



# Kirkbride Elementary School

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**May 4, 2017**

*Mission Statement: The staff of Kirkbride Elementary School is committed to fostering positive, supportive relationships between students, parents and school personnel.*

## **Dates to Remember:**

- May 5 - District Pro-D - NO SCHOOL
- May 8 – Tennis begins this week
- May 15 – Harry Potter/Spirit Day
- May 16 – Mustache Day/Spirit Day
- May 17 – Backwards Day/Spirit Day
- May 18 – Pajamas Day/Spirit Day
- May 18 – Pizza on sale at lunch
- May 19 – Jersey Day/Spirit Day
- May 22 - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
- May 24 – PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm – All parents welcome
- May 25 – Pizza on sale at lunch
- May 26 - Welcome to Kindergarten – 1:00 pm
- May 29 - NO SCHOOL - Planning Day for staff
- May 29 – Bike to School Week – Ride your bike to school

## **Principal's Message**

The 2016 – 17 school year has been extremely exciting, challenging, rewarding and filled with many success stories. I remember well the school start up in September, and the freshness and energy of a new school year. Almost 9 months later the energy and enthusiasm is still there with the students developing, growing and learning, but with it comes a sense of sadness as the school year begins to wind down. The days are getting warmer (FINALLY !!) and longer as we look forward to the next season, which brings with it the excitement of summer holidays and anticipation of yet another new school year.

As we start to look forward to the new school year (2017 -18), we all know that things never stay the same and that change is constant. Some of the students and their families will have moved on, some staff will transfer to another school or take a year off to start a family, or some of us will retire.

After almost 33 years in the Surrey School District, 20 as a teacher and 13 as an administrator, it is now time for me to follow Mr. Weeratunge's path. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have spent the last 4 years of my career at a place such as Kirkbride. I feel this is a unique place, a special community, and as a result the decision to retire was a very difficult one. It is hard to leave something that has given me so much joy, so much satisfaction, and so much purpose in life.

The decision to retire, however, has been made easier and less painful by the addition of Carla Krekic, our new Vice Principal since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Krekic brings a positive energy and enthusiasm to her position, and she will be instrumental in helping the new principal, Martin Bobik, adjust to his new surroundings and community. Mr. Bobik comes to us from Don Christian Elementary in Cloverdale, where he has been the principal for the past 6 years.

I know you will give Mr. Bobik the same warm, kind and respectful welcome that you gave me in September of 2013.

Finally, I have to commend the entire Kirkbride Staff – teachers, secretaries, educational assistants, child care workers, custodians, lunch / breakfast supervisors, crossing guards....they are truly one of the best groups I've had the pleasure of working with. They care so much for the students and for each other. I've really enjoyed seeing them in action, teaching your children, and forming those important relationships and connections these past 4 years. They are committed professionals who make the learning fun, relevant and rich in a safe secure environment. Thank you again for all your fine work.

Sincerely, Joe Frank

### **Requests for Classroom Programme for Next School Year**

If you have certain classroom placement requests for your child(ren) for the 2017-2018 school year, please write a letter to Mr. Frank **giving education reasons**, and drop it off at the office. Your requests will be carefully considered. It is only one of several criteria we use, so your request may not be honoured. Students are assigned to classes in September based on various educational and social criteria. Please hand in the letter(s) by Friday, May 26th.



### **School Panoramic Photos/Grade 7 Photos**

Order your panoramic photo and/or grade 7 photos online this year at [www.lifetouchevents.com](http://www.lifetouchevents.com). Guest password is: **kirkbride17**. Photos are available to view, order and will be mailed directly to your home.

### **Satisfaction Surveys**

Grades 4 and 7 parents were sent their personal login password on a letter sent home recently. The deadline for completing the annual Satisfaction Survey is May 25, 2017. If you need another login password, please see the office. Your participation is greatly appreciated as the results assist in the school determining focus areas.

### **Daffodil Run**

Everyone had a great time on the Daffodil Run. It was a beautiful day. Thank you to those who helped raise \$224.20 towards Cancer research.



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### **Badminton**

Our Grade 6 and Grade 7 teams did very well in their Badminton season. Grade 6 badminton team placed first in playdays. Our Grade 7 badminton team had a great season and worked hard. Well done! Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Randhawa, and Mr. Johal for all their hard work.



### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart and raised money. We raised \$3,370.15 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

### **PAC**

Our next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, May 24. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit a ballot to the office.

