



December Holly Happenings

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Principal/Vice Principal Message



Dear Holly Families,

As we head into the holiday season and bring term one to a close, we would like to thank you all for your continued support with the COVID protocols this fall and being diligent with the Daily Health Checks. You are helping keep our learners, staff and families safe!

On Friday, December 9th, you will receive a report card for your child. The term has been filled with many opportunities to build skills in literacy and numeracy, to practice curiosity in science and social studies and to continue our growth in social emotional learning. Please take some time to celebrate your child's learnings and all they have accomplished this term,

This year we are excited to present Happy Ho Ho Ho Holidays Holly. Thank you to Ms. Varpaul for directing, Mr. Gardner for video editing Ms. Bungar and Ms, Christ O'Brien for decorating and to the entire dedicated staff of Holly who helped transform our gym into a Winter Wonderland. On Thursday, December 17 we hope to send home a link for the Christmas Movie for your viewing pleasure.

Our staff continue to put their hearts into creating engaging learning opportunities and providing caring classrooms for our learners. Outside the classroom, thank you to our dedicated team of office and custodial staff who ensure the smooth operation of the school and help our learners on a daily basis. Thank you, as well, to the many parents who go the extra mile: organizing and contributing to PAC meetings; creating fundraising opportunities; ... and the list goes on.

We wish you the very best, and we hope that you have many opportunities to enjoy time with your families and, despite the bustle of the season, savour those precious moments together.

Best wishes for a beautiful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing all of you back in the New Year.

Andrew Shook & Zahra Kabani

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022



Registration for children born in 2017 begins on Monday, January 10, 2022. Please click on the flyer below for registration information.

Kindergarten Registration Flyer¹

¹[https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/EDSC/CurriculumInstruction/EarlyLearning/Documents/KRegistration flyer.pdf](https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/EDSC/CurriculumInstruction/EarlyLearning/Documents/KRegistration%20flyer.pdf)

December Spirit Days

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Mon, Dec 13th	Tues, Dec 14th	Wed, Dec 15th	Thurs, Dec 16th	Fri, Dec 17th
Tacky Sweater Day	Dress Festive Day	Plaid/Flannel Day	Candy Cane Day	Pajama Day

Monday is Festive Sweater Day

Tuesday is Dress Festive Day: Santa/elf/reindeer hats; dress like a present or a tree)

Wednesday is Flannel Day

Thursday is Candy Cane Day: wear red and white today

Friday is Pyjama Day

Register Your Child for their COVID Vaccination



COVID-19 vaccination is now authorized by Health Canada for children five and older.

[Click here to register your child for their COVID Vaccination²](#)

²<https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/>

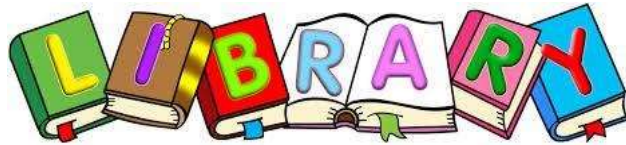
Travelling this Season?

International travel - by land, air or sea - presents restrictions around school attendance for unvaccinated and partially vaccinated students upon their return.

Students who are not fully vaccinated CANNOT attend school for 14 days following their return, according to federal travel guidance around COVID-19, regardless of who they travel with or if they received a negative PCR test result.

For more information please check out International Travel and School information³

Library News



Parents: Please help your child to remember to bring their books back to the library. They can drop them off anytime. If you have library books from another school, just bring them to the library and we can send them back.

Please return all library books by Friday, Dec 17

PAC



We welcome all to our PAC meetings. They are held monthly. Come join us!

