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Special Dates

Dec. 8

Student Craft Fair
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
In the Gym

Dec.19
PAC Meeting

Dec. 18- 21
Lost & Found
Items on Display

Dec. 21
Winter Concert
1:00 p.m./
6:00 p.m.

Dec. 22
Cozy Christmas
Day
Wear P.J.'s

January 8
School Reopens

Show Respect
Observe Safety
Accept
Responsibility
Resolve
Conflict

Building a
Community of
Learners –
Together

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd December 1, 2017

Student Craft Fair:

The Ray Shepherd Craft Fair will be on Friday, December 8th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Everyone in the Ray Shepherd community is encouraged to attend and support our student crafters. **Please make sure that your child is making homemade crafts and that if you bring treats, please do not bring packaged items such as candy, purchased baked goods, or pop and other beverages to resell.** Students will be able to set up their homemade crafts at lunchtime and we look forward to some creative crafts on this special day!



Art Club:

Our young artists have been busy in Primary Art Club this Fall, creating some spectacular works of art! Be sure to take a look at our gallery in the Gym-Library corridor so that you don't miss the stunning Sunflowers Beneath a Starry Sky by our Grade Three Artists and our group of eager Grade Two Artists' Poppies in the Mist, which are on display in our gallery hallway.

The Intermediate Art Club has accomplished two art pieces this term. They created an optical illusion of their arms and hands using fine liners and coloured markers, and they worked with acrylic paints to make washes that were transformed into a mountain scene. We have a few more activities planned for this year. Art Club will be moving from after school to lunch time on Thursdays and Fridays on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.



Winter Concert:

We hope that you can join us for our Winter Concerts on Thursday, December 21st! There will be an afternoon concert at 1:00 pm and an evening concert at 6:00 pm. Ticket order information will be going home on Friday, Dec. 1st with the youngest and only so keep an eye out for it as it contains important information regarding the concert and ticket ordering. 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:

December 22nd is "Cozy Christmas Day" – Come to school in your cosiest PJ's and bring your stuffy for company.

Holiday Hampers:

Thank you to everyone who has taken an ornament from our Christmas “Giving Trees”. Please remember to return all items both presents and food by December 1st. Items should be unwrapped and the original ornament tag attached to it. Ray Shepherd has such a big heart and we are very fortunate to be able to share and give to these families. Thank you for helping to make their Christmas special and joyous.



Sports Update:



Our volleyball teams have been very busy participating in various games 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.



WE Team:

Ray Shepherd is proud to be a part of the We Movement, an organization that supports local and global issues. Our team is comprised of grade 7 students interested in joining this cause. As part of WE, our team is committed to making this world a better place. The team is working on making a difference in our community, as well as making an impact as global citizens. We are involved in a number of local community projects this year, including our recent campaign entitled We Scare Hunger. We would like to thank the families at Ray Shepherd for supporting the Surrey food bank through We Scare Hunger.

Our global action this year at Ray Shepherd is supporting clean water in Rural China. We are committed to helping communities in Rural China gain access to safe drinking water, and run successful and sustainable farms.

Currently, our team is involved in making an impact during this holiday season to our local community, through Christmas Hampers, and to Rural China, through fundraising efforts at the Christmas craft fair on December 8th. Please look for our table at the craft fair, which will feature Rafiki bracelets and WE cookies.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY:

Just a reminder to all families that the Surrey School Board of Education by-law states that “animals are not permitted on school property without express permission”, therefore, we ask everyone to please not bring your pets (with the exception of assistance animals, ex. Guide dogs) onto school property. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.





A Note from the Library:

Thank you to everyone for coming out to our Saddle Up and Read Scholastic Book Fair! Our Family Night Event was a great success and we were able to raise a lot of money for our Library and the other Literary Events that take place at Ray Shepherd. If you didn't get a chance to visit the Book Fair, don't worry, we have another one in April!

Now that Book Fair has come and gone, Chess Club will begin! During the months of December and January, students in grades 2-7 have the opportunity to attend the chess club. This is not a sign-up activity. It is about fun, learning to play, and learning different strategies to be successful. Students will have multiple opportunities to come and practice with a friend. A schedule will be posted outside the library. During the month of February interested students in grades 2-7 can choose to sign-up for our Chess Tournament.

Finally, in the coming month, students have the 12 Days of Christmas Reading to look forward to. Classes will receive 2 Christmas themed books every day for the 12 days leading up to our Winter break. We are sharing the joy of reading while spreading Christmas cheer!

Remember, there is "SNOW" better time to read than a cold wintery night!

PAC News:

Hello parents! Thank you so much for your support of our fall fundraisers. Your Purdy's and Poinsettias will be available for pick up at the Craft Fair. Speaking of



the Craft Fair, on December 8th, please come to the gym from 1-4 p.m. and bring some money to purchase our amazing children's creations! They have been working so hard on their crafts and are excited to put them on display for you. Our last PAC meeting for 2017 will be December 19th in the Teachers' Lounge at 8:45 a.m. We hope you have an amazing Christmas



holiday and we wish you all a wonderful New Year!

Dough Raiser Program at Cobbs Bread in Ocean Park!

We are delighted that our local Cobbs Bread in Ocean Park is donating 5% of the value of the total purchases made by the Ray Shepherd Community. Tell your friends and family! All you need to do...**BEFORE YOU PAY**...let the sales person know you are with Ray Shepherd School. Easy peasey! Thank you Cobbs Bread for your support!

If you require [Chinese translations](#) or explanations for notices/announcements, please see the following:

如需进一步的中文解释, 请加我们学生家长的微信号 runlanslote 询问

Translation: "Would there be any need of further explanations in Chinese, please add one of our students' parent's WeChat by runlanslote to inquire".

