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### Special Dates

June 3

Sports Breakfast  
7:30 a.m.

June 5

Beach Wear Day

June 12

Fun Day

June 17

Cultus Lake  
Waterslides  
Gr.s 5 & 6

June 17-19

Gr. 7 Camp -  
Camp Stillwood

June 23

Gr. 7 Year End  
Assembly 10:10 a.m.

June 24

Year End Assembly  
10:30 a.m.

June 25

Last Day of School  
Last Report Issued  
Early Dismissal  
1:37 p.m.

**Academics**  
**Athletics**  
**Attitude**  
**Arts**

**Building a Community  
of Learners – Together**

# Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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May 29, 2015



## Parent Appreciation:

We would like to thank all the parents in the community for your on-going support, encouragement and involvement with our school. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group and we thank you for all your efforts in making Ray Shepherd a wonderful school! A special thank you goes out to our PAC Chair, Mrs. Linda Stanley-Wilson. Her commitment and dedication to her role as PAC Chair has been immeasurable and we are grateful for the leadership she has provided over the years. We wish her the best of luck as her family moves on to high school!

## District Track Meet:

Our track team had a wonderful day at Bear Creek Park participating in various track events. Our school came in first place! Way to go team! Thank you to all our parent drivers and volunteers for helping and a special thank you to all our coaches who led the team to victory!



## Fun Day:

We are very excited for our Fun Day event coming up on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Students have been split into colour groups. Please encourage students to dress in their colours and decorate their bike for our bike parade. More information will be coming on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Staffing Updates:

We are saddened that a number of staff members will be moving on to other schools and opportunities in the coming year. We wish the best of luck to our two ABA workers Mrs. Russell and Ms. Bhagudi who work tirelessly with our little ones. We will also miss the energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Foley, Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Bonn as they move on to new positions. And last but not least, we will miss some long standing staff members who are moving to new positions such as Mrs. Lowe who is moving to Morgan Creek, Mrs. Rines who will be a new Vice Principal at Woodland Park, and Mrs. Forbes who is retiring. We wish them the best of luck in their new pursuits!

## Year End Events:

Please join us for our year end assemblies. The Grade 7 Farewell Assembly is scheduled to be on Tuesday, June 23rd at 10:10 am. Doors open at 9:45 am. This assembly includes a presentation of awards to students. Criteria for these annual awards are listed below.



On June 24<sup>th</sup>, we have our Year End Assembly and Slide Show. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. and doors open at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to a wonderful slideshow prepared by Linda Stanley Wilson and the yearbook team! We also will be saying goodbye to staff who are not returning in September. We hope to see you there!

## End of Year Reminders:

- \* Please return all library books by June 12th, 2015
- \* Please check the Lost and Found for items left behind. All items will be taken to the clothing bin in the parking lot the last week of school. It's best to check before this.
- \* Once again, we are collecting any left over school supplies for the Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) who donates these items to less fortunate children in primarily Haiti. A box will be placed at the top of the stairs near the office for any donations.

### Grade 7 Farewell Assembly Awards – Awards Criteria

Citizenship Award - This recognizes the student who exemplifies honesty, works hard, shows respectful and fair practices, and is conscious of and shows consistent school-level involvement with world affairs. This student makes a difference and understands global awareness.

Art Award – This recognizes the student who is creative, original, and thoughtfully expresses ideas in a variety of media.

Performing Arts Award - This award is given to a student who shows confidence and charisma on stage in singing and dramatic roles.

Work Habits Award – This is given to the student who uses good time management strategies, is organized, punctual, productive in class, and maximizes his or her potential with quality work. The person acknowledges, by actions, the importance of a learning environment for everyone.

Most Improved Award – This award recognizes the student who shows a movement forward from September to June with improved academics, work habits, organizational skills, effort, and attitude.

Athletic Award – This award recognizes the student who participates in school sports, models sportsmanship, provides team leadership, practices a healthy lifestyle, and displays humility.

