



Berkshire Park Elementary School

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Acting Principal: Ms. R. Ladd

Message from Ms. Ladd:

February was a very pink and red month, as staff and students enjoyed learning about and celebrating Lunar New Year, Valentine’s Day, and Pink Shirt Day. Throughout the month classes have focused on messages of kindness and friendship; thinking of ways we can support and help one another. These messages are so important with all that is going on in the world today. Students also collect house points for each spirit day. It is a very tight race between the four houses and there is still lots of time left to earn points. The current subtotals with all spirit events so far this year, are:

- Yellow – 451
- Red – 500
- Blue – 509
- Green – 516

As the weather starts to improve and we move into Spring, we will also return to our walk to school day. However, there will be a change of day and name due to other activities that already take place at Berkshire Park on Wednesdays. Beginning this **Friday, March 4th, we will have Fresh Air Friday**. Students are invited to walk, bike, scooter, and travel to school enjoying fresh air. This is also an opportunity for students to earn house points and be entered to win lunch with the principal. We look forward to having all of our students join in – rain or shine on Friday.



Please remember that Spring tends to bring lots of rain, so help your child dress for the weather each day, as inside days will only occur if there is extreme weather. It is also helpful if students have a change of clothes in their backpack in case they need to change.



Grade 7 parents, Johnston Heights Secondary would like to share an intro video with you. It can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/516309783> Students have now completed course selection forms for next year; they should have brought a copy home to share with you. If your child will not be attending Johnston Heights, please use the website of the school they will be attending to register them.

We appreciate all of the parents who have demonstrated patience and kindness during drop-off and pick-up over the past week, while we adjusted to the construction changes. 94th Avenue in front of the school is accessible once again; 153A street is closed to both cars and pedestrians.

Please remember the following:

- No parking during drop-off or pick-up; please keep traffic moving in the drop-off loop
- The parking lot is for staff only; it is one directional, please follow the entrance (west driveway) and exit (east driveway) signs
- Left turn only out of the drop-off loop
- Watch for students and families crossing the road
- Walk to school whenever you are able



If you are interested in helping out with crosswalk duties before (8:10-8:40) or after school (2:20-2:50), please email Rachel Ladd at: ladd_r@surreyschools.ca We would love to have some volunteers that can assist with keeping our families safe.

Student rapid test kits were sent home today. Each child should receive one box of five tests. Please read the very important attached letter from Health Canada with a safety advisory about the rapid tests. It is important that they are stored out of reach of children and pets.

In March, we are looking forward to the start of badminton, continued learning about a variety of topics, new friendships, our first Fresh Air Friday, spreading kindness, and class photos at the end of the month. Wishing all of our Berkshire Park families a marvelous March. May spring break be a gift of time for to make memories and connect with friends and family.

Mark Your Calendar



- 04 Fresh Air Friday – Walk to School
- 04 PAC Hot Lunch
- 10 Report Cards #2
- 11 PAC Snack Day
- 14-25 Spring Break – No School
- 28 School Reopens
- 31 Class Photo Day

Reminders from Previous Newsletters with upcoming deadlines:

Ready, Set, Learn – Last Chance to Register – DEADLINE MARCH 4

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old in your household? If yes, we would like to invite you to receive our RSL presentation put together by our Kindergarten teachers and children's book, *The Bug Book* by Sue Fliess.

To participate in our Ready, Set, Learn, please complete this form: [Ready, Set, Learn Form](#)

The deadline for the form is Friday, March 4th. After the deadline we will be emailing our RSL digital presentation and connecting with families to distribute the books. *Please note we have a limited supply of books that will be given out in the order we receive the forms. We cannot guarantee everybody will receive a book.

We look forward to sharing our RSL "event" with you.

District Budget Consultation – DEADLINE MARCH 4th:

As many of you are aware, in late February, our district typically holds an in-person community forum and invites PAC representatives to attend sessions to learn more about our budget and other key priorities. In the interest of health and safety, we have once again moved our 2022 budget consultations online. All of the presentations have been pre-recorded so they can be viewed safely at home from this [web page](#). As with previous years, there is also an [online survey](#) to gather priorities and feedback from parents, students, staff and the larger community.

This year's agenda includes:

- [Introduction](#) (Surrey Board of Education)
- [Budget 2022](#) (presenter: Simon Ayres, Assistant Secretary Treasurer)
- [Capital projects](#) (presenter Dave Riley, Director Capital Project Office)

Consultations

As mentioned above, Surrey Schools is inviting all staff, students, parents and members of the Surrey, White Rock and Barnston Island communities to learn about and provide input on the 2022-23 district budget. Participants can share their feedback via an [online survey](#), or reach out to us through email (consultations@surreyschools.ca), traditional mail or your local Parent Advisory Council representative. The survey will run until end of day, March 4, 2022.

It is important to remember that while the majority of the district's budget is pre-allocated to operating and capital costs (i.e. school construction, additions, seismic upgrades, teachers, educational assistants, programs/services and supplies), there is some room to address priorities identified by the community. This can include anything from funding scholarships, to classroom enhancement funds to new programs and social initiatives.

Student Learning Survey 2021/2022 – DEADLINE APRIL 29th

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2022** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-583-7305.