



ERMA STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DISTRICT LIVE VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION

[Surrey Schools](#) holding a virtual parent information event on Monday, June 8, at 6 p.m. Superintendent Jordan Tinney will cover important topics including our plans for the remainder of the school year, what we've learned and what you can anticipate for the fall. He will also address parent questions and concerns. If you have a question that you would like answered, please email comm-office@surreyschools.ca by end of day Sunday, June 7.

NEW STUDENTS AND STUDENTS MOVING/NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR

If you know of anyone in our catchment who is planning to come to Erma Stephenson in September, please tell them to come phone the school to register as soon as possible to ensure there is space for their children. Also, if you or anyone you know is planning to move to another school next year, please inform the office. The more accurate our registration information is, the better we are able to plan for a smooth start-up in September.

ERMA STEPHENSON BELL SCHEDULE 2020-21

8:25 am	Welcome bell rings
8:30 am	Second morning bell rings
	Morning session
10:15-10:30 am	Recess
	Morning session continues
11:45 am-12:00 pm	Students eat lunch in classrooms
12:00-12:25 pm	Students play outside
12:25 pm	First afternoon bell rings
12:30 pm	Second afternoon bell rings
	Afternoon session
2:30 pm	Dismissal
2:45 pm	Supervision ends

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

From time to time, parents want to request specific placements for the upcoming school year. However, it is important to understand that the placement of students is determined through school-based professional decisions. At Erma Stephenson we work carefully and collaboratively to determine the most suitable placement for your child based on the following criteria:

- Student intellectual, social and emotional development
- Learning styles and strengths of students
- Degree of independence

- Social compatibility
- Gender balance
- Maintaining reasonable teacher-student ratios

If you have educational concerns regarding the placement of your child, please put them in writing (letter or email) to Mrs. Hill for consideration by Monday, June 8th. It is not appropriate to request that your son/daughter be placed with a specific teacher or with particular friends.

While we understand there are varying opinions on combined grade classes, it is also not appropriate to request that your child be placed in a straight grade. It is important to understand that, even in a single grade, there is a range of strengths and abilities. Combined classes have many educational benefits. Teachers are well qualified to teach all the students in a combined class.

With the trust and support of you at home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive and rewarding school year. Your patience and understanding as we begin planning for next year is greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2021-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Please see the following basic calendar for next school year. We have included school holidays, non-instructional days (Pro D Days), and early dismissal days. We will provide you with a more detailed calendar when school resumes in September.

ERMA STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-21

Tuesday, September 8, 2020	First Day of School
Thursday, September 24, 2020	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm – Parent-Teacher Confs.
Monday, September 28, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Monday, October 12, 2020	Thanksgiving Day – School closed
Friday, October 23, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Wednesday, November 4, 2020	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm – Parent-Teacher Confs.
Friday, November 6, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Tuesday, November 10, 2020	Remembrance Day Assembly
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	Remembrance Day – School closed
Friday, December 18, 2020	Last day of school before Winter Break
December 19/20-January 3/21	Winter Break
Monday, January 4, 2021	School re-opens after Winter Break
Monday, February 15, 2021	B.C. Family Day – School closed
Friday, February 19, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Friday, March 12, 2021	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 13-28, 2021	Spring Break/School Closure Days

Monday, March 29, 2021

School re-opens after Spring Break

Friday, April 2, 2021

Good Friday – School closed

Monday, April 5, 2021

Easter Monday – School closed

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm – Student-Led Conferences

Friday, May 7, 2021

Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend

Monday, May 24, 2021

Victoria Day – School Closed

Monday, May 31, 2021

Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Last Day of School for students

Friday, June 25, 2021

Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm

Administrative Day – Students do not attend