Academic Award (Honour Roll) – This award is given to those students who consistently produce high quality work throughout the year. Assignments are always on time, and they are creative and show a depth of understanding with original thinking. In the final grade for the year, these students have achieved straight A's in the four core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Socials, and Science.

Math Award – This award recognizes a student who demonstrates outstanding abilities in Math. They have challenged the Grade 7 curriculum, attaining a higher level of understanding in Mathematics.

Cheryl Morgan Memorial Award – This award honours the student who demonstrates positive character traits and practices strong values and beliefs. They must be strong leaders, respect other people, practice teamwork, and be responsible and accountable learners.

Class Historians – Two students, selected for their positive influence on others, revisit the years from Kindergarten to Grade 7, recognizing some memorable and humorous events and activities.

\*\*\*\*\* The selection committee has chosen the students based solely on their merits and may not reflect a balance of female and male recipients.

## **Information for the 2015/16 School Year**

### **SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE – 2015/16**

8:35	Student Warning Bell – Students Line Up
8:40	Classes Begin
10:15	Recess
10:30	Re-entry Bell
11:53	Lunch – Students Eat in Classrooms
12:08	Lunchroom Dismissal
12:33	Re-entry Warning Bell – Students Line Up
12:38	Classes Begin
2:38	Classes Dismissed

\* Please note that the day will be extended 6 minutes in 2015/16 due to the shortened year. Therefore, it will begin 5 minutes earlier and dismiss 1 minute later. (See calendar below – last school day is June 23<sup>rd</sup>)



# RAY SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY

## 2015/2016 Calendar

*(subject to change)*



<b>September</b>	7	Labour Day
<b>September</b>	8	School Opens
September	28	<b>Non-Instructional Day</b> (school not in session)
<b>October</b>	9	Interim Reports
	12	Thanksgiving ( <b>Holiday</b> )
	23	<b>Non-Instructional Day</b> (school not in session)
<b>November</b>	11	Remembrance Day ( <b>Holiday</b> )
	13	<b>Non-Instructional Day</b> (school not in session)
<b>December</b>	4	1 <sup>st</sup> Report Card Issued
	9	<b>Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:38 p.m.</b>
<b>December 21 - January</b>	3	<b>School closed for Winter Vacation</b>
<b>January</b>	4	School re-opens after Winter Vacation
<b>February</b>	8	Family Day ( <b>Holiday</b> )
	19	<b>Non Instructional Day</b> (school not in session)
<b>March</b>	11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Report Card Issued
<b>March</b>	14-27	<b>School Closure days and school closed for Spring Break</b>
<b>March</b>	28	Easter Monday ( <b>Holiday</b> )
<b>March</b>	29	School re-opens
<b>March</b>	30	<b>Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:38 p.m.</b>
<b>May</b>	6	<b>Non Instructional Day</b> (school not in session)
	18	Student-led Conferences– <b>Early Dismissal 1:38 p.m.</b>
	23	Victoria Day ( <b>Holiday</b> )
	30	<b>Non Instructional Day</b> (school not in session)
<b>June</b>	23	Last Day of school for Students - <b>Early Dismissal 1:38 p.m.</b>
	23	Final Report Card Issued
	24	Administrative Day

## School Fees Notice to Parents/Guardians for 2015/16

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We so appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

**Student Planner:** We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

**Field Studies and Field Trips:** Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

**Musical Instruments:** Grade 2 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$8.00 or receiving one on loan from the school. Students in Grade 4 may also play the recorder and can re-use their Grade 2 recorder, purchase a new one or receive one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt for band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

### School Supplies:

Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own, by utilizing the grade supply list available at the office, or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through Edu-Pac. These forms were sent out in April. Payment is made by cheque or credit card to Edu-Pac. Costs for supplies vary based on grade.

Kindergarten supplies will be done as a bulk order. Parents will be asked to contribute \$45.00 to cover those supplies. If you wish to opt out and purchase your own, please let the school know. Please note that all supplies in Kindergarten are shared by the whole group.

