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Special Dates

March 2
Reading Link
Challenge
Gr. 4 and 5's

March 6
Last Day of School
Before Spring
Break

March 9-20
Spring Break &
School Closure Days

March 23
School Re-opens

April 2
2nd Report Cards

April 8
Early Dismissal
1:37 pm
Book Fair Parent
Night

Academics
Athletics
Attitude
Arts

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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March 2, 2015



Sports Update:

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams who had a wonderful season! Students showed enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and dedication as they participated in numerous games with neighbouring schools and during playdays. Thank you to the numerous parents who assisted with driving and cheering on the teams! Also, we would like to thank all the coaches who dedicated numerous hours to practices and games. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Alcock who continues to volunteer numerous hours coaching our students!

Chess Tournament:

Our chess tournament for students in grades 2-7 is well under way. We are half way through the tournament and when we return from Spring Break it will conclude in what is sure to be many epic battles. All students have shown incredible determination, sportsmanship and concentration. Keep up the good work!



Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, April 8th starting with an early dismissal at 1:37 p.m. Please make arrangements for your child(ren) to leave early, at 1:37 p.m., on this day. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher during an available time slot on April 8th please contact your child's teacher to arrange another conference date and time. Parent-teacher conference bookings can be done on-line and instructions to sign up will be provided in your child's report card on April 2nd.



Digital Citizenship:

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

We are very fortunate to have so much technology available to our students due to the on-going fundraising of our PAC and generous contributions of the school community. While making technology available, we want to ensure that students continue to SOAR (Show Respect, Observe Safety, Act Responsibly, and Resolve Conflict) while accessing digital tools. We have spent some time reviewing with students the importance of showing digital citizenship when using technology. This involves being responsible and accessing only school approved websites and apps, being safe by not sharing private information online, showing respect by not damaging our equipment, and resolving problems collaboratively when necessary. Students should be following our school code of conduct both in our school and online. Students are allowed to bring their own devices, but are only to use them in class when their teacher invites them to do so, for educational purposes only. They should not be taking phones or mobile devices outside on the playground, taking pictures/videos of students or school activities or posting any personal or private information online. We have reviewed these expectations with our students and will continue to monitor their use of technology here at the school. Your assistance at reviewing digital citizenship and monitoring online behaviour is much appreciated!

I am a Digital Citizen!

When I'm at school, I will use my **PERSONAL DEVICE** for **EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES** only.

- *I will only use the assigned WIFI network when I'm at school.
- *I will keep my device safe and secure at all times.

I listen to my **HEAD!** I will protect my **PRIVATE INFO** and the information of others.

- *I will log out, and not share my login or password with others.

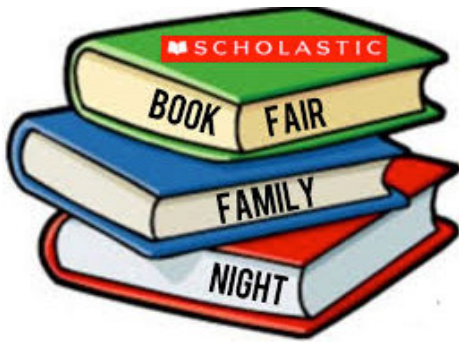
I listen to my **GUT!** I make sure that I am **SAFE & APPROPRIATE** when I am online.

- *I will visit appropriate websites that promote learning and are for educational purposes.
- *I will follow Copyright Laws, and will remember to cite the sources I use for all my projects.

I listen to my **HEART!** I **RESPECT** myself and others when I am online. I use kind words, and remember that my "digital footprint" should not harm others.

I **STAND UP** and say "No!" to **CYBERBULLYING**. I will tell an adult if someone is being unkind or harmful.