³https://www.surreyschools.ca/covid19/healthsafety/Documents/InternationalTravel_Guide_NOV2021-SurreySchools.pdf

Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates:

- December 14
- January 25
- February 22
- March 29
- April 26
- May 24
- June 14

*dates are subject to change

A Look Back at Halloween





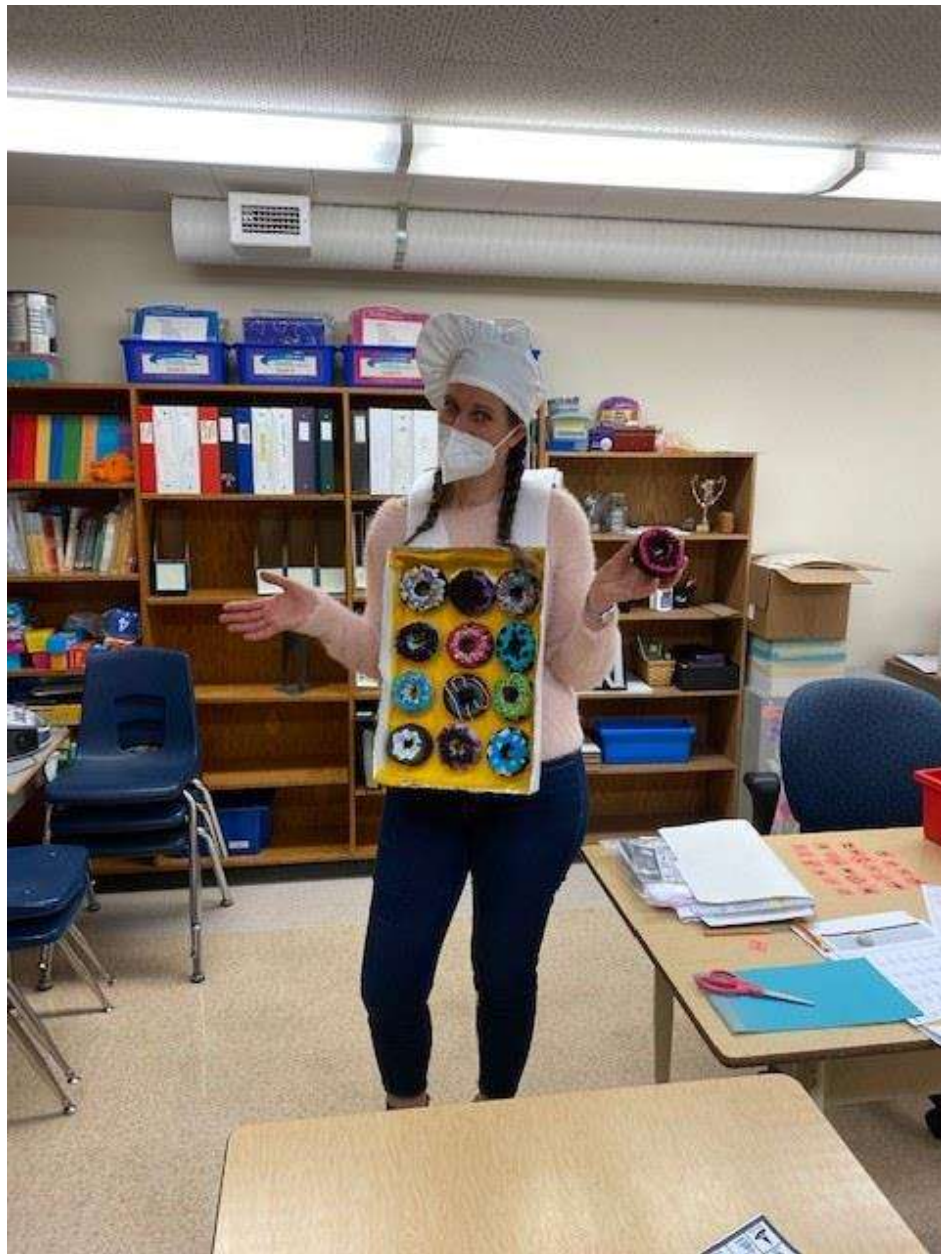






