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### Special Dates

Dec. 4  
Student Craft Fair  
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
In the Gym

Dec. 8  
Parents  
Fresh Grade Information  
Night  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 - 17  
Lost & Found Items on  
Display

Dec. 11  
Report Cards  
Issued

Dec. 14  
Parent/Teacher  
Interviews  
Early Dismissal  
1:38 p.m.

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

Dec. 18  
Last Day of School  
before Winter Break

January 4  
School Reopens

**Academics**  
**Athletics**  
**Attitude**  
**Arts**  
Building a Community  
of Learners – Together

# Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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December 1, 2015

## **Crafts** Student Craft Fair:



The Ray Shepherd Kids Craft Fair will be on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:30 pm. Everyone in the Ray Shepherd community is encouraged to attend and support our student crafters. Students will be able to set up their homemade crafts at lunchtime and we look forward to some creative crafts on this special day!



## Christmas Concert:



We hope that you can join us for our Christmas Concerts on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>! There will be an afternoon concert at 1:15 pm and an evening concert at 7:00 pm. Ticket order information will be sent out shortly in a separate notice. Classroom teachers may also send out specific information regarding your child's performance. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with this special event!

## Christmas Spirit:

We have a student spirit team who have organized some events for December.

\* Dec. 4: Wacky Christmas Wear Day – Take out those reindeer antlers, Santa hats and Christmas sweaters and wear them with pride.

\* Dec. 18: Cozy Christmas Day – Come to school in your cosiest PJ's and bring your stuffy for company.

## Holiday Hampers:



Family profile information for holiday hampers have gone out to each division. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be welcomed by families in need. We will be accepting donations until Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have a large vehicle that could assist with delivering hampers on Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am, please email Ms. Howard at [howard\\_j@surreyschools.ca](mailto:howard_j@surreyschools.ca). Thank you for your generosity and willingness to assist others!

## Lost and Found:

Our lost and found will be on display the week of Dec. 14-17<sup>th</sup> and any items not claimed will be donated. Please come by to view lost items!





## Me to We:

Christmas is a wonderful time for giving and the Me to We students were busy supporting local and global issues. The initiative for Christmas is for the Me to We team to raise money to support clean water and sanitation in Africa (Tanzania & Kenya). In order to raise money, students will be selling “rafiki”(friend in swahili) bracelets for \$10 at the Craft Fair. These lovely bracelets have been crafted in Masai villages by the Mamas. Students will also be selling Me to We cookies for \$2.00 each. All money raised will help to support Masai villages in having access to clean water and sanitation! If you would like to assist our Me to We team in this global endeavour, please visit the Me to We booth at the Craft Fair on Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>!

## Sports Update:

Our volleyball teams have been very busy participating in various tournaments these past few weeks. It's been very exciting watching the kids compete against so many schools and perform so well! The season is just wrapping up and we would like to thank all the parent volunteers and coaches who helped to make this season such a success.



## Traffic Concerns:

We have ongoing traffic concerns with the new “no parking” zone near the intersection of 136<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be mindful of the signs and **do not park in these areas**. Also, parents who park across the street from the school should have their children walk down to the crosswalk in order to cross 136<sup>th</sup> street. We have had some students darting across the street and they are in danger of being hit by a car. Please remind and encourage your children to put safety first when walking to school and whenever possible, park further down the street and walk to school to avoid unnecessary congestion. Or, encourage your child to walk, scooter or ride to school so we have less cars and less harmful emissions. Thank you for your support with this!



## Report Card Update:

As discussed in earlier notices, our school will be communicating and reporting student learning in a variety of formats this year. Please note the following formats for different divisions this term:

- \* Traditional report cards – Will be completed by: Divisions 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10
- \* Digital electronic portfolios (Freshgrade) – Will be completed by: Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12
- \* Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Template – Will be completed by Division 4

Traditional report cards and the Communicating Student Learning (CSL) template will be sent home on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, however the freshgrade portfolio's will be released to parents during conferencing appointments that will be arranged by the classroom teachers.

## Parent – Teacher Conferences:

There will be an **early dismissal on Monday, December 14th at 1:38 pm** for parent – teacher conferences which can be booked online for Divisions 1 (Lambert), 2 (Cheyne/Riley), 3 (Kollakis), 4 (Archer), 9 (Rova), 10 (Khaira) For information on how to book a parent-teacher appointment, please see instructions below or refer to instruction in report card envelope. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher during an available time slot on December 14th, please contact your child's teacher.



### **School Appointments - Parent Instructions (the online system will be available for booking appointments Dec. 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and will close Dec. 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.)**

1. Go to our school appointments website: <http://rayshepherd.schoolappointments.com/>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings.



**Freshgrade Meetings:** Teachers in Div. 5 (Johnstone), 6 (Messenger/Brine), 7 (Tome), 8 (Nelson), 11 (Pettersson) and 12 (Siple/Jones) will be sending home a notice to set up parent – teacher meetings as they are using the FreshGrade portfolio format for reporting. During these meetings, parents will be guided/instructed on how to access the online portfolio and information will be shared with students acting as leaders/guides. A parent information session on Freshgrade for parents in Div. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 will be held on Tuesday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Please make arrangements for your child(ren) to be picked up early (1:38 pm) on our early dismissal date of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

