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### Special Dates

Dec. 2  
#GivingTuesday

Dec. 3  
Early Dismissal 1:37 pm  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences

Dec. 4  
Babysitting Night  
5:30 – 8:30

Dec. 5  
Wacky Christmas Wear  
Day  
Kids Craft Fair

Dec. 8-12  
Lost & Found Items on  
Display

Dec. 12  
Red & Green Day

Dec. 15  
Holiday Hamper  
Donations Due

Dec. 19  
Last Day of School  
Cozy Christmas (Pajama)  
Day

January 5  
School Reopens

# Ray Shepherd Elementary School



[www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd](http://www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd)

December 1, 2014

## Sports Update:

Our volleyball teams have been very busy participating in various tournaments these past few weeks. It's been very exciting watching the kids compete against so many schools and perform so well! The season has wrapped up and we would like to thank all the parent volunteers and coaches who helped to make this season such a success!



## School Musical:

We are having a musical production the first week of February under the direction of Al Pichler. Because this production will take a significant amount of class time and student involvement, we will not be having a Christmas concert this year. Many teachers are doing exciting Christmas events in their classroom, so please consult with your classroom teacher to find out more!

## Christmas Spirit:



We have a student spirit team who have organized three events for December.

\* Dec. 5: Wacky Christmas Wear Day – Take out those reindeer antlers, Santa hats and Christmas sweaters and wear them with pride.

\* Dec. 12: Red and Green Day – Wear those Christmas colours for everyone to see.

\* Dec. 19: Cozy Christmas Day – Come to school in your cosiest PJ's and bring your stuffy for company.

## Kids Craft Fair:



The Ray Shepherd Kids Craft Fair will be on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 – 4:30 pm. Everyone in the Ray Shepherd

community is encouraged to attend and support our student crafters. Students will be able to set up their homemade crafts at lunchtime and we look forward to some creative crafts on this special day!

## Lost and Found:

Our lost and found will be on display the week of Dec. 8-12<sup>th</sup> and any items not claimed will be donated. Please come by to view lost items!



## Me to We:

Christmas is a wonderful time for giving and the Me to We students are selling wonderful stocking stuffer items this month to support the Mamas in Kenya and communities in Nicaragua. It also coincides with #GivingTuesday on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are selling Rafiki Friendship Chains and Me to We cookies. Each toonie for the cookie will go towards purchasing a goat for a family to provide alternative income! The rafiki chain sales empower the Mamas in Kenya to support their families. They will have a booth at the Craft Fair and are accepting pre-orders with the attached order form. Please submit your order by Dec. 5th!



## Holiday Hampers:



Family profile information for a holiday hamper has gone out to each division. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be welcomed by families in need. We will be accepting donations until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

## Parent – Teacher Conferences:

There will be an **early dismissal on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:37 pm** for parent – teacher conferences. For information on how to book a parent-teacher appointment, please see instructions below or refer to instruction in report card envelope. Please make arrangements for your child(ren) to be picked up early on this date. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher during an available time slot on December 3rd, please contact your child's teacher.



### School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments website: <http://rayshepherd.schoolappointments.com/>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings.



This year the **Me to We Team** is getting involved in The Year of Empowerment! They would like to help the Mamas in **Africa** and the communities in **Nicaragua**. During the Christmas holidays, students would like to promote two campaigns: We Bake For Change and We Are Rafikis!

**We Bake for Change:**

Students will be baking Me to We cookies and selling them for \$2.00 each. By collecting toonies, they hope to support sustainable income projects internationally. Every \$50 gives a goat to a woman, unlocking a lifetime of opportunity for her and her family. Every family receiving a goat will also get entrepreneurial training and financial education to make their gift flourish!



**We Are Rafikis:**

In Swahili, the word for friend is “rafiki.” Our Me to We students are selling Rafiki Friend Chains to provide support to Masai women with education, health, alternative income, water, and food. Each Friend Chain is lovingly crafted by a Mama in Kenya. The money raised will not only support the women in Kenya, but a portion of it will also go to our Adopt a Village community in Nicaragua! You can also

track your impact by entering the eight-digit code that is on the product to see where your gift was delivered!

If you would like to make a change in the world this year, consider purchasing a Me to We Cookie, a Rafiki Friend Bracelet or making a donation today! They make wonderful Christmas gifts and the impact you have on the lives of others is immeasurable! These items will be available for purchase at our Craft Fair on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> after school or you may pre-order your gifts today!

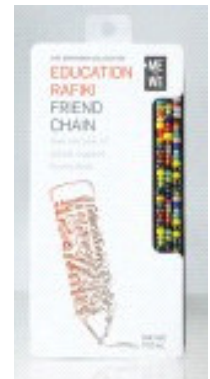
(Orders Due in to the office by December 5<sup>th</sup>)

***Me to We - We Bake for Change - We are Rafikis***  
 (Cheques can be made payable to Ray Shepherd Elementary)

I would like to “Be the Change We Wish to See in the World” (Ghandi) by ordering:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rakiki Friend Bracelets for \$10 each.  
 (Indicate # of)

\_\_\_\_\_ Me to We cookies for \$2.00 each.  
 ( Indicate # of)



\* I would like to make a donation to the Me to We team to support the Mamas in Kenya and Communities in Nicaragua. I have enclosed a donation of \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_