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Special Dates

February 5

Chinese New Year
Celebration

February 8

Family Day – No School

February 12

Red and Pink Day
Valentine's Day Dance

February 16

PAC Meeting

February 19

Pro-D Day – No School

February 24

Pink Shirt Day
World Read Aloud day

February 27

Parent Pub Night
Sawbucks

March 7

Class/Team Photos
Gr. 7 Photo
(Gr. 7's Wear Hoodies)

March 11

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March 14-25

Spring Break/School
Closure Days

Academics

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**Building a Community
of Learners – Together**

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd February 1, 2016



Chinese New Year Celebration

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on February 5th with crafts, dumpling making and a special assembly at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to join us at this assembly if you'd like! This year is the year of the monkey and we have many parent volunteers assisting with crafts and activities throughout the school. Please encourage your child to wear traditional Chinese clothing if they have it, or the colour red!

We Are Love Campaign:

Our Me to We team is doing a "We are Love" campaign throughout the month of February. They will be selling "candygrams" the week of February 9-12 where students are welcome to purchase valentine messages with chocolate hearts for friends, staff or family. These candygrams sell for \$1.00 each and all proceeds go towards clean water and sanitation in Kenya and Tanzania. They are also promoting February as "Random Acts of Kindness" month and encouraging all students to participate in various acts of kindness such as helping others, giving a compliment, offering to walk a neighbour's dog, donating toys and more. The Me to We team is doing wonderful work to encourage and promote social responsibility both locally and internationally!



Div. 6 Donation:

Students in Div. 6 sold "We are Change Maker" buttons at our Christmas Craft Fair. As a group they raised \$132. Other students in the class added their profits to the group total to raise \$179.85 to donate to the Surrey Fire Fighters' charity which goes towards providing nutritional snacks for students in Surrey. Way to be true change makers Div. 6!

Pink Shirt Day:



We encourage all students to wear a pink shirt to school on Wednesday, February 24th to help raise awareness against bullying. This event began when two high school students wore a pink shirt in support of a peer who was teased for wearing pink. We hope that our school will be a sea of pink on February 24th to encourage kindness and respect school-wide!

Skating Update:

Please note that bicycle helmets are no longer permitted on skating fieldtrips. Proper hockey helmets are all that are permissible. Thank you!



Kindergarten Registration:

Children who turn five years old before January 1, 2017 are eligible to begin school in September, 2016. Please come in and register your child at our office today! Please bring birth certificate, proof of guardianship, proof of residency and health documents when you come.



Request for clothing/flea market:

Hello families! We need help in collecting gently used clothing for our big Mayfair event at the end of May. We're looking for Men's, Women's and Children's. There will be several reminders and a collection after Spring break. We're also looking for items to sell at our Flea Market, i.e. crockery, antiques, small furniture, books, comics, toys, jewellery etc. Please help us by storing items you would normal throw out or give away in your home until after Spring Break. Many thanks from your Ray Shepherd PAC!

Message from Fraser Health

Winter is in full force and with it comes the usual suspects-influenza and noroviruses. Here are some helpful tips if you should get either virus.



- stay home, get rest and drink plenty of liquids
- wash your hands frequently
- cough and sneeze into your arm, not your hand
- maintain a strong body, mind and spirit, eat well and be active every day
- For more information visit: www.fraserhealth.ca
- If your child is sick, please contact the school to let us know of their absence and have them return to school only after symptoms have subsided.

READY, SET, LEARN

You are invited!

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

When: May 5th, 2016, 1:15 – 2:30 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/rs/

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