



Holly Newsletter - June 2020

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Mr. Shook's Message

The end of the school year is always filled with many feelings for students and staff. This year, in particular, has been filled with many challenges. While I commend you all in your efforts during remote learning, it is evident to me more than ever the important role school plays in our lives and in our societies. It has been nice having students back in the school and hearing laughter once again fill our classrooms and playgrounds. The job of children is to play and we have missed being able to help provide that opportunity.

I would like to take a moment to thank our staff who will not be returning to us next year and wish them all the best in their educational journey. I would like to also congratulate our Grade 7 students and wish

them all the best next year in High School. May you always be guided by our 4 rules: Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Others, Take Care of your School Community and Take Care of Our World.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shook

Message from Mr. Moxness

Well my friends, it's time to say goodbye to Holly. After 5 years of classroom teaching and a year and a half in my vice-principal role, I have been transferred to a new school – Bear Creek Elementary. I am going to truly miss the students, their families, and all the staff here at this amazing school! I have so many wonderful memories, my favourite were the exciting canoe adventures! I have learned so much from my time at Holly, and this will certainly benefit me as I continue my leadership journey at Bear Creek.

Thank you to Mr. Shook for his tremendous leadership and guidance. Thank you to our fantastic front office staff (Ms. Mitchell & Ms. Rodgers). A special thank you to Holly's Parent Advisory Committee for your great team work and dedication with all the fundraising activities and events. Lastly, thank you to all the teachers and support staff who make Holly a great place for students to learn, grow and achieve success. Holly will forever be in my heart! See you around :-)

All the best,

Rob Moxness

Device Return Reminder

Holly Hawks,

Thank you for doing such a great job with your online learning. We have missed you so much and look forward to the time we can all be back at Holly together. If you have borrowed an iPad or computer from the school, we would like you to return it to us starting on Wednesday, June 17th.

Thank you for Caring for our School.

Mr. Shook

Important Message to Gr. 7 Band Students



Please return all loaned instruments to the office on June 18 and June 19. Thank you.

Parent Requests for 2020/21

Decisions regarding the placement of students in next year's class are complex, involving many factors. Some factors are gender balance, learning styles, previous placements, balance of student academic and behavioral needs, student strengths, etc. Parents can provide the school with important information, which can assist in the placement of students. This information should not be a request for a specific teacher or friend, but rather important personal, educational, or social information. If you wish to provide us with information please drop us a note at the office. Thank you!

2020-2021 Bell Schedule ****NEW****



- 8:30 First Bell
- 8:35 Class Begins
- 10:15-10:30 Recess
- 11:50-12:05 Students Eat Lunch
- 12:05-12:35 Outside Activity Time
- 12:35 Afternoon Classes Begin
- 2:35 Students Dismissed

September & School Opening

We look forward to seeing you in September after you have enjoyed your summer vacation. Information will be posted by the front entrance and on Holly's website ¹during the last week of August. You DO NOT need to register your child if he/she attended Holly this year.



Kindergarten



Information will be posted by the front entrance and on Holly's website ²during the last week of August.

We Need Your Help Again

The end of the school year is fast approaching, so could you please let us know:

¹<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/holly/Pages/default.aspx>

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- if you are moving over the summer and will not be returning to Holly in September
- if your child will be late returning to school in September so that we can hold your spot
- of any changes in address, phone number, **citizenship**, etc.

Holly School Fees 2020/21

The school district requires that we inform parents of upcoming school fees. At Holly, our generous and hard working parent group (Holly Society) supports students in various events and field studies throughout the year. They also pay for all student planners which cost \$5 each! However, we do sometimes ask parents to contribute to special events. Throughout the school year parents may be requested to pay anywhere from \$2.00 to \$25.00 for various field trips.

We also request that our Kindergarten families purchase school supplies through Holly Elementary. This allows all children to learn with the proper supplies. The cost for Kindergarten school supplies is \$40.00, which is paid by the parents directly to the teacher.

At all times these fees are optional. We, at Holly, are committed to all students taking part in activities and, if at any time, you are asked to fund an event or supplies for your child and the cost is too much, please call us at the office and we will do our best to confidentially help you.

Andrew Shook

Principal

Holly Elementary School

Grade 7 Celebration



Please contact your child's teacher if you are uncertain of the time. Please note due to current social distancing restrictions parents will not be allowed to participate or watch.

Goodbyes



Inevitably each year brings changes, and this year we have to say some special goodbyes. Goodbye to all our Grade Sevens! We will miss you and we wish you all the best! We shall also be saying goodbye to several students within the school. To them too, we hope you carry happy memories of your time at Holly and all our very best wishes go with you!

Goodbye and thank you to parents whose child(ren) will be going on to high school.

Thank you and goodbye to the following staff. We wish you the very best next year.

- Mr. Moxness - Vice-Principal
- Ms. Curtis-Gill - Gr. 3 Teacher
- Ms. Khan - Gr. 6 Teacher
- Ms. Parmar - Gr. 1 Teacher
- Ms. Sandhu - Gr. 7 Teacher
- Mr. Schriek - French Teacher
- Ms. Street - Gr. K Teacher
- Ms. Watkins - Gr. 3 Teacher
- Ms. Beach - CCW - Social Development
- Mr. Miles - Social Development
- Mr. Karlgren - IST
- Mr. Punia - IST
- Ms. Barnachea - EA
- Ms. Chohan - EA
- Mr. Goel - EA
- Mr. Kim - EA
- Ms. Litt - EA
- Mr. Lochhead - EA
- Ms. Mapendo - EA
- Ms. Martin - EA
- Mr. Rafada - EA
- Ms. Rafiqui - EA
- Ms. Rhazlane - EA
- Mr. Vining - EA

Welcome!



We wish to welcome the following staff members who have obtained permanent positions at Holly:

- Ms. Kabani - Vice Principal
- Ms. Bungar (returning)
- Ms. Rodriguez - IST
- Ms. Tatomir - iST

2020-21 School Calendar (Temporary)



September

- 28 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

October

- 12 - Thanksgiving - School Closed
- 22 - Early Dismissal @ 1:35 PM / Student Led Conferences

- 23 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

November

- 6 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
- 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 - Remembrance Day (Stat Holiday) - School Closed

December

- 4 - First Formal Report Cards (CSL)
- 18 - Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

Winter Break: December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021

January

- 4 - School Reopens after Winter Break

February

- 9 - Early Dismissal @ 1:35 PM / Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 15 - Family Day - School Closed
- 19 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

March

- 12 - Second Formal Report Cards (CSL) / Last Day of Classes before Spring Break

Spring Break: March 15 - March 26

- 29 - Schools Reopen after Spring Break

April

- 2 - Good Friday - School Closed
- 5 - Easter Monday - School Closed
- 28 - Early Dismissal @ 1:35 PM

May

- 7 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
- 24 - Victoria Day - School Closed
- 31 - Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

June

- 24 - Final Formal Report Cards / Last Day of Classes / Early Dismissal @ 1:35 PM