Reopens

January 4
Hot Lunch Orders Open

January 15
Hot Lunch Orders Close
(payment due)

Calendar Revisions:
April 18th
Non-instructional Day

Academics
Athletics
Attitude

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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December 16, 2015

Christmas Concert Update:



We have been very busy rehearsing and practicing for our Christmas concert tomorrow! The students sound wonderful and we are sure you will be pleased with your child's performance! Please note a few reminders.

* 1:15 pm Afternoon Performance: Doors open at 1:00 pm and parking on the field will be available at 12:45 pm once students go back in from lunch.

* 7:00 pm Evening Performance: Doors open at 6:30 pm and parking will be available on the field at 6:15 pm.

* Please remind your child to be ready in costume and arrive at the school by 6:30 pm so they can prepare for their performance. It's important that they have a healthy dinner before coming so they have lots of energy to perform!

* We ask that you stay for the entire performance so you can enjoy the presentations of all classes. Teachers will be supervising students in classes after they perform as they wait for the concert to finish.



* Please be mindful of the parking regulations around the school. There are new parking regulations on the corner of 136th and 16th Avenue. Please note the "no parking" signs and refrain from parking there. We also request that you do not park in the student drop off zone by the teacher parking lot. Thank You!

Christmas Spirit:

We will be showing the movie Ice Age in the afternoon on Friday and students are encouraged to cozy up in their pajamas with their special stuffies!

Holiday Hampers:



Thank you so much for your generous donations for our holiday hampers! Our sister school was so appreciative of the kindness and generosity in our community! You have certainly made the holiday season very special for some less fortunate families.



Lost and Found:

Our lost and found will be on display until Friday morning. Please take a moment to look through it if your child has misplaced some items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Calendar Update:



As you may know, a new curriculum has been developed in BC. This work has been years in the making with many teachers involved in its development, and implementation is a huge task. The Ministry of Education and the British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCFT), announced a plan to support the implementation of the new curriculum. As part of this plan, districts have been asked to add 10 hours of non-instructional time (or two days) in this school year. The time will be provided for teachers to familiarize themselves with the new curriculum and to plan for its implementation in the coming year. The first non-instructional day was on November 12th. **The second non-instructional day that will be added to this school year will be on Monday, April 18th.** This date has been added to our school calendar and the revised school calendar is attached. Please make a note of this change on your calendars at home.

Hot Lunch Ordering:

Hot lunch orders for 2016 will be open on January 4th and close on January 15th (payments due by the 15th as well). Please see attached order instructions or contact Jilly at jwondga@shaw.ca if you have problems ordering. Please note it does not open until **January 4th, 2016**. For our Mandarin speaking parents, if you need help, please contact Connie Zhang at zhang_yongbo@hotmail.com.

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of all the staff and students here at Ray Shepherd, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and restful break! We look forward to seeing you on Monday, January 4th when school re-opens!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jackie Howard & Ray Shepherd Staff and Students





RAY SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY

2015/2016 Calendar



(*please note changes in red)

September	7	Labour Day
September	8	School Opens
September	28	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
October	9	Interim Reports
	12	Thanksgiving (Holiday)
	23	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
November	11	Remembrance Day (Holiday)
	12	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
	13	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
December	11	1 st Report Card Issued
	14	Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:38 p.m.
December 21 - January 3		School closed for Winter Vacation
January	4	School re-opens after Winter Vacation
February	8	Family Day (Holiday)
	19	Non Instructional Day (school not in session)
March	11	2 nd Report Card Issued
March	14-27	Local calendar School Closure days and School closed for Spring Break
March	28	Easter Monday (Holiday)
March	29	School re-opens
March	30	Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:38 p.m.
April	18	Non Instructional Day (school in not in session)
May	6	Non Instructional Day (school not in session)
	18	Student-led Conferences/Interims – Early Dismissal 1:38 p.m.
	23	Victoria Day (Holiday)
	30	Non Instructional Day (school not in session)
June	23	Last Day of school for Students - Early Dismissal 1:38 p.m.
	23	Final Report Card Issued
	24	Administrative Day