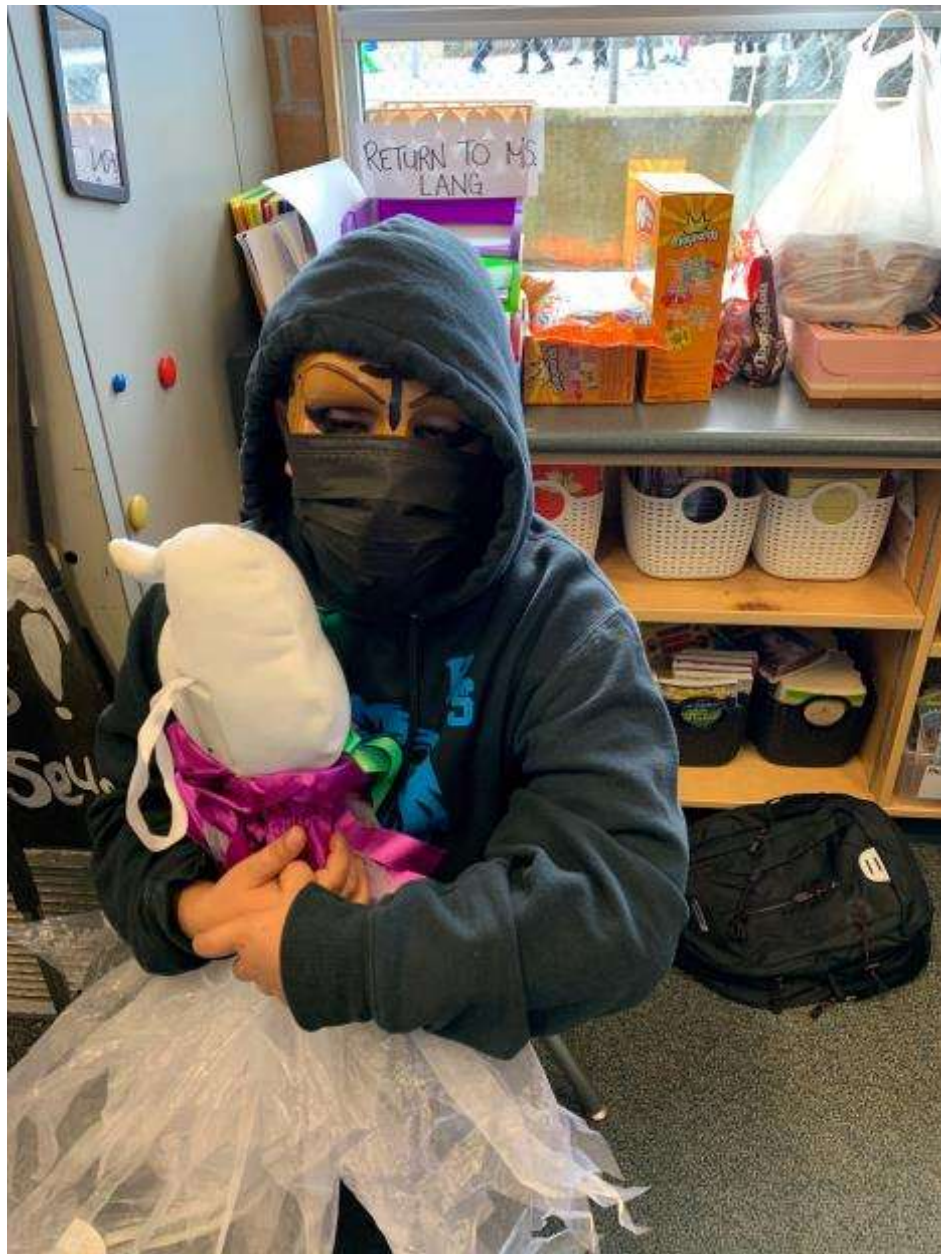


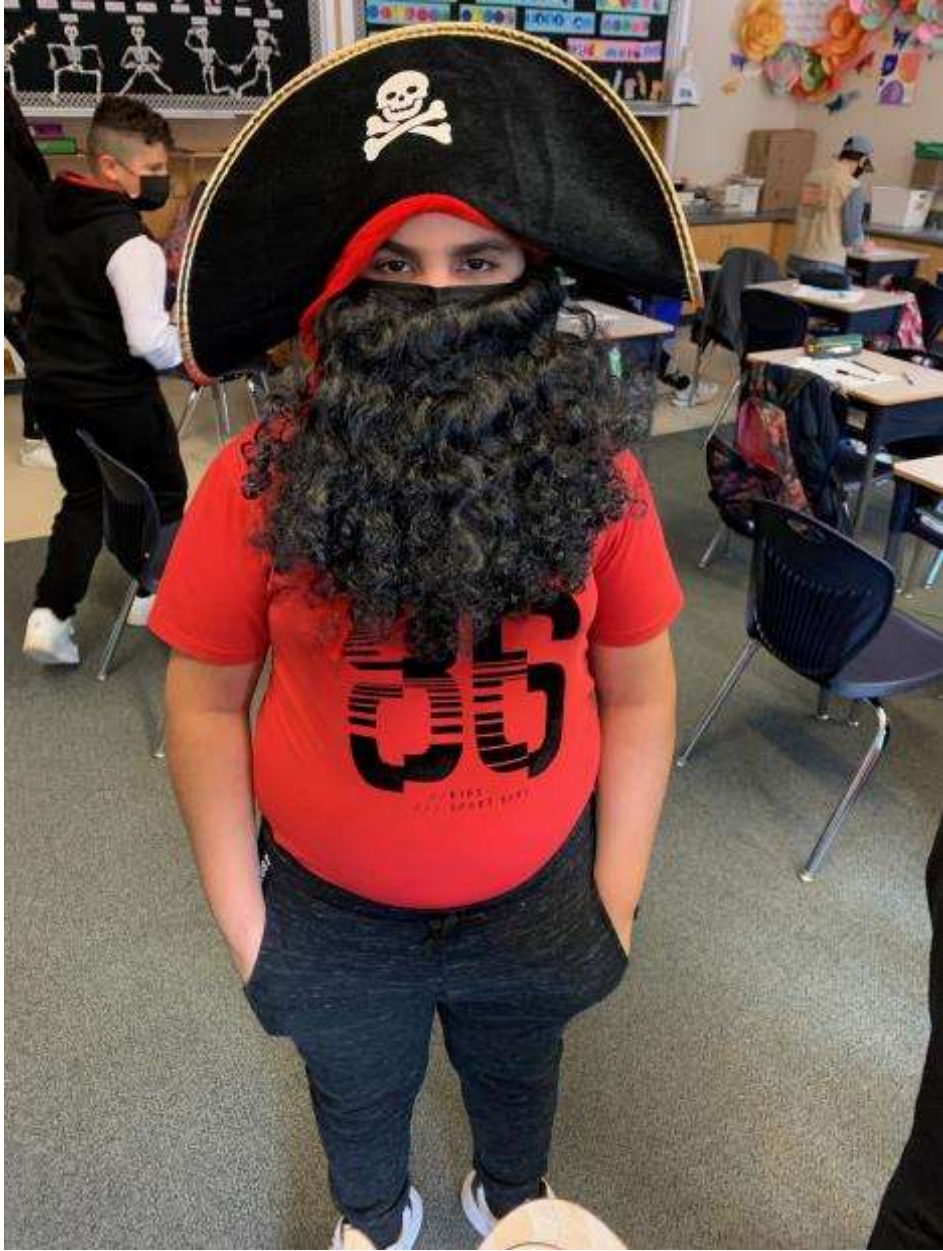






































Jersey Day

Another exciting spirit day!





