



LENA SHAW ELEMENTARY

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First, I would like to acknowledge the shared traditional territory of Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo and other Coast Salish peoples on which the Surrey School District is located. We would also like to acknowledge the diverse population of people who contribute to our school's rich and dynamic culture.

We are now well underway – teachers are working hard to prepare thoughtful, intentional and meaningful lessons, while our students are busy engaging with these learning activities. I want to thank our entire staff for their dedication and hardwork as we truly settle into the new school year.

Over the past month, we have held two very important assemblies – one around Terry Fox and the other around Orange Shirt Day. It has been inspiring to see our students so respectful and appreciative of our presentors. I want to take this opportunity to recognize our grade 6 and 7 students in particular for their incredible leadership in setting the tone for our assemblies. At the same time, I want to offer a huge thank you to Ms. S. Findler and Ms. Neda Roberts for their work in organizing the Terry Fox Run and Ms. M. Brajack and the many student participants for sharing songs and stories to help us all learn more about the impact of residential schools in both BC and across Canada. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing community of teachers and learners at Lena Shaw!

Many thanks to all of our parents and guardians who were able to make out to our Meet the Teacher night on September 25. This was a quick opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom for the year. Stay tuned for our identity fair coming up on October 24 – when you can visit your child's classroom again. More information to come.

Last week we held our first PAC meeting of the year. We had an incredible turn out with many new and returning parents coming out to get involved. Many thanks to those of you who were able to make it out. Your input and questions are always valued and appreciated! Our next meeting will be October 21 at 8:45 am in our staff room.

Finally, in consultation with staff and our PAC, we will be moving to a paperless newsletter following the Christmas Break. We will continue to communicate with parents through a newsletter, but starting in January, the newsletter will only be sent out via email to parents who have signed up. At the same time, we will be posting our newsletters on the school website – but there will no longer be a paper newsletter sent home starting January 2020. To ensure you still receive a copy of our newsletter, please sign up on our school website today! www.surreyschools.ca/lenashaw

Looking forward to a great month of learning ahead.

Mr. S. Chambers
Principal

Reminder about our Breakfast Program. The Breakfast program opens at 8:00 am Monday to Friday. Students must wait outside the building until 8:00 am when the doors are opened.

Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 14th, 2019

Picture Day – Friday October 18th, 2019

Students, Parents and Guardians are reminded about our school's picture day. On October 18th, student's individual photos will be taken. Students are reminded to dress their best and bring their smiles!



Early Dismissal – Thursday October 24th
@ 1:30 pm

Identity Fair – Thursday October 24th
@ 1:30 pm

Non-Instructional Day – Friday October 25th, 2019 – No School

Orange and Black Spirit Day – Thursday October 31st, 2019



Our students are invited to dress in Orange and Black or in their Halloween costumes during the day on Thursday, October 31st. Please remember that toy weapons are not permitted at school at any time, even if they are part of a costume. It is most unfortunate for the children when a toy weapon is confiscated so please make sure that they are not brought to school at any time. We would ask that students do not wear clown costumes, full face or blood-filled masks or gory face paint. We hope to have a fantastic day of fun and do not want any of our younger students to be frightened. It would be helpful if your child is able to put on or take off his or her costume by him/herself and if you sent along a change of clothes.

Student Planners - Update

Despite our best efforts to work with the agenda publisher, we are yet to have our delivery of student planners for the 2019 / 2020 school year. We expect them to arrive this week. Once they arrive, students will be asked to pay \$5.00 (per child) to return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Planners are for all students in Grades 1-7. The \$5.00 will cover the cost of your students planner for the year. The purpose of the planner is to help students so that they can be organized for any homework, events or activities. The planner is also an important tool for home school communication! Crossing our fingers that they arrive this week!

Traffic Safety

For the safety of all children, please note that there is no parking or drop off permitted in the staff parking lot. Also, there is no parking directly in front of the school. Please follow the traffic safety tips below:

- walk to school-a great way to start the day
- do not encourage your child to walk between parked cars
- drop your child off on the curb side only
- use the designated crosswalk
- try to avoid 100 A Avenue, drop your child off a short distance from the school
- please do not leave your car while you are in the drop-off lane – parking is not permitted
- please do not block the traffic unloading or loading students on 100 A Avenue, use 142nd Street, 143rd Street, or 101st Avenue



Medical Alerts

If your child has a life-threatening medical condition (allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.), please contact the office as soon as possible. Staff cannot give any medicine (even Tylenol) without a completed Medical Alert form, available at the office. If your child has an Epi-pen please bring it to the office right away.

Cell Phones/Tablets



Unfortunately, due to the extreme nature of the cyber-bullying and inappropriate texting and messaging that has taken place at Lena Shaw in the past, cellphones and personal tablets are not permitted at school. If students must bring electronic devices to school, they must remain off and in student backpacks or in the custody of the classroom teacher throughout the school day. Students are not to use these devices on school property at any time. Please remember that Lena Shaw staff are not responsible for the loss or damage of any devices brought from home. We thank-you in advance for helping us to reduce the incidence of cyber bullying and the promotion of music, apps and video game content that is not appropriate for children.

Parental involvement makes the difference

Parental involvement is vital to a student's success in school.

Students whose parents are actively supportive throughout the school year often have better grades, fewer learning gaps and higher self-esteem. When parents are involved, students frequently excel.

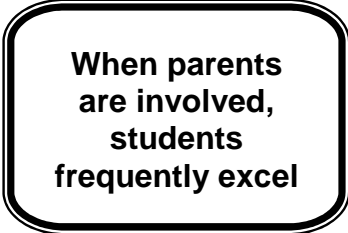
For many busy parents, the question of how to become active participants in the education of their children must also take into account their own obligations to work during the day. Parental involvement can take many different forms.

