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Special Dates

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 13

Jump Rope for Heart
Event Date 1:00pm

April 17

PAC Meeting
In the Library
at 6 p.m.

April 19

Ready, Set, Learn
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

April 23

Parent Internet Safety
Presentation 6pm in the
Library

April 24

Grade 6 Immunizations

April 25

Early Dismissal 1:30pm

Show Respect

Observe Safety

Accept

Responsibility

Resolve Conflict

**Building a Community
of Learners – Together**

Ray Shepherd

Elementary School



www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd April 3, 2017

Sports Update:

Our badminton season is in full swing and students have been practicing regularly and competing against neighbouring schools. It has been exciting to see the enthusiasm of the teams as they continue to develop their skills. Thank you to parent drivers and our coaches: Mrs. Nelson, Ms. Riley, Ms. Kollakis and Mrs. Gill for continuing to support athletics here at Ray Shepherd.

Scholastic Book Fair:

The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming! We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from April 4th 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.

Ready, Set, Learn:



On Thursday, April 19th from 1:00 to 2:15 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 instill an excitement for learning. Please call the school or email our head secretary Ms. Fox (fox_k@surreyschools.ca) to register.

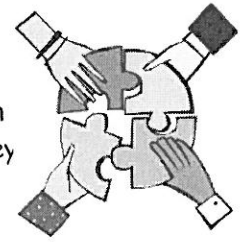
Jump Rope for Heart:

Jump Rope for Heart is coming up! Our Jump Rope for Heart Event will take place on Friday, April 13th at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to everyone participating in this fun event by exercising and raising funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We will begin collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation shortly. Thank you for helping support this worthy cause!



Me to We Team:

The We Team has been working hard during February and March to fundraise for clean water in Rural China. The candy gram and popcorn sales were a huge success, bringing in many donations. Grade 7 students displayed excellent leadership and citizenship, as they contributed to these projects. The We Team would like to thank the families of Ray Shepherd for their support regarding fundraising efforts. The team looks forward to rolling out its next campaign during the Spring.



Earth Day:

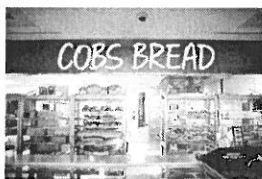
Earth Day is on April 22nd but we would like to encourage students and members of our school community to make every day "Earth Day". Some ways you can support Earth Day are to:

- * Save Energy: turn off lights and unplug things when they are not in use.
- * Reduce your carbon footprint: walk to school or ride your bike instead of driving a car.
- * Reduce: use re-usable containers and limit use of plastic water bottles whenever possible to reduce waste.
- * Reuse: use re-useable shopping bags whenever you go grocery shopping or use your creativity to create things using household waste like toilet paper rolls or egg cartons.
- * Recycle waste products and compost grass, food scraps and kitchen waste.
- * We would like to have "litter-fee" lunches at school and ask our students and staff to bring food in all reusable containers.



PAC News

Welcome back! We hope you had an amazing Spring Break. We would like to thank everyone who participated or donated to the Parents Pub Night! We raised over \$6000 in one evening! A huge thank you to Jen Mathieson and her amazing group of volunteers who carried this fundraiser off without a hitch! Thanks to our donors for all of the great prizes. It was so nice to spend the evening with all of you. Please keep an eye out for lots of information coming out about our Mayfair event!



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!

Lost and Found:

Lost and found items will be on display this week in the Garden Room, next to the Kindergarten classroom. Items that are not picked up will be added to our DDA Drive donations on Friday, April 6th. Please be sure to drop by the school to check for any lost items belonging to your child(ren).





A Note from the Library Learning Commons

By: Ms. Baker

Many CONGRATULATIONS are in order! First, congratulations to our Chess champions!

Grade 2:

1. Cadin
2. Janna-Mae
3. Joseph
4. Abi

Grade 3:

1. Roma
2. Yeerdana
3. Rain
4. Ryann

Grade 4:

1. Mike
2. Beckett
3. Jayden Z.
4. Sascha

Grade 5:

1. Wen Hao
2. Yuko
3. Matteus
4. Alex

Grade 6:

1. Simon
2. Misha
3. Andy
4. Allen

Grade 7:

1. Alex
2. Henry
3. William
4. Vivi

All students played well and the opportunity to compete gave them a chance to further develop their chess skills. Congratulations to all students who participated!

Second, congratulations to the **Colossal Readers** (Wen Hao, Carlos, Conor, Matteus, Cooper and Will) who won our in-school Reading Link Challenge. These boys narrowly defeated our other school teams in overtime. They will continue on to challenge other South Surrey schools this Friday. Good luck boys and congratulations to all the teams who participated.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR has arrived! Students will visit the book fair twice this week. Once to view all the books we have and a second time to purchase book if they wish. Students are also encouraged to let Ms. Baker know their favourite books so that we can purchase them for the library. 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. We look forward to seeing you there.

READY, SET, LEARN

You are invited!

Who: Three- and four-year-old children and their parents/caregivers

When: April 19, 2018 1:00 – 2:15 P.M.

Where: Ray Shepherd Elementary, 1650 136th St., Surrey, B.C.
Phone: (604) 531-1471

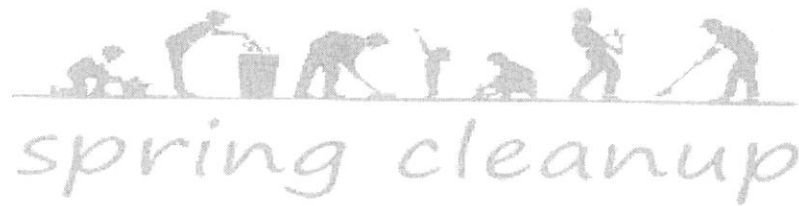
You're invited to visit our school for this exciting early learning event.

Ready, Set, Learn is a program designed to provide children and families with an opportunity to participate in a series of play-based learning activities within the school setting. This early learning program is part of an initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Parents/caregivers will receive helpful tips to support their child's learning and development, as well as information about the early learning programs offered by the school district and the community resources available to families. It is a great way for you to get to know your future school and meet the principal, staff and students.

Please visit the BC Ministry of Education website for the booklet *Helping your preschooler get ready for school* (English and translations available).
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/rsll/

***Please share this information with anyone
you know who has a three or four year old child.***



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!!!