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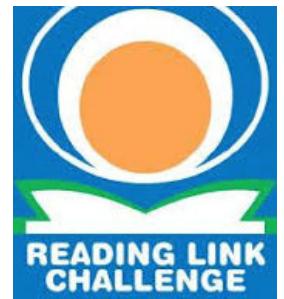


Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

In April we will be having our second book fair. We have organized the schedule slightly different to coincide with our parent teacher interviews. Book Fair will arrive on Tuesday April 7th. Students will all have the opportunity to view the books on either Tuesday or Wednesday before early dismissal. Then from 2:00-6:00 on Wednesday April 8th, we will have our Family event. Families can come and purchase books during this time as well as enter our draw to win \$25 worth of books for the family and \$25 for their child's classroom. Students will then have an opportunity to purchase books the following day (Thursday) during school hours. We hope you can all come and join us in this literacy celebration. Book fairs help connect students to the books they want to read as well as raise valuable funds to support literacy initiatives at our school.

Reading Link Challenge:

We would like to congratulate all the grade 4 and 5 students who participated in this year's Reading Link Challenge. 32 students volunteered to be part of this reading challenge. The students were divided into 6 teams and teams were given the same 6 books to read. Last week our teams faced-off and answered many questions about the books and all teams will compete today. The Team with the most points at the end of the match will move on as our school champions and, after Spring Break, will face winning teams from other local schools. We wish all Teams the best of luck!



Colleen Drobot:

You are invited to attend two sessions with Colleen Drobot on how to make our children flourish and how to raise the sensitive child. These will be held at White Rock Elementary and registration is required. Please see information below for details.





Colleen Drobot

B.Ed., Dip. Of Special Education
Registered Professional Counsellor (RPC)
Faculty, Neufeld Institute

Colleen Drobot is a registered professional counsellor and parent consultant with a private practice in West Vancouver. She works with individuals, families, adolescents and schools districts. She is also an educator with the Coquitlam School District and has 20 years experience working with children in the regular classroom or in special needs settings. She is a faculty member of the Neufeld Institute and has worked with Dr. Neufeld's approach for many years. Colleen is a mother of two teens and draws from her personal as well as professional experience to support parents and professionals in gaining insight, opening their hearts and leading by their intuition.

You are invited to attend two informative parenting sessions at White Rock Elementary presented by Colleen Drobot. These sessions are **free** to the community. Due to limited seating however, registration is required. If you are interested in one or both sessions please send an email to brewer_s@surreyschools.ca to indicate your attendance. Copy and paste the following into your RSVP email:

Please reserve _____ seats for the April 1st session, Parenting in the Lead: Helping Your Children Flourish

Please reserve _____ seats for the April 8th session, Raising the Sensitive Child

Name:

Phone :

Name of school my children attend:

Session 1—Wednesday, April 1st

7:00—8:30 p.m.

White Rock Elementary

Parenting in the Lead: Helping Your Children Flourish

What do our children most need from us to realize their full potential? How do we provide them with the security and rest that is vital for emotional growth and maturity? Many parents today feel like they lost their natural authority to parent their children and are confused as to how to be in the lead yet do so with compassion and warmth. If children are able to dominate or be in charge, this can lead to bossiness, anxiety and behavioral problems. In this workshop, Colleen Drobot will outline three processes children need to develop and offer ideas as to how parents can stay in the lead so their children can flourish.

Colleen's presentation will include strategies, stories, and examples drawn from her many years as an educator, family therapist, and parent.

Session 2—Wednesday, April 8th

7:00—8:30 p.m.

White Rock Elementary

Raising the Sensitive Child

What is sensitivity and how does it manifest in some children? Understanding and recognizing sensitivity is key when parenting or teaching a sensitive child. If misunderstood, these children are at risk for behavioural problems and failure to mature. Through years of study and personal experience, Colleen will help make sense of the sensitive child. She will share her own challenges and discuss what the parent role is in helping the sensitive child to mature and realize his or her developmental potential. Within this session, she will cover topics such as attachment, discipline and the risks involved when these children are misunderstood and treated with behavioural techniques.