



Ellendale Elementary Newsletter

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Principal's Message

We are now on the home stretch. Classes are busy finishing up their projects and units, and planning for year-end activities. We are continuing to encourage students to stay focused on their learning. We want all students to end the year on a positive note celebrating their growth and successes.

I would like to acknowledge our PAC executive members for the past year: Jennifer Kluth (President), Erin Nippard (Acting President/Vice-President), Candace Temple/Kat Smith (Secretary), Ryan Bonneux (Treasurer), Danielle Gionet (DPAC rep), Selina Hickson (Fundraising Coordinator & Pizza Day coordinator) and Kristi Hiltz (Hot Lunch Coordinator) for their hard work in making Ellendale a great place to be. PAC has been working hard this year to raise funds for a new playground for fall 2018. Thank you to everyone for supporting our PAC fundraising events this year and for volunteering in the school and classrooms. As a result, the students have also enjoyed special activities and field trips to enhance their learning experiences.

We thank all staff members for their commitment and hard work in providing our students with the best learning opportunities in the past year.

Mrs. Harradine will be moving to Erma Stephenson at the end of the school year. I'm sure I speak for the entire Ellendale community when I thank Ms. Harradine for the superb Kindergarten program she has run for many years and for all the extra hard work & service she has done over the years for the Ellendale students, parents & community. Ms. Harradine will be sadly missed. We wish her the very best for her future!

Mrs. Jeffery, our head secretary, will be retiring at the end of June. I want to acknowledge the exceptional job Mrs. Jeffery has done in keeping our school organized and running smoothly, from finances to assisting students, parents and staff to keeping our students safe. Thank you, Mrs. Jeffery, for your dedication and years of service in the Surrey School district. I know Ms. Jeffery will enjoy pursuing her passion in the arts as she starts a new adventure.

We also say good-bye to the following staff members as their assignments in the district will change in the fall due to staffing entitlements or term assignments: Dr. Fitzgerald – counsellor, Ms. Mathieson – teacher librarian, Ms. Walsh – Music teacher, Ms. Komurcu - aboriginal support worker, Ms. Bajwa & Ms. Greenland – education assistants and Ms. Matheson – ABA support worker. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the support they have given our students so that they can have a positive and successful experience at school. We will miss them all greatly. We thank them all for their contribution in making Ellendale the best school in Surrey.

We would like to welcome Ms. Faraone, our current Early Learning teacher, and Ms. Loverock, our current Learning Support Teacher, as full-time staff next year. Ms. Faraone and Ms. Loverock will be team-teaching our new Kindergarten class. A special warm welcome to Ms. Law, an experienced primary teacher from AHP Matthew Elementary, and Ms. Makkar, an experienced counsellor in our district, to our school community.

Bea Sayson
Principal

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING – YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

Teachers at our school and around the Surrey School District and beyond have been learning about new ways of communicating student learning with parents. Our goal continues to be improving how we communicate with you while promoting student ownership. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey below, sharing your perspectives regarding how student learning is communicated to parents in Surrey. The information gathered will help us better understand what you find most important to know about your child's learning and ways we can continue to improve our communication with you.

Parent Survey: www.bit.ly/sd36parents

WILL YOU BE MOVING DURING JULY OR AUGUST?

If you will be moving over the summer, **please notify the school office as soon as possible**. It is important as well that you register at your new school prior to the end of June to guarantee placement at that school. If you wait until September the school may not be able to accommodate your child(ren).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – Last Call!

This is a reminder that if you have a child or know someone who lives in our catchment who was born in 2012, they are eligible to register now to begin Kindergarten in the fall. Please come to the office to register your child with proper documentations. Please visit our school website for more detailed information: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/ellendale>

PLEASE RETURN ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS BY Tuesday, JUNE 13TH

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students: please scour your house/child's bedroom looking for any school library books. The librarian needs to complete the year-end processing for the library during the last two weeks of June. We want to ensure our ENTIRE collection of library books is available for all students for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your assistance in locating and returning all library books your child(ren) borrowed.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2017-18

School supplies lists were sent home last week and have been posted on the school website <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/ellendale/Parents/SchoolSupplyLists/Pages/default.aspx> Copies are available at the school office as well. You can now order your Creative Pack online at www.creativepacks.ca. You can also return the completed order form by Tuesday, June 13th to the school with payment in a *sealed* envelope.