Your interest in your child's daily work, projects and homework lets the child know that you are genuinely concerned with his/her progress. Since it is the parents who have the most influence over how children view learning, it is important to stress the value of education and set performance standards, as well as to take an active role in helping students achieve them.

When you take a few minutes to look over any papers or homework the child brings home, and offer positive comments, you are actively involving yourself. Similarly, when you and your child visit the public library to locate appropriate books and research materials for a project, you are actively involved. Reading together, even briefly, can be a pleasant time for you and your child. Discussing the characters and events of a story or novel can encourage a higher level of communication between parent and child.

Many students complete a daily "planner" or communication book at the end of each school day.

Your questions and comments in this book are valued by teachers, and contribute significantly to mutual understanding of your child.



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Your attendance at various school functions, including report card conferences, is another way of involving yourself in your child's education. It sends a clear message that you care and want to be involved.

Tips for parental involvement:

- Talk to your child's teacher to monitor his or her progress and learn how to help your child at home. Let your child know that you care about what he or she is studying and that you believe he or she can do well in school. Show support by attending school events.
- Help your child become organized and develop good habits. Together, map out consistent study times. Create a special place where your child can study each day. Help your child learn to keep organized class notes and materials by getting involved in choosing school supplies.
- Check your child's homework. Make sure it is completed correctly and neatly. Provide a constructive environment and help your child study, but make sure that the work turned in is his or her own.
- Don't judge your child on the basis of one test or grade. If a grade disappoints you, use it as an opportunity to work with your child on setting standards for improvement. Set goals that are an attainable stretch, like a half-grade improvement next time.
- Read with your child every day. If you have a young child, this is easy. If you have an older child, ask him or her to read a newspaper article to you and then discuss it together. Welcome your child's opinions and ask questions to help him or her learn how to articulate responses that make sense.

New Bell Schedule for 2019-2020

8:18 am	Playground Supervision of Students Begins
8:30 am	Morning Welcome Bell
8:35 am	Classes Commence
10:15 am	Recess Begins
10:30 am	Recess Ends
11:42 am	Lunch Begins - Students eat in classrooms
12:00 pm	Students Play Outside
12:25 pm	Afternoon Welcome Bell
12:30 pm	Classes Commence
2:30 pm	Classes Dismissed
2:45 pm	Playground supervision of students ends

Student Absences

Please let the office know if your child will be late or absent from school due to illness, medical appointment, etc. Call 604-581-1363 anytime to report an absence. Please remember that a message can be left so please call at anytime day or night.

Late to School

We have had an increasing number of students arriving at school late for class. We would like to support our students as much as possible to ensure that their arrival time puts them in the best position for a positive day. Students arriving late are rushed, unsettled and often miss vital information from their teachers. It is important that students are at school in advance of the bell so that they can participate in much needed social time and they can prepare for the day ahead. To add, it is very disruptive to classes when students are late as each late is accounted for in the Ministry of Education database.

It is an essential life skill for children to learn to be on time. The habit of being late will certainly not serve our children well in the future as it is unlikely that their employer will take kindly to lateness for long. "The habits created now will be the habits of the future". Please help your child so that he or she can be at their best each day and ensure that they are at school prior to 8:30 am each day.



LENA SHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2019-2020

Calendar Dates



Tuesday, September 3	SCHOOL OPENS – 10:00-11:00 am
Tuesday, September 3	PAC RECEPTION IN THE GYM FOR PARENTS
Friday, September 20	Terry Fox Run at 1:00 pm
Wednesday, September 25	Meet the Teacher Night at 5:30 pm
Friday, September 27	Reconciliation Canada Orange Shirt Day
Monday, September 30	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Friday, October 18	Picture Day – Individual Photos
Thursday, October 24	Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm
Thursday, October 24	Identity Fair Learning Conferences @ 1:30 pm
Friday, October 25	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Thursday, October 31	Orange & Black Spirit/Costume Day
Monday, November 4	Photo Re-Take Day
Thursday, November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 9:00 am
Friday, November 8	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Monday, November 11	Statutory Holiday – No School
Wednesday, November 27	Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm
Friday, December 13	1 st Formal Report Cards Home
Monday, December 16	Concert Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 17	Primary Winter Concert/Play
Wednesday, December 18	Primary Winter Concert/Play
Friday, December 20	Red & Green Spirit Day
Monday, December 23	Winter Break Begins
Monday, January 6	SCHOOL OPENS
Friday, January 17	Pajama Spirit Day
Wednesday, February 13	Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm
Monday, February 17	Family Day – No School
Friday, February 21	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Wednesday, February 26	Pink Shirt Day
Friday, March 6	#2 Formal Report Cards Home
Monday, March 09	Concert Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 10	Intermediate Spring Concert/Play
Wednesday, March 11	Intermediate Spring Concert/Play
Monday, March 16	Spring Break Begins
Monday, March 30	SCHOOL OPENS
Friday, April 10	Good Friday – No School
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday – No School
Friday, April 24	Crazy Hair Spirit Day
Tuesday, April 28	Student Exhibition of Learning
Tuesday, April 28	Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm
Friday, May 1	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Thursday, May 7	Class Photo Day
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day – No School
Monday, May 25	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Friday, June 19	Sports Day
Tuesday, June 23	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
Thursday, June 25	Final Report Card Home – Last Day
Friday, June 26	Administrative Day – No School