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Special Dates

June 7

Parent Tea
1:00-2:30 p.m.
Gym

June 8

Art Starts
Performance
1:00 p.m.

June 14

Golden Star
Award
Presentation
and Grade 7
Band
Performance
1:00 p.m.

June 15

Fun Day



Ray Shepherd Elementary School

www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd June 1, 2018

Parent Appreciation:



We would like to thank all the parents in the community for your on-going support, encouragement and involvement with our school. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group and we thank you for all your efforts in making Ray Shepherd a wonderful school! We look forward to seeing our volunteers at our parent appreciation tea on Thursday, June 7th. A special thank you goes out to our PAC Chair, Aimee McDonald and the Executive: Alison Whittome, Jun Xue and Christy Weepers.



May Fair:

A very big THANK YOU to our Amazing PAC for organizing such a great Fair for our entire community. The countless hours that have been put in go above and beyond the call of duty for our PAC members. Thank you also to our amazing Ray Shepherd community for coming out in full-force to support the event!

Fun Day:

We are very excited for our Fun Day event coming up on June 15th. Students in each class will be divided into 4 different colour groups. Please encourage students to dress in their colours and decorate their bike for our bike parade. Information about this day will be sent out by classroom teachers. There will also be a special hot lunch on this date (pizza).



Track and Field:



Track season was wrapped up at the District Track Meet on May 30th. Our athletes competed with pride and made all of Ray Shepherd proud. Thank you to the parents and teacher coaches who helped make this season possible. A special thank you to Mrs. Brine for taking this on for yet another year as the lead coordinator! This year we organized a Track Attack for all grade 3-7 students aimed at giving all students exposure to the various track and field sports. We then had 77 students from grade 3-7 join the Track & Field Team. These students attended practices before school, during recess, and at lunch time. This year Ray Shepherd hosted a mini meet with Laronde Elementary and attended the District Track Meet at Bear Creek Park. It was awesome to see our Ray Shepherd students SOARING with excellent sportsmanship and athleticism. We are very proud of all the members of the 2018 Ray Shepherd Track & Field Team – well done!

PAC NEWS:

Hello Parents!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting our MAYFAIR event on Friday. I can say unequivocally it was a huge success!!! Not only did we raise a whopping \$15,000, but we invited the community to come and see what an awesome place Ray Shepherd is! As I walked around the event I heard all the kids laughing and playing, and the parents smiling and hanging out. It has always been my goal as PAC President to create a strong, happy community here, and I feel like this event was the perfect reflection of that. There are so many amazing parents to thank that helped with this event. Christy Weepers, our fundraising coordinator, led this amazing day! She created a fun working environment for all of us team leaders to work together in organizing this day. A huge thank you to all of our team leaders who spent countless hours forming plans and lists, building and creating, shopping and working! To our parents, thank you so much for all of your support!! It takes a village to make our community great and you have certainly done that!

I am even happier to say that it looks like we are on track to hit \$60,000 in money raised by the PAC this year. That is incredible!!!! Thank you to our Hot Lunch Team who is responsible for so much of these funds!!! Please remember to attend the June 19th PAC meeting for elections and to become a part of this amazing team! You are always welcome!

Aimee McDonald
PAC President



We Team:



On May 18 Ray Shepherd participated with enthusiasm in Walk for Water 2018. This campaign was preceded one week earlier by a kick-off assembly, led by WE students, who did a wonderful job communicating the need to assist others around the world regarding access to clean water. On May 18, students and staff enjoyed participating in the buddy walk for water, showing great support for communities in developing

countries, including rural China.

The WE Team would like to express a heartfelt thank you to our families for supporting this fundraising campaign. A special thank you is extended to the parents who kindly volunteered their time helping at this event, and also to the parents who lent us their kiddie pools. In total, our school's Walk for Water raised close to \$600 for rural China.

Year End Events:

Please join us for our year end assemblies. The Grade 7 Farewell Assembly is scheduled to be on Tuesday, June 26th at 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:45 am. This assembly includes a presentation of awards to students. Criteria for these annual awards are listed below. On June 27th we have our Year End Assembly and Slide Show. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and doors open at 8:30 a.m. We also will be saying goodbye to staff who are not returning in September. We hope to see you there!





A Note from the Library:

By: Ms. Baker

The last few weeks have been exciting and fun in the library. All students from kindergarten to grade 5 have read and enjoyed activities with the Surrey Picture Books of the Year. The ten picture books the students read were:

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| - <i>The Branch</i> | - <i>The Darkest Dark</i> | - <i>The Fabulous Friend Machine</i> |
| - <i>Faraway Fox</i> | - <i>The Great AAA-OOO</i> | - <i>The Hungry Lion</i> |
| - <i>The Night Gardener</i> | - <i>Nope!</i> | - <i>They All Saw a Cat</i> |
| - <i>Thunder Boy Jr.</i> | | |

Students voted and our favourite picture book is...*Nope!* followed by *The Fabulous Friend Machine* and *The Night Gardener*.

