



Hjorth Road Elementary

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Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and relaxing Spring Break and that your days were filled with many trips to our local parks and great outdoor experiences. Our staff are excited to welcome our students back to school and look forward to a final term of learning and fun together at Hjorth Road!

Reading Link Challenge

Prior to Spring Break, many Hjorth Road students in grades 4 and 5 participated in the Surrey Public Library's Reading Link Challenge. To prepare for this challenge, students read six pre-selected books and demonstrated their knowledge of these books in a skill-testing situation against other competing students.

This year, we would like to congratulate **Mason W., Darren V., Elisha C., Ernest F., Kael C. and Naod G.** for winning our school challenge! These students will represent Hjorth Road Elementary at the Surrey Library Challenge on Friday, April 13th where they will compete against other Guildford area schools. Thank you to Ms. Lomanski and the South Surrey Public Library for supporting this experience for our students.

Ready Set Learn

Ready, Set, Learn, is a Ministry of Education sponsored event in which 3 and 4-year-old children and their families learn ways to support learning at home in preparation for school. As in the past, our families will receive a video link to watch with their child at home during which they will take a tour of our school, listen to a story and receive valuable information about preschool learning. In addition, young siblings from our school will receive a book and a little bag of goodies to enjoy at home. Our online event will be released to families on Friday, April 29th from 1:00-2:00pm and will also be available on our school website.

School-Wide Events and Upcoming Dates

This month, Hjorth Road students and staff will be celebrating a few great days at school to promote learning and foster school spirit.

Together, we look forward to enjoying following experiences:

- Friday, April 15th – Good Friday – no school
- Monday, April 18th – Easter Monday – no school
- Friday, April 22nd – Earth Day
 - Wear green, blue or brown to school
- Wed. April 27th to Fri. April 29th – Scholastic Book Fair



Espoir Soccer

From April 7-June 23, **Espoir Soccer** is hosting a free soccer program every Thursday afternoon to students in Grades 1-7. Families must show proof of low income (less than \$42,000) to qualify. Spaces are limited to the first 15 students in each age group (Gr. 1-2, 3-4, 5-7). Applications are available at the office or by email and must be completed for in-person registration at the school on March 31st at 2:30pm.

Health and Safety Updates

As spring break comes to a close, students will be returning to the classroom under [new Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). Here's what you need to know about the updated guidelines when returning from March break:

- [Daily Health Checks](#) should continue to be practiced by students, staff and parents. If you feel unwell, stay home.
- **Masks are no longer required in indoor settings**, though students and staff may continue to wear a mask as a personal choice. Disposable masks will continue to be available at the office for those that wish to use them.
- For those that have travelled outside of Canada, please follow the [federal travel guidance](#), including wearing a mask when in public spaces, both indoors and outdoors for 14 days following entry into Canada.
- **Hand hygiene measures will continue to be practiced while at school**. Students will be reminded to wash their hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer, before/after eating and when reentering the building after outdoor breaks.
- Visitors are allowed at schools again. To support student and staff safety, all visitors to Hjorth Road Elementary must check in at the office upon entering the school.
- School Gatherings remain permitted at 50% capacity indoors until the PHO Gatherings and Events Order is lifted. Spectators may attend gatherings and events such as theatre productions, sports games and tournaments within capacity limits. Proof of vaccination is not required to attend school-led gatherings and events.
- Classroom arrangements may return to previous learning environment configurations that best meet student needs and preferred educational approaches. At Hjorth Road we will continue to consider strategies that create space between students in the classroom and school-at-large.
- Field trips are permitted. Venues that limit participation for all students due to additional requirements will be avoided.

School Website

Please check out our website for information and updates - www.surreyschools.ca/schools/hjorthroad/.

Warmest regards,
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