

Holly Elementary January Newsletter



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Principal/Vice Principal Message

Happy New Year! Welcome to January 2021 and Welcome Back to School. It is nice to be back in the routine of school following the holiday season. 2020 was a tough year, but we believe we are on an upward trajectory to a year of good health, success and positive change. As we remain vigilant on the course, together we can accomplish anything.

Please continue to follow our School Health and Safety protocols by wearing masks when you are on school grounds. We thank you in advance for kindly waiting outside the school if you need to speak to the office staff, until one of our lovely secretaries are able to assist you. Daily health checks remain one of our top priorities, and as such, we humbly ask you to please continue to do them everyday.

We wish everyone the very best as we embrace 2021!



Key Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

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Black Shirt Day

BLACK SHIRT DAY JANUARY 15

The Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC) proposed Friday, January 15; Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday, to be Black Shirt day. Please wear a black shirt on Friday to show solidarity, as Holly educators and learners stand together against all forms of hate and racism.

Health and Safety

In response to the significant increase in COVID-19 exposures in our Surrey Schools, our District is prompting the assessment and review of our Surrey Schools' current Health & Safety measures and recommending some enhanced protocols. The admin team is working closely with our school-based Health and Safety committee in this process. With this in mind the following messaging is rolling out across our District and we are asking you to consider the matter for your family and particular circumstances:

Currently, our Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Education do not recommend masks for elementary school students. In a recent interview Dr. Henry stated that it is challenging for young children to wear a mask all day particularly when they are sitting at a desk or table all day. Wearing a mask can also increase touching of the face and can increase the need for close adult contact when young children need help putting a mask on or off. There are requirements to wear masks in schools when in common areas and our staff has made a commitment to make mask wearing part of their daily work. We are asking you to speak with your child about wearing a mask outside of the classroom as part of our attempt to develop a culture of mask wearing across our school(s). A reminder that masks are but one of several measures and they are no replacement for more significant preventative steps such as physical distancing, and staying home when sick or with symptoms. It is extremely important that we all continue to practice and reinforce the following measures with the students at home and at school.

Frequent hand washing

- *When entering and leaving the home (including to and from school)*
 - *Before and after eating*
 - *After using the toilet*
 - *After sneezing and coughing into their hands*
 - *Whenever hands are visibly dirty*
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Respiratory Etiquette

- *Cough or sneeze into their elbow, sleeve or tissue*

- *Throw away used tissues and immediately wash hands*
 - *Refrain from touching their eyes, nose & mouth*
 - *No sharing of food, drinks or personal items*
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Social Distancing

- *Maintaining a safe distance from others when out in public*
 - *Minimizing physical contact within your social bubble*
 - *Hands to self*
 - *No hugs, high fives, or other skin to skin contact*
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In addition to increased frequency in hand hygiene, practicing safe respiratory etiquette and distancing measures, we humbly ask you to please keep your child home if they are feeling sick. Please continue to do your daily health checks.

Parent Information Session

Information Session for Parents and Caregivers Date: Friday, January 15th Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Children and Family Development adapted some of the EASE classroom activities for use at home by parents and caregivers to support their children's mental health and continuous learning. These fun and practical strategies help guide parents and caregivers in managing their children's anxiety and worries in the comfort of their home during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Jen Poole, Casey Chaulk and Taunya Shaw are district EASE trainers and will teach you how to access the EASE 'At Home' resource, help understand the theory behind it and also gain some understanding of anxiety. You can join the live event here¹.

¹[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODNhYWViNjgtMDE2My00MGlxLTImNzktYjM3M2EzYjg3ZmM0%40thread.v2/0?context={\"Ti](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODNhYWViNjgtMDE2My00MGlxLTImNzktYjM3M2EzYjg3ZmM0%40thread.v2/0?context={\)

School Link App



Download the School Link App from the App Store for your smart phones. Be sure to turn on notifications. Info/alerts/news will be sent directly to your smart phone.

2021/2022 Kindergarten Registrations



We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for children born in 2016. Please register online at Student Registration - Surrey Schools².

*Please note the following documents are **required** to register:*

- 1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport).*
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²<https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx>

2. *Proof of guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document or guardianship order)*
3. *Proof of citizenship for both the parent and student (Canadian Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Passport, Landed Immigrant Document, Permanent Resident Card, Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced Identification Card).*
4. *Proof of residence (e.g., ordinarily resident) of parent/guardian in BC: Three pieces of identification showing the address of residence (purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.) One of the three pieces above **must** be government issued in order to complete the registration process (BC driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID or BC Care Card of parent/legal guardian).*

Documents which are helpful, but not required:

- *Health documents (care card, immunization records, medical condition information);*
 - *Educational background (report cards).*
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Upcoming Dates

January 15

- *Black Shirt Day*
 - *Parent information session*
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January 20

- *Twin Day*
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February 9

- *Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm*
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February 15

- *Family Day - School Closed*
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February 19

- *Non-Instructional Day - School Closed*
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March 12

- *Second Formal Report Cards (CSL)*
 - *Last Day of Classes before Spring Break*
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March 15 - March 26

- *Spring Break - School Closed*
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March 29

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- *School Reopens after Spring Break*
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April 2

- *Good Friday - School Closed*
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April 5

- *Easter Monday - School Closed*
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May 7

- *Non-Instructional Day - School Closed*
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May 24

- *Victoria Day - School Closed*
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May 31

- *Non-Instructional Day - School Closed*
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June 24

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- *Final Formal Report Cards and Last Day of Classes*

- *Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm*
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