Students from kindergarten to grade 5 have also enjoyed reading and voting for Surrey Schools' Narrative Nonfiction Book of the Year. The ten narrative nonfiction books were:

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| - <i>Among a Thousand Fireflies</i> | - <i>Follow the Moon Home</i> | - <i>Giant Squid</i> |
| - <i>I am Josephine</i> | - <i>I'm Trying to Love Spiders</i> | - <i>My Awesome Summer</i> |
| - <i>A Nest is Noisy</i> | - <i>Plants Can't Sit Still</i> | - <i>The Secret Subway</i> |
| - <i>Stepping Stones</i> | | |

Name our New Schools: Help name our new schools

You can participate in local history and suggest a name for Surrey's newest schools! The Surrey Board of Education invites public submissions to help name two new schools to be built at:



- 17335 2 Ave. – Douglas/Dufferin Park-area elementary (Site 180)
- 16666 23 Ave. – Grandview/Edgewood Drive-area elementary (Site 206)

According to school board policy, school names should reflect the history or geography of the neighbourhood or community. Special consideration is given to names that have significant meaning to students and members of the community. Email suggestions and, if desired a short explanation, by **June 8, 2018** to schoolnames@surreyschools.ca. Please be sure to indicate the school site number beside each name suggestion. (As many different people often suggest the same name, or close variations of the same name, acknowledgement is not given to those who suggest a school name that is later chosen by the board).

Golden Star Award and Grade 7 Band:

The Golden Star Award recognizes excellence in public education and programs that transform relationships between students and seniors in their communities. This award is sponsored by the BC Retired Teachers' Association. Our "**G is for Grandfriend**" program has been selected as one of the winners for 2018. Thank you to Mrs. Petersson, Mrs. Siple and Mrs. Tome and the countless parent volunteers for your commitment to making our community a better place. More importantly, thank you to our wonderful students for being such great *grandfriends*! Please join us in celebrating this recognition at an assembly on Thursday, June 14th at 1 p.m. in the Gym. At this assembly, we will also have our Grade 7 Band perform one last time for our community. We look forward to having you there!



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Grade 7 Farewell Assembly Awards – Awards Criteria

Citizenship Award - This recognizes the student who exemplifies honesty, works hard, shows respectful and fair practices, and is conscious of and shows consistent school-level involvement with world affairs. This student makes a difference and understands global awareness.

Art Award – This recognizes the student who is creative, original, and thoughtfully expresses ideas in a variety of media.

Work Habits Award – This is given to the student who uses good time management strategies, is organized, punctual, productive in class, and maximizes his or her potential with quality work. The person acknowledges, by actions, the importance of a learning environment for everyone.

Most Improved Award – This award recognizes the student who shows a movement forward from September to June with improved academics, work habits, organizational skills, effort, and attitude.

Athletic Award – This award recognizes the student who participates in school sports, models sportsmanship, provides team leadership, practices a healthy lifestyle, and displays humility.

Academic Award – This award is given to those students who consistently produce high quality work throughout the year. Assignments are always on time, and they are creative and show a depth of understanding with original thinking. In the final grade for the year, these students have exceeded expectations in the four core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Socials, and Science.

Gauss Math Award – This award is presented to the student who achieved the highest score in our Gauss Math Contest. The Gauss Math Contest is written nation-wide and is in partnership with the University of Waterloo. The contest tests students' mathematical problem-solving abilities and is based on common curriculum in Canadian provinces.

21st Century Learner Award – The recipient(s) of this award are creative and show a depth of understanding with original thinking, keeping the three core competencies (Communication, Thinking and Personal and Social Awareness) at the centre of their learning. These students have exceeded standards in most areas of learning. Recipients of this award are also “outside of the box” thinkers and represent their thinking in many ways.

Cheryl Morgan All-Around Student Award – This award honours the student who demonstrates positive character traits and practices strong values and beliefs. They must be strong leaders, respect other people, practice teamwork, and be responsible and accountable learners.

Class Historians – Two students, selected for their positive influence on others, revisit the years from Kindergarten to Grade 7, recognizing some memorable and humorous events and activities.

Information for the 2018/19 School Year

**Ray Shepherd Elementary
SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE
2018 - 2019**

8:30	Student Warning Bell – Students Line Up
8:35	Classes Begin for Morning Session 1
10:15	Recess
10:30	Re-entry Bell for Morning Session 2
11:42	Lunch Recess – Students “Play First”
12:12	Re-entry Bell for Lunch
12:27	Classes Begin for Afternoon Session
2:27	Classes Dismissed

* Please note the day will be increased by 2 minutes in the 2018-19 school year due to the number of days in the school year.

RAY SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY

2018/2019 Calendar

(Dates Subject to Change)



September	4	First Day of School
	24	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
October	8	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (No School)
	19	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
November	9	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
	12	Remembrance Day in-lieu (No School)
	28	Early Dismissal – 1:27pm
	29	Early Dismissal – 1:27pm
Dec 24-Jan 4		School Closed for Winter Break
January	7	First Day Back from Winter Break
February	18	Family Day Holiday (No School)
	22	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
March	18-29	School Closed for Spring Break
April	1	First Day Back from Spring Break
	8	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
	19	Good Friday (No School)
	22	Easter Monday (No School)
May	1	Early Dismissal – 1:27pm
	3	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
	20	Victoria Day Holiday (No School)
	27	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
June	27	Last Day of School for Students – Early Dismissal at 1:27pm Final Report Cards Issued

School Fees Notice to Parents/Guardians for 2018/2019

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We so appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to financial difficulties. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Grade 2 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$8.00 or receiving one on loan from the school. Students in Grade 4 may also play the recorder and can re-use their Grade 2 recorder, purchase a new one or receive one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt for band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

School Supplies:

Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own, by utilizing the grade supply list available at the office, or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through Edu-Pac. These forms were sent out in May. Payment is made by cheque or credit card to Edu-Pac. Costs for supplies vary based on grade.

Kindergarten supplies will be done as a bulk order. Parents will be asked to contribute \$40.00 to cover those supplies. If you wish to opt out and purchase your own, please let the school know. Please note that all supplies in Kindergarten are shared by the whole group.