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Special Dates

February 1
Hot Lunch Spring
Session begins
Surrey Eagles Game
1pm

February 7
Global Playday

February 14
Valentine's Day Dance
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Gr.5-7

February 12
Family Day
No School

February 16
Non-Instructional Day
No School

February 19
Play first lunch starts

February 20
PAC Mtg.
8:45 a.m.
In the Staffroom

February 28
Pink Shirt Day

Show Respect
Observe Safety
Accept
Responsibility
Resolve Conflict

**Building a Community
of Learners – Together**



Ray Shepherd Elementary School

www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd February 1, 2018

WE Spread Love Campaign:

During the week of Feb. 5-9, WE Team students will make an announcement each morning, promoting the sale of candy grams and random acts of kindness throughout the school. WE Team members will sell candy grams in the garden room at recess. The candy grams will be delivered to each division on Valentine's Day. Candy grams cost \$1.00 each. During Feb. 5-9 teachers will record random acts of kindness on heart papers and WE Team members will staple the hearts onto the WE bulletin board to show how love is spread in the Ray Shepherd Community.



Photo from Gr.3 Art Club

Pink Shirt Day:

We encourage all students to wear a pink shirt to school on Wednesday, February 28th 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 28th to encourage kindness and respect school-wide!



Show your support for Pink Shirt Day

Global Playday – February 7th, 2018



On Wednesday, February 7th, our school will be participating in our first ever Global School Play Day! This day is to emphasize the necessity of play and to restore unstructured play to the kids. Last year over 177,000 students globally participated in the event. The hope is that as more schools and students participate the value of play will be restored. Students are encouraged to bring board games, craft materials, art supplies, legos, blocks, playing cards, puzzles... the sky is the limit! The only restriction to this day is that there is to be no devices and please leave toys that need batteries or electricity at home. Each class will participate in this Play Day in some capacity, some will be playing all day, and others, for part of the day. To find out more, visit <http://www.globalschoolplayday.com/> and watch Peter Gray's TEDx talk called "The Decline of Play". As Plato says "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation". Happy playing!

Play First Lunch – February 19th

Starting on Monday, February 19th, we will be having a play first lunch. Students will be going out to *play first*, from 11:45am-12:10pm and then coming back to their classrooms to have lunch from 12:10-12:25pm. This will allow for bigger appetites and more time for students to finish eating their lunches. We are also hoping that this will reduce the amount of garbage and food that goes outside. Parents, we are asking you to help with the reduction of waste by packing lunches in reuseable containers to help minimize garbage. Please see the updated bell schedule below that will be in effect starting Monday, February 19th.



Ray Shepherd Elementary SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE 2017 - 2018

8:35	Student Warning Bell – Students Line Up
8:40	Classes Begin
10:15	Recess
10:30	Re-entry Bell
11:45	Lunch Bell – students go outside
12:10	Re-entry Bell - students eat in classrooms
12:25	Warning Bell
12:30	Classes Begin
2:30	Classes Dismissed

Student Pick-up and Drop-off



Thank you to our community for being aware of the “No Left Turn” sign before the entrance to our parking lot on 136th Street. This change in traffic flow of only allowing right turns has drastically improved safety for the children. Just a reminder that if you are to drop your child off across the street from the school, please make sure they cross at the corner or you accompany them across the road.

Dressing for the Weather



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We are deep into the rainy season here on the west coast and unless there is heavy rainfall or severe weather warning, students will continue to go outside for recess and lunch. The open, fresh air and social interactions outside is a valuable part of

their learning day. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather (including proper footwear, change of socks and clothes and warm outerwear). Also, the number of students requesting to use the phone at the office for a ride home when it rains has increased. Please try and have pick-up arrangements made before the school day to minimize interruptions. Thank you.



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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.



PAC Update

Please save the date for our Parent Fundraiser Evening at the Ocean Park Pub on Thursday, March 15th at the Ocean Park Pub. More details to come!

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 salesperson know you are with Ray Shepherd School. Easy Peasey! Thank you Cobbs Bread for your support!





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!!!

