



MARY JANE SHANNON ELEMENTARY

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Look for newsletter and other school information posted
on our school web site:

www.surreyschools.ca/schools/mjshannon

Dear MJS Families,

We are five weeks into the school year, and we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support you have shown our school as we welcomed students back.

There have been a lot of new changes, procedures and requirements this year. We want to commend our school families for their help in reinforcing messaging to children and youth about physical distancing and hand hygiene. Simple actions like washing and packing masks, and ensuring students have their own school supplies helps tremendously as well.

We continue to ask that you carry out a daily health assessment for your children and keep them home if they show any symptoms of COVID-19. We have a lot of the school year ahead and thank you for your continued efforts each and every day.

Daily Health Check Links: [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese Traditional](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Vietnamese](#)

We hope you have a great weekend and are able to enjoy some of this beautiful fall weather.

Sincerely,
Juanita Coltman, principal

STUDENT PHOTOS

You should be receiving a Student ID card/webcard from the school shortly. You will need to use the 8-digit webcode, found on the Student ID card, to view your child's images and order online. Orders will be mailed to your home directly. Digital download information will be emailed to you in approximately 3-4 weeks. Please visit www.mountainwest.ca for more information.

Student photo retakes will take place on the morning of Monday, November 2nd, starting at 8:45 in the school in the gym. Please make note of this date as it is a Monday after the weekend.

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION & MEDICAL ALERTS and MEDICATION

If you have a new address or new phone #'s to add to your child's registration please send an email to the school or a note in your child's planner. It is very important that all numbers are kept up to date in case of an emergency. If your child has a medical condition that the school should be aware of (allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.), please contact the office as soon as possible. Staff cannot give any medication to a student (even aspirin) without parents having completed a Medical Alert form (available at the office).

SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS IS mjshannon@surreyschools.ca

Goal Setting Conferences:

Typically, around this time of year, teachers set up parent-teacher conferences to discuss your child's learning goals for the year. However, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to invite multiple families in the school at one time. We are exploring the options of meeting with parents online or over the phone. There will be more details soon.

Attendance Procedure Reminder - SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS IS mjshannon@surreyschools.ca
Please report student absences by email. Ensure the word "absence" appears in the subject line and put your child's full name and grade in the body of the email along with the reason for the absence.

Please also notify the school of a students' late arrival or early dismissal. Students who are late should go to the front of the school for a welcome slip then proceed directly to their class. Please copy (cc) your child's teachers in the absence/late/early dismissal email.

If you are unable to email, please call the office at 604-588-5991 to report an absence.

MJS STRONGSTART:

StrongStart has opened for families! The program will be from 12:45-2:15pm on Tuesday to Friday. Mondays' class are available virtually. Due to COVID guidelines, the program is no longer on a drop-in basis. Families need to contact Sophie Ahmad to book a day for their child. Her email contact is ahmad_s@surreyschools.ca or phone the school at 604-588-5991 ext. 2111.

SCHOOL PLANNER:

Our MJS planners have arrived. Many of you have purchased a planner for your child for the school year. The student planner is an effective tool used to facilitate home-school communication about school work and school events. This year the student planner is **\$5.00** and we have a limited number still available.

WEST COAST WEATHER ... Recess and Lunch Play

In order to maximize learning focus in our classrooms and in keeping with COVID practice, Mary Jane Shannon follows a WEST COAST Recess/Lunch Play Practice. Unless our weather is extreme, students will be going outside to play on rainy days. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate rainwear including boots, a rain jacket and umbrella. Parents of primary children may wish to send an extra set of clothing (pants, socks) as those puddles can sometimes be very difficult to resist!

Extra Time Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30pm

We will be offering afterschool academic support with our amazing Child Care Workers (CCW) and dedicated teachers - formerly called the 'Homework Club', this is now the 'Extra Time Club'.

This club will be run by teacher volunteers and the CCW's in the Library every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm starting Oct. 20th to Dec. 10th.

Teachers will recommend grade 4 to 7 students that may need extra time to complete an assignment, read quietly or seek some help with work. Students are expected to stay the full hour and have their work with them.

Classroom teachers will make sure parents/guardians are contacted before attending the Extra Time Club. Younger siblings may stay in the Library and can read quietly. **Student Drop-off:**

For the safety of all children, please note the following parking and drop-off restrictions:

- **Staff Parking lot: *No parking or drop off permitted.***
- **Student Drop off lane located on 106A Ave.: *Drop off only; NO Parking is permitted.***

Your cooperation with this drop off lane enables a very quick and safe area for children. When using our drop off lane, please practice the following safety guidelines

- Ensure your child gets out of the car on the curb side only
- Continue to move your car to the farthest point, allowing room for new cars to enter.
- Do not leave your car - If you leave, you are considered parked and this is a traffic violation in this area.

