

Kirkbride Elementary School 12150 – 92nd Avenue, Surrey B.C., V3V 1G2

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Mission Statement: The staff of Kirkbride Elementary School is committed to fostering positive, supportive relationships between students, parents and school personnel.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 5	Christmas Concert at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm
Dec. 6	Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 am and Pajama Day
Dec. 11	Spirit Day – Wear Kirkbride shirts
Dec. 12	Family Read at 8:45 am
Dec. 13	Popcorn Day
Dec. 17	Report Cards Go Home
Dec. 18	Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Parent/Teacher interviews
Dec. 22	Last day before Christmas Break
Jan. 6	School back in session

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the cold, dark and often rainy days of fall settle in, we want to remind our parents to send their children to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Only on very rare occasions do we call an 'inside' day at recess or lunch, so please remember raincoats, boots, hats, and gloves. Reflective clothing is also great to keep our kids safe! Thank you for reading today's addition on Closures, Class Cancellations, and Delayed Openings due to weather.

As a reminder, we are only able to provide supervision for 15 minutes before school and for 15 minutes after school. For this reason, please do not send your child to school before 8:20 am, unless he/she has made alternate arrangements to be under the direct supervision of a staff member or your child is in breakfast club. Likewise, please encourage your child(ren) to go straight home after dismissal at 2:30 pm. Thank you!

We continue to have drivers not follow posted signs and street rules. Please do not drop off students or park in no stopping/no parking areas. The front parking lots are not to be used for drop off and pick up. Please make sure to follow the law and keep our students safe.

Teachers are very busy working through this important process with your children and the support staff. Good starts have led to positive growth over the first term. Less than satisfactory starts continue to be addressed, and if major concerns have surfaced then you would have been contacted by the teacher.

The tone of the school has been very worklike over the past many weeks, as the staff strive to develop the best writers and readers through sound, pedagogical practice.

Parents are an integral part of students' learning and we encourage you to provide scheduled time every evening when your child is expected to read or better yet, when you read together. Spend a little time as well reviewing math facts and concepts. Without your active participation and support our students can't reach those higher levels of achievement.

On December 19 we have early dismissal and parent teacher interviews. We will begin booking appointments for parent/teacher conferences on Monday, December 16 until Wednesday, December 18, through the office, at 604-588-5711.

<u>SURREYSCHOOLS.CA/SCHOOLS/KIRKBRIDE</u> is our website. Please check it out. We have Calendar dates and announcements as well as some helpful links for parents. On our website, you will also find our newsletters. If you wish to subscribe, please follow the links to leaving your email address to be sent the newsletter.

KIRKBRIDE SPIRIT WEAR

We are accepting any last minute orders for Kirkbride spirit wear. If interested, please come to the office for an order form. The firm deadline is Friday, December 6 at 2:30. Short sleeve tshirts are \$10.00 and long sleeve are \$15.00.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Limited tickets will be on sale at the door. Tickets are \$1.00. Pre-ordered tickets have been sent home. Students performing are expected to attend the evening show as well.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON

The girls' and boys' volleyball teams have had a very successful season. The girls and boys are showing a great improvement in their skill and always display outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship. The boys' volleyball playday is December 4 versus Simon Cunningham and the girls' volleyball playday is December 5.



PARKING

From our Surrey By-Law department, please do not stop where there is a NO STOPPING sign and where there is NO PARKING, you have a limited 5 minutes to quickly drop or pick up your child. It is a safety concern for your child. Also, please do not block driveways.

ROCKIN READERS



Our October Rockin' Readers winners are: Adam – Div. 1; Avin – Div. 2; Sumreet – Div. 3; Jasneet – Div. 4; Mareesa – Div. 5; Viraj – Div. 6; Renee – Div. 7; Akansha – Div. 8; Krithika – Div. 9; Dennis – Div. 10; Ibrahim – Div. 11; Isaiah – Div. 12; Nehmat – Div. 13; Ayaan – Div. 14; Jaismeet – Div. 15; Sarina – Div. 16; Om – Div. 17; Balraj – Div. 18.

WINTER WEATHER

Please remind your child(ren) to dress warmly for the winter weather. They should have a warm jacket/coat and gloves. It is also a good idea to keep a spare pair of clothes for your child(ren) at school.



FLU SEASON



As flu season is upon us, it is recommended that if your child is sick to stay home for 48 - 72 hours after last bout of vomiting, and/or diarrhea when sudden and severe. Anyone with a fever should stay away for at least 24 hours after the fever has been controlled.

BREAKFAST

On Friday, December 6 is our PAC Pancake Breakfast. Santa will be visiting as well. It is also pajama day. Photos with Santa are \$1.00.

SUPER KIDS

Congratulations to the following students for being responsible: Phuong-Vy – Div. 6; Gurpratap – Div. 15; Hela – Div. 15; Zahraa – Div. 10; Jayson – Div. 10; Ayaat – Div. 8; Hargun – Div. 14; Krithika – Div. 9; Hridayansh – Div. 13; Kimee – Div. 15.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Bookfair was a wonderful success! We raised \$1,500 in new books for our library! Thank you to the parent volunteers that helped out!

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent for the day, please call the school by 9:00 am at 604-588-5711. You can also leave a message 24 hours a day at 604-588-5711 and by pressing 1.