For parents who opt to shop for their own supplies ***we encourage you to purchase the brand(s) specified on the school supplies lists*** as teachers have found that particular brand to work the best in the classroom. Less expensive materials are definitely available, however, for a variety of reasons are **NOT** recommended (i.e. less durable, poor quality, frustrating for students to use, etc.).

SURREY LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB - Starts Tuesday, June 20th 2017

Take a walk on the wild side with great books this summer! Kids of all ages can join the summer reading club to earn stickers and a super reader medal by reading this summer! It's free to join, and even younger kids can join and listen to stories.

How to join the summer reading club:

1. Come into any library location to sign up and get your reading record
2. Read all through the summer, mark the days you read on your reading record.
3. Come back to the library after you've read 7 days (or longer) and collect a sticker for your reading record.
4. Collect all 7 stickers for your reading record (49 days of reading), and earn a super reader medal!

We encourage children to register for the Free Summer Reading Club at any public library. For more information visit any Surrey library or visit the website www.surreylibraries.ca

BACK TO SCHOOL – TUESDAY, SEPT 5, 2017

ALL Kindergarten to Grade 7 students only attend for an hour on the first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2016, 10:00-11:00 a.m. If you are going to be away on holidays on the first day of school, please let the school know as soon as possible (604-584-4754). Starting September 6th, students will attend from 8:35 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Kindergarten students will be on a gradual entry schedule for the first two weeks of school.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2017-18

8:25-8:40	Morning Supervision (please do NOT leave your child at school unsupervised before 8:25 am)
8:35	Welcome bell
8:40 – 10:20	Morning Session 1
10:20 – 10:35	Recess
10:35 – 11:45	Morning Session 2
11:45-12:30	Lunch
	11:45-12:00 students eat in classrooms
	12:00-12:30 students outside playtime
12:30 – 2:30	Afternoon Session
2:30	Dismissal bell
2:30 – 2:45	After-School Supervision

Sports Day – Friday, June 16th Tentative SHAPE OF THE DAY

8:32 – 8:50	Attendance, washroom break
8:50 – 9:10	Move to Colour Group Meeting Rooms – split into two teams, practice cheers
9:10-9:30	Colour Groups – Walking Parade around the gravel field (approx. 2 laps) Assemble around the Basketball Court for team cheer demonstration
9:30 – 10:30	Part 1: Station Games (6 rotations of about 10 minutes)
10:30-10:50	RECESS – Snack Break (PAC will provide an orange and cheese string for each student)
10:50-11:50	Part 2: Station Games (6 rotations of about 10 minutes)
11:50-12:10	LUNCH in the classroom (Hot Lunch Pizza Day – preorder)
12:10-12:45	Outside Play time/Concession time (hotdogs, treats, drinks, freezies)
12:45 – 1:00	Attendance/Washroom break
1:00 – 2:00	Assemble on the grassy slope outside - Pre School Race - Challenges & Large Group Games
2:00 -2:30	Garbage and Equipment Clean-Up and return to the classroom

We encourage students to dress up in their team's colour for our Spirit Colour Teams Walking Parade and Cheer Demonstration. We welcome parents and families to come out and cheer for their children's teams on Friday, June 16th.

What's Happening in June?

Mon	Jun 12	Parent Appreciation Tea 1:30 – 2:20 Please RSVP if you'd like to attend
Tues	Jun 13	Div 1 to Guildford Park Secondary Skills Exploration day
Fri	Jun 16	Sports Day & Pizza Day
Mon	Jun 19	Div 1 to Playland
Tues	Jun 10	Div 1 to Guildford Landmark Cinema
Wed	Jun 21	National Aboriginal Day
Thurs	Jun 22	Sushi & Wraps Day
Fri	Jun 23	Div 1 & 2 to Cultus Lake
Tues	Jun 27	Grade 7 Celebration 1:00-2:30 pm
Wed	Jun 28	School-wide trip to Hawthorne Park
Thurs	Jun 29	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for students Year-end Assembly at 9:00 am Early Dismissal at 1:30 Report Card #3 sent home

What's Happening in July?

...SUMMERTIME!