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# Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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## Special Dates

**May 4**

**Non-Instructional Day**  
School Not in Session

**May 10**

Welcome to K  
Mini Track Meet  
Gr. 2/3 Girls' Book  
Club  
6-7pm

**May 15**

PAC Mtg. 8:45 a.m.

**May 18**

Gr.5-7 Internet Safety  
Walk for Water

**May 21**

**Victoria Day**  
School Not in Session

**May 25**

May Fair 2:30-7pm

**May 28**

**Non-Instructional Day**  
School Not in Session

**Show Respect**

**Observe Safety**

**Accept**

**Responsibility**

**Resolve Conflict**

**Building a Community  
of Learners – Together**

## Sports Update:

Our badminton season has wrapped up and track and field has begun! The students started the Track season with two afternoons of "Track Attack" where all our Grade 3-7 students had an opportunity to try out all the track events. What a great way to kick-off track season! It takes a big group of teacher and parent coaches to make the track season possible. A huge thank-you to all those who volunteer their time for our students.



Students had a very successful badminton season and we want to thank all coaches and parent volunteers for supporting our students. We look forward to our last event of track and field this month!

## Visitors to our School:

We would like to welcome all the visitors to our school at the office. If you are visiting the school for any reason, from dropping off a lunch or to helping out for an extended period of time, please make the office your first stop. Thank you for helping to keep Ray Shepherd safe!

## Parent Tea:

Our parent appreciation event is scheduled for Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. An invitation will be going home soon to parents who have volunteered in the school. Please RSVP to classroom teachers if you are able to attend. If you, by chance, do not receive an invitation, please email our office clerk Karen Fox at [fox\\_k@surreyschools.ca](mailto:fox_k@surreyschools.ca) to confirm your attendance. We would like to thank all the sensational volunteers who have helped support our school all year!



## Class Placements:

Please see the letter below for more information regarding class placements and organization for next school year.

## A Note From the Library:

*By Ms. Baker*

We had a very exciting month of April in the Library Learning Commons with the Scholastic Book Fair and the Tech Fair. I would like to thank all of the students and parents for supporting our school through your bookfair purchases. It was a very successful event and we will be able to fund different literacy projects with money that was raised. I would like to especially thank our dedicated library monitors who worked long hours to help our book fair run smoothly.



A special thank you goes out to our grade 5 students who shared their learning of the school's new coding and robotics tools. All classes attended the fair and were able to explore and learn about Sphero's, Bloxels, Ozobots, mBots, and Osmos. The grade 5 students demonstrated excellent leadership and understanding. Well done!

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. The last day for students to sign-out books will be June 8<sup>th</sup>. The following week, June 11-15, students will be asked to return all of their library books and pay for any books that have been lost. Please help your son or daughter look for lost books now so that in June all books can be returned on time. Thank you.

## Me to We:

**We Team – We Walk For Water:** Friday, May 18 (1:00 pm) Clean water is a basic human right. There are 844 million people worldwide who do not have access to clean water. This staggering number is 20x the population of Canada. In developing countries, women and girls have the primary responsibility of collecting water from distant sources. The We Organization works with communities to create safe and easily accessible sources of water.

At Ray Shepherd, our We Team is organizing a Walk for Water. On **May 18 at 1:00 pm**, the students and staff of our school will walk in solidarity to fetch and carry water in our own community. We will step into the shoes of women and children living in developing countries who need to fetch water sometimes up to three times a day. Students will be encouraged to **donate \$2** to the walk. The proceeds that our school raises will go toward rural China, to provide its people with affordable access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities.

A permission notice to take part in the walk will go home to students at the beginning of May. We are also asking each student to bring in a **4L milk jug between May 2-May 16**, for transporting the water during the walk.



## PAC News:



Hello parents. Spring is upon us! Please remember to pick up your planters and hanging baskets on May 8th.

Our Mayfair is only a few weeks away on May 24th from 2:30-7pm on the school



grounds. There will be rides, games, bingo, stage performances, food and fun for

all ages! Please invite your friends and loved ones! Please be on the lookout for raffle tickets that will be coming home next week. This is a HUGE part of our fundraising efforts this year. We are asking each student to try to sell at least one book. There will be a \$250 VISA Gift Card to the student that sells the most tickets. Each student will be given one book and more books can be signed out at the office. Please have all tickets sold or not sold returned to school by May 24th so the stubs can be put into the draw box. The tickets are \$5 each. The Prizes are 1st -\$3000, 2nd-\$2000 and 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$1000. Thanks for your support!!

Please also keep an eye out for volunteer sign ups for the Mayfair!!!

Thanks so much,  
Aimee McDonald



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Dear Families,

It is that time of year again where teachers and staff are beginning to think about class organization and placement. Class organization is a very time-consuming process. Staff work hard to provide the best learning environment possible for each student. Teachers have knowledge of the academic needs of children, keep the “big picture” in mind and therefore, can best decide where individuals should be placed. Teachers collaborate with the previous teacher to gain insight into each child’s unique learning profile. The following is a list of the criteria involved in organizing classes:

- Academic Ability/Performance
- Class and Group Dynamics
- Special Needs Consideration
- Ministry/District Policy Guidelines
- Gender
- Learning Styles
- Social Compatibility
- Behaviour/Developmental Level

From time to time, parents request specific placements. It is important to understand that for a variety of reasons, many requests cannot be accommodated. ***Please do not expect that your son/daughter will be placed with a specific teacher or with particular friends.*** Friends can always see each other at recess, lunch or after school. You might feel more comfortable with teachers that you know from previous years, but I can assure you that the new staff members are also talented teachers. Ray Shepherd Elementary has a sound-learning environment!

We are a school with limited space, which often leads to combined classes. We have approximately two divisions for each grade. Many students will be in classes that have combined grades and ***there is no guarantee that if a child was in a combined class this year that he/she will be in a class with a single grade next year.*** Please understand that even in a single grade there is still a range of ability. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class. We view students as a community of learners all striving to move forward in their learning. With the trust and support of home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive and rewarding school year. Your understanding regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please note that if parents wish to write a letter to the Principal, it should be to share information about a child’s ideal learning environment in regard to social, emotional and/or academic needs. The selection of next year’s teacher will be made thoughtfully by staff and the process will include any information shared by parents. **Should you wish to provide the school with extra information, please send a letter to school addressed to the Principal, Mrs. Chau, by May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Thank you.