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Special Dates

March 6

Reading Link Challenge
Gr. 4 and 5's

March 15

Parents' Night Out
Ocean Park Pub
6 p.m.

March 16

Last Day of School Before
Spring Break

March 19-

April 2

Spring Break and Easter
Break

April 3

First Day Back

April 4-6

Scholastic Book Fair
Family Night
Thurs., April 5th
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

April 6

Spring Clean-up
8:30-10:30am

April 19

Ready, Set, Learn
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Show Respect

Observe Safety

**Accept
Responsibility**

Resolve Conflict

**Building a Community
of Learners – Together**

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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March 1, 2018

Sports Update:

Congratulations to our boys' basketball team who had a wonderful season! Students showed enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and dedication as they participated in numerous games with neighbouring schools and at the Playday. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Rova for coaching! Next up is badminton!

The track and field season will soon be upon us (hard to believe Spring is coming... but it is!). If you are interested in helping to coach an event with a teacher this year, please email Mrs. Brine at brine_l@surreyschools.ca. No special skills are needed – just a desire to help!

Lost and Found Items:



Parents, please take a look at the lost and found items before Spring Break. All unclaimed items will be donated along with our PAC Spring Clean-up Drive.



On Thursday, April 19th from 1:15 to 2:30 pm Ray Shepherd Elementary will be holding open house activities for 3 and 4-year-old children **in-catchment**. This fun event will provide interactive experiences for children and their parents to foster positive interactions and instil an excitement for learning. Please call the school or email our Head Secretary Ms. Fox (fox_k@surreyschools.ca) to register.

A Note from the Library Learning Commons

By: Ms. Baker



February has been an exciting and busy month in the library. New books were purchased, grade 5 students have been learning our new coding technologies, our grade 2/3 girls and grown-up book club met, grade 4 and 5 students have been practicing for the in-school Reading Link Challenge and we are in the middle of our chess tournament.

At the beginning of the year, our school was given a number of new technologies to help students learn how to code. They include Bloxels, Spheros, Ozobots, Osmos, and MBots. Our grade 5 students have taken on the challenge of

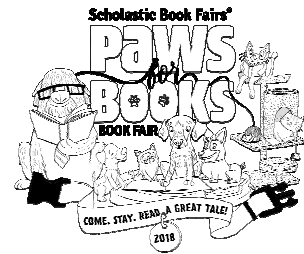
learning these technologies and sharing their information with the rest of the school. Our grade 5 experts will be hosting a Technology Fair in the gym after Spring Break so that all classes can get a sneak peak at our coding tools.

Last week our grade 2/3 girls and grown-ups book club met to discuss and celebrate the novel *Make Way for Dymonde Daniel*. The book deals with friendship, frustrations with moving and not judging people before you know their story. Moms and Dads shared the story with their daughters and we had a lovely evening of crafts, discussions and snacks to celebrate it.

Next week we will be having our in-school Reading Link Challenge for grade 4/5 students. 43 students from these grades make up 8 teams. All teams have been reading the same 6 books over the last few months to prepare for the upcoming challenge. We wish them the best of luck!

Finally, in the library learning commons we are in the middle of our chess tournament. Students in grade 2-7 have been facing-off for the month of February. Many of the battles have been hard fought but all players are playing with skill and determination. The tournament will conclude before spring break and medals and certificates will be awarded in April.

On a different note, the **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming! We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from April 4rd to the 6th. Students will have the opportunity, during scheduled class times, to preview the books on the Wednesday and Thursday and then they will be able to purchase books on the Friday.



We will be having a special Family Night Event from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 5th for parents to come with or without their children. There will be a Family Night Draw where you could win \$25 worth of books for your family and \$25 for your child's teacher. Students must be accompanied by an adult on Family Night. Book Fairs connect students to the books that they want to read which encourages them to read more. As well, by purchasing books and supporting our Book Fair, you enable our school to obtain new resources for the school library and fund special events.

Keep your eyes open for more information when we send home a highlights flyer in the coming weeks.

PAC NEWS

A reminder that our 2nd Annual Parents' Night Out is Thursday, March 15th, 6 p.m. at the Ocean Park Pub.

Dough Raiser Program at **COBBS BREAD** in Ocean Park! We are delighted that our local Cobbs Bread in Ocean Park is donating 5% of the value of the total purchases made by the Ray Shepherd Community. Tell your friends and family! All you need to do is...**BEFORE YOU PAY**...let the sales person know you are with Ray Shepherd School. Easy peasey! Thank you Cobbs Bread for your support!

Parking

Please note that our parking lot is limited to Staff and Visitor parking only. If you're visiting the school please park in the spots facing 136th street.



Communicating Student Learning:



Please remember to review your child's Fresh Grade portfolio on a regular basis. Providing comments and feedback on your child's learning can be very helpful in motivating your child and participating in their learning process. Some helpful sentence starters to respond to their learning might be:

- I notice how you... (be specific)
- I am so proud that you are now able to...
- I can see evidence of growth...
- When I compare these two pieces of work, I notice...
- I was pleased with how you did this work because...
- I know you found this work challenging, but look at how you...
- Look - now you can...
- Before you had trouble with... but now you can...
- You are doing better at...
- I notice how you... you still need help with_____ and I can help you.
- Can you explain your thinking about this...
- I enjoyed how this is something new that you learned!
- You've achieved your goal of_____!!
- What I like about this work (artifact) is...
- You have improved...
- I can see evidence of growth toward your goal because...
- One way at home that we can try to help you is....
- This was not your best work, what could you do differently next time?
- At the beginning of the year you did not know... but now...
- I can see you tried really hard to....
- I am impressed with this work because...

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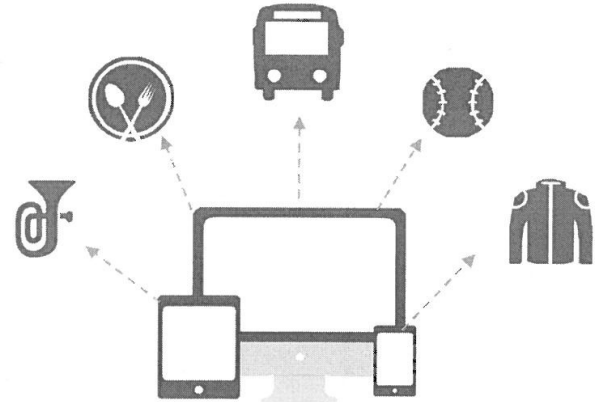
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For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803



It's time to clean out your closets again! Ray Shepherd will be doing our annual DDA Collection Drive Friday, April 6, between 8:15-10:30am, under the black top area beside the parking lot.

We have participated in The Developmental Disabilities Association's Cash 4 Clothes program for a number of years now; all revenue generated goes toward helping people with developmental disabilities. In turn, the DDA gives our school \$2-3 per bag depending on how many bags we collect. It's a WIN-WIN situation!

So, please save items you would normally donate after a spring cleanup. We will be sending bags home with your child to fill up; any extra items can be placed into garbage bags of comparable size. Please do not bag hard items; a box is preferable. Make sure you label fragile items and pack with care—we have had to discard broken items in the past!

Items we are looking for:

- Used clothing
- Bedding
- Towels
- Purses
- Drapes
- Sewing materials
- Pillows
- Shoes
- Toys and games
- Small housewares

We will also need parent volunteers to help sort through collected items. Please be on the lookout for a sign up via your email.

Thank you in advance for your contributions!!!