Diwali



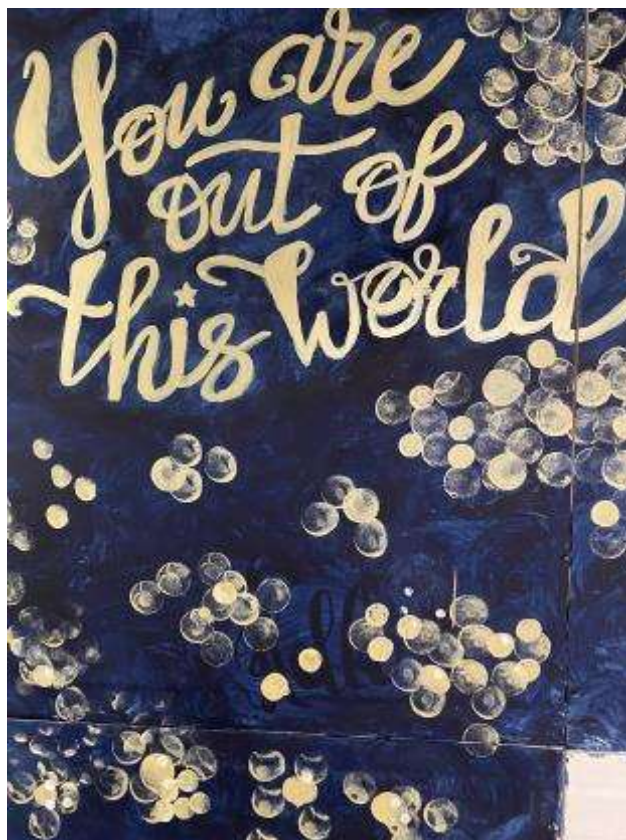
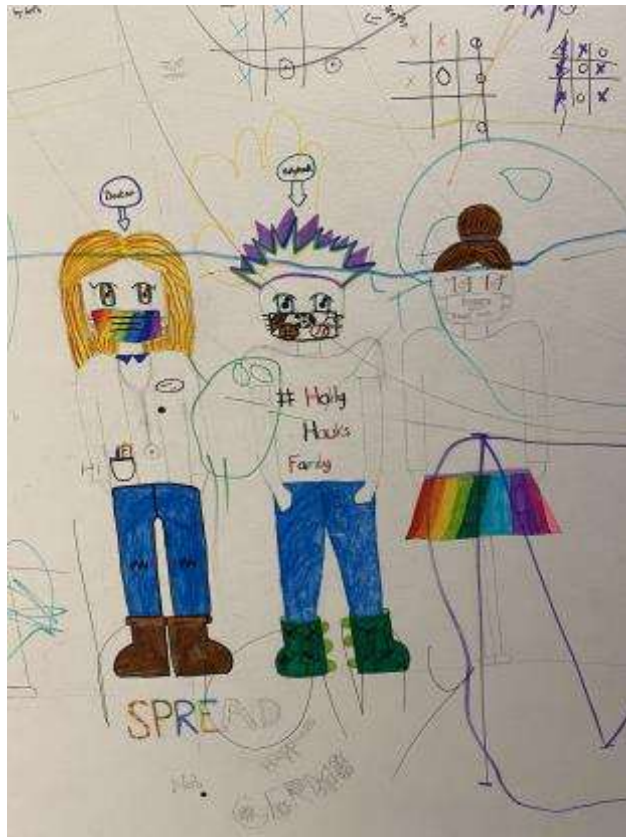
Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Learners at Holly learned and acknowledged this incredible festival. The learners in Division 10 made Rangoli art. Traditionally, Rangoli is an art of decoration drawn on the floor or the entrances of homes. It is thought to bring good luck, prosperity on the house and in the family, and to welcome guests.

Holly Artists

With all this seismic walls up in the school, we had no choice but to call on our Holly Artists to leave their mark on the world! Check out all the great art that is happening around our school.













Indigenous Mural

It looks absolutely exquisite. Our Indigenous Mural has been mounted in our Learning Library Commons, acknowledging the lands on which we work, play and learn.



Upcoming Events

December

- 10 - First Formal Report Cards (CSL)
- 13 - Festive Sweater Day
- 14 - Dress Festive Day: Santa/elf/reindeer hats; dress like a present or a tree
- 15 - Flannel Day
- 16 - Candy Cane Day: wear red and white today
- 17 - Last Day before Winter Break / Pyjama Day
- 20-31 - Winter Break - School Closed

January

- 3 - School opens after Winter Break

February

- 8 - Early Dismissal @ 1:35
- 21 - Family Day - School Closed

- 25 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

March

- 11 - Second Formal Report Cards (CSL) / Last Day before Spring Break
- 14-25 - Spring Break - School Closed
- 28 - School opens after Spring Break

April

- 6 - Class Photos
- 15 - Good Friday - School Closed
- 18 - Easter Monday - School Closed

May

- 2-4 - Art Crawl
- 4 - Early Dismissal @ 1:35
- 5 - Parent Tea 8:30-10:30
- 6 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
- 23 - Victoria Day - School Closed
- 30 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

June

- 10 - Sports Day
- 15 - Grade 7 Celebration
- 23 - Final Formal Report Cards / Last Day of Classes / Early Dismissal @ 1:35