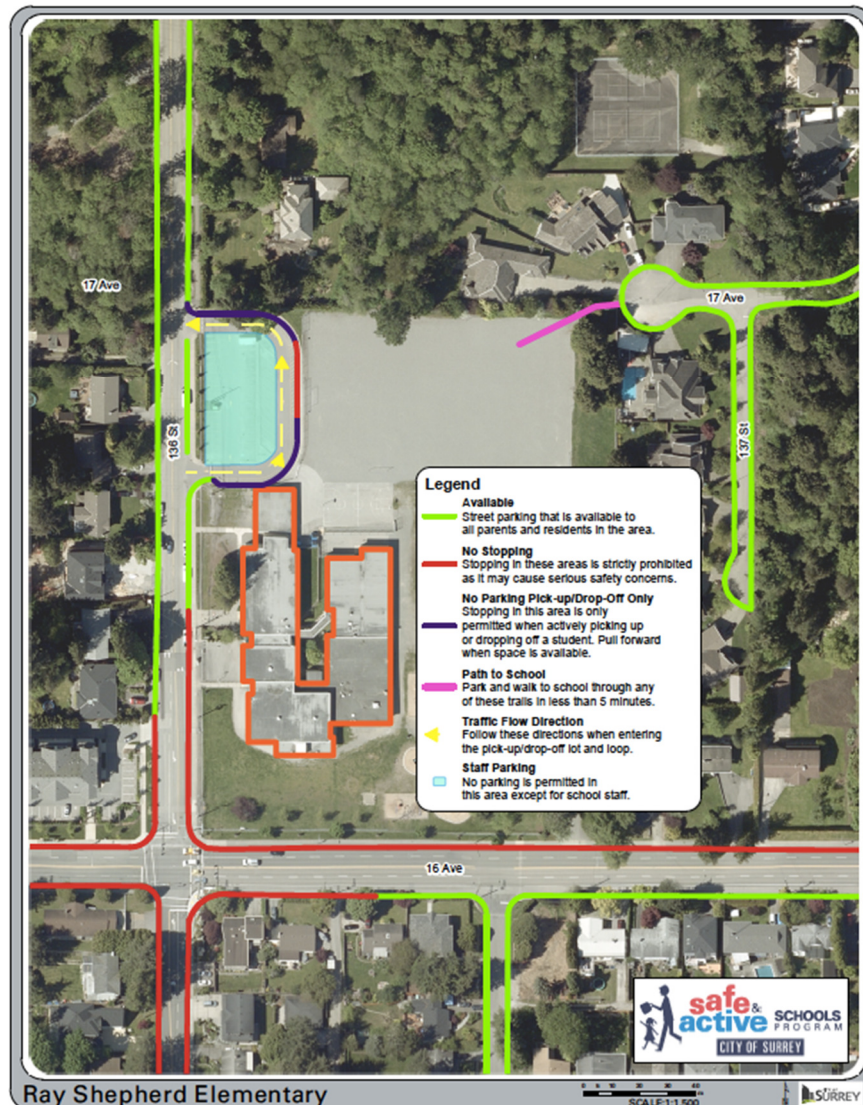
Aimee McDonald
PAC President

Traffic Reminders:

We continue to have a great deal of traffic congestion around the school. Please be mindful of the signs and **do not park in no parking areas**. ***We also have a new sign that was installed on 136 Street to remind drivers that there is no left turn into the parking lot – and be especially mindful of this during pick-up and drop-off times.*** It's also important to keep traffic moving in the drop off zones and please do not park in these areas. 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 fewer cars and less harmful emissions. Please see the map below provided to us from The City of Surrey for important school traffic information.



We also have a Crossing Guard on 136th and 16th before and after school. Please abide by the Crosswalk rules. Thank you for your support with this!



This data provided is compiled from various sources and is NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey. This information is provided for informational and convenience purposes only. Lot sizes, legal descriptions and acreage values must be confirmed at the Land Title Office. Date of Aerial Photograph: March 30, 2016

Communicating Student Learning:

Over the past several months, your child's learning has been captured, shared, and assessed through their FreshGrade portfolio. We hope that by checking this portfolio regularly and having ongoing conversations with your child regarding their learning, you have a good understanding of the progress your child is making, areas requiring further development, and ways you can support learning at home. *Here are some suggested conversation starters:*

- *I notice how you ... (be specific, focusing more on perseverance and less on "ability", avoiding phrases such as "you are so smart" or "you are such a talented artist")*
- *What are you most proud of? Why?*
- *I am so proud that you are now able to...*
- *I can see you tried really hard to....*
- *I can see evidence of growth. You used to... but now you...*
- *When I compare what you used to do with what you do now, I notice...*
- *What do you notice when you compare these two pieces of work?*
- *I am pleased with how you did this work because...*
- *Can you explain your thinking about this...?*
- *What I like about this work is...*
- *What do you like most about this work?*
- *Do you think you need some help with...?*
- *What do you think you could do differently next time?*
- *How could you have done that differently?*
- *What would you like to get better at? Why?*
- *What do you think you will try next time?*
- *Tell me (more) about ...*

Lost and Found:

Our lost and found will be on display December 18-21st and any items not claimed will be donated. Please come by to view lost items.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PAC for their generosity in supporting students and the community. From allocating learning funds to volunteering time to organizing countless fundraisers and events – the parent community at Ray Shepherd is truly amazing! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank White Rock Baptist Church for their generous donations to help with the Holiday Hampers for our sister school.

Fall Fun at Ray Shepherd



Primary Art Club



Beautiful Sunflowers from Primary Art Club



All Smiles!



Hats Off to our Contest Winners!



Teachers saddling up for the Book Fair!



Family Reading in Grade K/1