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March 2021 Newsletter

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¹https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&rlz=1C5GCEM_enCA904CA927&sxsrf=ALeKk01upPh59fndUGNLo-pWyDq7VbZeng:1615298630071&q=holly+elementary+phone&ludocid=8276512274447568149&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi4pbSosKpVAhV5IjQIHTsnBekQ6BMwHXoECBsQAg

²https://www.google.com/search?q=holly+elementary+surrey&rlz=1C5GCEM_enCA904CA927&og=holly&ags=chrome.2.69i57j46i275i69i59j35i39i46i69i61l3.2351j0i4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on#

Principal/Vice Principal Message



February was a month where we learned and embodied the act of kindness towards others and ourselves. We gained knowledge and empathy as we learned about black history, and the importance of standing up for each other as we celebrated pink shirt day. We learned that even the smallest act goes a long way in bringing a smile to someone's face and warmth to their heart.

WELCOME MARCH! We can feel it – spring is almost here! The Ancient Romans (150 B.C.) considered March to be the first month of the year as do many of our families at Holly. A time of green growth, hope and renewal. We too can look to March for a promise of: gardens, sunshine, more vaccinations, daylight savings, St. Patrick's Day, a new gym floor, and of course Spring Break.

As you know Holly's gym has been under construction with the seismic upgrade since September. We are excited to share with you that when we return from spring break, we will have a new gym. Our learners will be back in the gym skipping, running and jumping! The next phase for the seismic upgrade will be the Rick Hansen Wing. Four of our classes have packed up and moved to another area in the school. Our staff and learners have worked extremely hard to pack up and reshuffle mid year, and we are grateful for the teamwork that had to take place for this to happen.

It is our hope that over the break you will take some time for a little rest and relaxation. Report cards come home today. Please celebrate the learnings your child has made this term. We wish all our families a safe, healthy, and relaxing break and we look forward to the last term of success with you.

-Andrew Shook & Zahra Kabani

Updated Health and Safety Protocols



The Province of British Columbia released updated K-12 Health and Safety Plans. We encourage you to read the documents which were released in February.

BC Updated K-12 Guidelines³

Ready, Set, Learn

Mark your calendars! It's time for READY, SET, LEARN!! This year's Ready, Set, Learn initiative will be on Thursday, April 15th.

Ready, Set, Learn is an early learning initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education for families of 3- and 4-year-old children. It is intended to develop positive connections with schools and communities.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot do an in-class session. This year the program will be virtual. It will be presented in an on-line sway presentation, along with a fabulous grab and go bag which will include a beautiful book, art ideas and craft supplies.

The Ready, Set, Learn SWAY will be emailed to you on Thursday April 15th and the take home bag will be ready for pick up at the entrance of the StrongStart room on the same day from 8:40 - 9:40 am and from 10:40-11:40 am .

So we can save a take home bag for your child(ren), we ask that you register on or before Wednesday, March 17th. To register, please click on the form below. Please remember to press submit at the bottom of the form.. If you need any assistance, please let us know.

We are excited to share our Ready, Set, Learn ideas with you!



Please click on the form⁴ to RSVP if you will be picking up a bag. If you have already filled out a form through StrongStart you do not need to fill out a form again.

³<https://bcpvpa.insite.com/files/assets/90/2021educ0011-000201.pdf>

⁴https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzaMV2m7zwI9Hrw3JgA5yG_pUOEFpSEpLQk1HRk5NMFFDV0s1OTdOV0xXMS4u

Digital Resources



These resources are district reviewed and licensed annually for all Surrey School students and teachers to use, including: e-books, digital magazines, online databases and video streaming platforms. You can filter your search by age range and resource language. To access the collection, go to: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/digitalresources>

Spirit Day: Pink Shirt Day/ Wear Purple/ Red or a Heart Day



Learners once again showed their school spirit by wearing pink for pink shirt day as well as wearing purple, red or a heart for one of our spirit days. The next spirit day is on Friday. It's green day!





Visitors



For safety, we would like to kindly remind all visitors to please wait outside the school if there is a need to speak with the office staff. Kindly call the school at (604) 585-2566⁵ when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding in this matter and keeping us healthy and safe.



Satisfaction Survey

Every year the Ministry of Education sends out a satisfaction survey. Please click on the link below and take a moment to fill out the survey, as your feedback is valuable. Please note there is no logon code needed. The survey will be available until April 30, 2021.

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Satisfaction Survey⁶

Information on the Satisfaction Survey for B.C. students and their parents

⁵https://www.google.com/search?q=holly+elementary+surrey&rlz=1C5GCEM_enCA904CA927&og=holly&ags=chrome.2.69i57j46i275i69i59j35i39j46i69i61i3.2351i0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on#

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School Link App

Download the School Link App from the App Store for your smart phones. Be sure to turn on notifications. Info/alerts/news will be sent directly to your smart phone.



Upcoming Dates



March 12

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- *Second Formal Report Cards (CSL)*
 - *Points of Progress Reports (Freshgrade)*
 - *Last Day of Classes before Spring Break*
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March 15 - March 26

- *Spring Break - School Closed*
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March 29

- *School Reopens after Spring Break*
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April 2

- *Good Friday - School Closed*
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April 5

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- *Easter Monday - School Closed*
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May 5

- *Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm - Assessment, evaluation, and program planning*
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May 7

- *Non-Instructional Day - School Closed*
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May 24

- *Victoria Day - School Closed*
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May 31

- *Non-Instructional Day - School Closed*
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June 24

- *Final Formal Report Cards and Last Day of Classes*
 - *Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm*
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