



Ellendale Elementary

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At Ellendale, we are committed to creating a supportive environment that promotes successful learning, personal growth, student responsibility, and respect for others.

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Principal's Message:

It is hard to believe the school year is coming to an end! I want to thank the students, parents and staff for an amazing first year at Ellendale. The sense of community at this school is such a rare find and is truly a joy to be a part of.

Our Sports Day was a huge success. The weather was far from perfect but Ellendale community spirit was in full swing at our indoor Sports Day. Way to go, Ellendale Eagles!

On **Wednesday, June 27** we are having a **Community Picnic**. The students will be having a reverse lunch – with the students playing first from 11:45 – 12:15 and then eating during the community picnic. We welcome our school community families to join us at Ellendale from **12:30 – 2:30** for this year end celebration!

The end of the school year brings with it farewells to some students and staff. We will be saying farewell to our Grade 7's on **Tuesday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m.** We hope families can join us in honouring our senior students.

On **Thursday, June 28 at 9:15 a.m.** we will have our year end assembly saying farewell to staff who are leaving us for other journeys, a year end slideshow and a thank you to our PAC. I hope you will be able to join us. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. Bains

2018/19 Staffing Updates

There are several changes to staffing for the upcoming school year. Here are the changes to date:

Mr. Leader our long-standing Band Teacher has decided to retire. His expertise in teaching our Intermediate students band skills will be missed. We would like to thank him for bringing out the talent in our kids and giving them a wonderful band experience. He is looking forward to traveling and enjoying the next chapter in his life. All the best, Mr. Leader!

Ms. Couture has decided to move on as a Grade 7 teacher at Mary Jane Shannon. Her creative flare and exciting ideas will be missed at Ellendale! Lucky Mary Jane Shannon! We are happy for her but know that she will be missed.

Ms. Basi has completed her first full teaching year at Ellendale and did a wonderful job. We appreciated the smile and energy she brought every day and we will miss this next year. She will be moving to Surrey Traditional School where she can build her long term LST classroom. We wish her the best and hope that she can return to us one day.

Ms. Dare was a fun addition to the LST team, she jumped right in part way through the year and provided great support to our students. We wish her the best on her next adventure!

Ms. Faremo did a wonderful job teaching French since joining us in March. She taught French to our intermediate students this year. She made it fun and interesting for the students. We thank her for her hard work and wish her the best.

Mr. Kappos, joined Ellendale in April as our IST. He has secured himself a new position. He brought a dynamic energy to the school - not to mention a lot of international teaching experience! We hope that he enjoys his new school and wish him the best.

Ms. Holowaty, our music teacher has brought a new energy to our music program. The students enjoy spending time with her. Her talent will be missed at the school! Wishing her all the best on the next school that is lucky enough to have her!

Ms. Johnston, has been working hard updating our library and helping to introduce robotics to our students. She will be missed next year, we wish her the best.

Our school Counsellor Ms. Makkar is onto a new adventure at two other Surrey schools. We will miss her gentle support and wish her the best in her new school communities.

Ms. Sawyer, who supports many of our students will be onto a new adventure in her personal life. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to her visiting with us in the future.

Ms. Bajwa, is a support to many of our students. She can always be counted on to step in to support anyone in need. We will certainly miss her kindness and support but are hopeful she will return to us one day.

Ms. Lally began her adventures at Ellendale as an EA practicum student and then we were lucky enough to have her join as staff this year. Her incredible flexible and kind nature is a welcomed attitude at Ellendale. Her next school is lucky to have her join their community.

Ms. Nekhla has been supporting our early primary students this year. She worked hard for our students and wish her the best in her new school.

Ms. Batista supports our school in the office part-time two days a week. Her calm manner and her warm welcoming smile is definitely going to be missed. We hope her new school knows how lucky they are, we will miss you Ms. Batista.

New to our school is Ms. Kahla. She will be joining the Intermediate team. She comes from Simon Cunningham Elementary, and we know that she will fit in well. She is excited to meet our school community.

Playground Update

As you know, our PAC and entire school community has been working hard for our new playground. The current (old) playground will be removed July 2018 as it no longer meets with District codes. The new playground will be going in during the month of August. After installation, there may be a fence surrounding the playground. This fence remains in place until the District checks and inspects the equipment. If there is a fence surrounding the area please do not enter or allow children to enter as it is unsafe to do so until we get permission. We are looking forward to a new playground, this will be a welcomed surprise for the new school year!

Summer Wishes

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m.

