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Special Dates

February 2

Hot Lunch Spring
Session begins

February 9

Valentine's Day Dance
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

February 13

Family Day – No School

February 17

Non-Instructional Day
No School in session

February 21

PAC Mtg.
8:45 a.m.
In the Staffroom

February 22

Pink Shirt Day

Academics

Athletics

Attitude

Arts

Building a Community
of Learners – Together

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 6-10 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 health projects in Haiti.

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 team will be putting together care packages in backpacks that will be delivered to homeless shelters in the Lower Mainland. More information as to how classes can assist with filling these backpacks will be coming shortly. The Me to We team is doing wonderful work to encourage and promote social responsibility both locally and internationally!



Pink Shirt Day:

We encourage all students to wear a pink shirt to school on Wednesday, February 22nd 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 22nd to encourage kindness and respect school-wide!



Valentine's Dance:

There will be an optional Valentine's Dance for Grades 5, 6 & 7 on Thursday, February 9th. Tickets will be on sale on February 5th for \$5.00. The ticket price covers the cost of the DJ and any remaining funds is put towards the Me to We team's health for Haiti charity.



Kindergarten Registration:

Children who turn five years old before January 1, 2018 are eligible to begin school in September, 2017. 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.

A Note from the Library Learning Commons



By: Ms. Baker

We are off to an excellent start in the Library Learning Commons this New Year. Students in grades 2-5 are currently enjoying the Surrey Picture Books of the Year. This is a reader's choice program that is designed to showcase picture books that will encourage readers to enjoy great stories and illustrations. Ten outstanding and recent picture books were selected by teacher-librarians in the Surrey District. Students have the opportunity to read 5 or more and then vote on their favourite.

Our grade 2/3 girl's book club has been enjoying our second book, "*Upside Down Magic*". It is a funny story about a girl whose magic is a little 'wonky'. The grade 4/5 Reading Link Challenge teams are also currently enjoying their books while preparing for the in-school challenge that will be taking place at the beginning of March.

The chess tournament is in full swing! We have approximately 100 students participating in the tournament this year. Over the next month, students from the same grade level will play each other until a champion is determined. Good luck to you all!

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who support literacy at home with their children. As author Emilie Buchwald says, "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents".

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:** April 20, 2017, 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***