MARY JANE SHANNON SCHOOL SPIRIT T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

If you would like to order a t-shirt for your family please return this order form along with cash in a zip bag. Orders are due by Thursday, October 29th. Thank you
Students will get a paper order form sent home on October 13th

ROYAL BLUE T-Shirt - 100% cotton

Youth size \$8

Choose Size by placing a tick mark:

Youth XSmall Youth Small
 Youth Medium Youth Large Youth XL



Adult size \$9

Adult Small Adult Medium
 Adult Large Adult X-large
\$10 Adult 2XL **\$10** Adult 3XL

CASH ONLY PLEASE (send in a zip bag)

STUDENT NAME: _____

Teacher _____ **Div.** _____

Total cash sent \$ _____

MJS Newsletter is Going Paperless:

All Mary Jane Shannon news is posted online for you to read on our website: www.surreyschools.ca/schools/mjshannon

Going forward, students will receive a sticker in their planner to indicate when newsletters are available. Paper copies will be available at the school office.

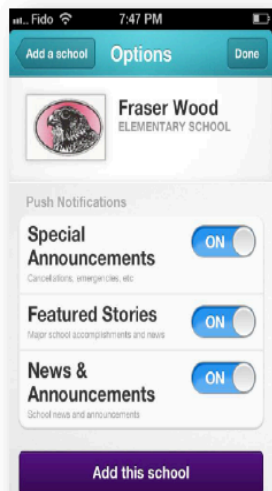
Please sign up online if you would like to receive messages on your e-mail.

SCHOOL DISTRICT APP:

(Mary Jane Shannon and the District)

If you would like to receive news from the Surrey School District on your phone, you can sign up for the **SchoolLink** app for free.

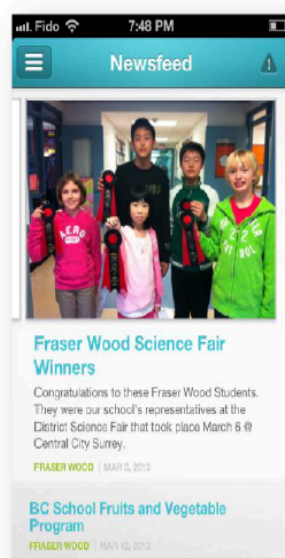
Parents & Guardians: Get SchoolLink-ed! A new iPad / iPhone app is now available



Surrey Schools works to support its parents better and has now developed a new iPhone / iPad “app” for parents as a tool to help them keep connected and up-to-date with their child’s school and the school district. (At this stage, the app is only available for iPhones and iPads).

The app is called “SchoolLink” and it’s free! The app enables your iPhone or iPad to access essential school information, as well as receive—virtually instantly—news/ announcements, feature stories and timely alerts (special announcements), that are posted to a school’s website.

To obtain the app, use your iPhone or iPad to visit the App Store. Search “SchoolLink,” then install the free app. Once installed, just follow the prompts to select the schools you wish to follow.



SchoolLink for
Android Phones:

From the “Play Store” –
select:

“Apps & Games”

Select “Categories” –
choose:

“Education”

Search “School District 36”
– select:

“SchoolLink”

“Install”



GET READY TO SHAKEOUT!



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

On October 15 at 10:15 a.m., millions of people worldwide will practice how to “Drop, Cover and Hold On” during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills. Participating is a great way for [your family or organization](#) to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes – wherever you live, work, or travel.

Important Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar

Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving – School Closed
October 14-15	Goal Setting Conferences - postponed
October 14-22	Scholastic Book Fair - postponed – we will be hosting a virtual Scholastic book fair soon
Thursday, October 15	Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill @10:15am
Wednesday, Oct. 21	PAC AGM meeting @ 4pm online
Friday, October 23	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Sunday, November 1 st	Clocks fall back 1 hour
Monday, November 2	Student individual photo retakes @8:45 am
Friday, November 6	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Tuesday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @11am

MJS Spirit Days Every Friday is MJS t shirt day!

Show your school spirit and wear your MJS t shirt on Fridays! Please remember that every Friday is school spirit day and we encourage our students and staff to wear their MJS t shirts or anything else that is blue and white, our school colours. We will be sending out an order shortly for new students and staff and also for others who have outgrown their t-shirt.

MJ Shannon PAC Notice

We are looking for parents to help out by becoming a PAC member. Our PAC is very important to our school. The purpose of a PAC is to promote, support and advance meaningful parent participation at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary School in order to advocate for the success of all students. Through our membership, to promote leadership, communication, cooperation, and representation in our local elementary school.

Last school year our PAC has been able to pay for school-wide Artstarts presentations, funds to start a knitting club, and bring in presenters in the classroom. The PAC has also donated to our grade 7s to help fund their graduation ceremony. Next year we are looking to plan some creative ways to fundraise and provide more events for our students all at the same time



The current PAC Executive members are:

- Ashley Milligan – President
- Tina Eang, Vice President
- Lee Thung – Treasurer
- Danielle Petit – Secretary

We are looking for parents to volunteer to be on our PAC for next year. If you have a little bit of time or a lot of time, we would very much appreciate your help! We meet only once a month for about 30 – 60 minutes. Our meeting times are flexible.

The nominations are open for next year's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive, and can be deposited in the box outside the front door of the school until the election, which will be taking place in the "**Mary Jane Shannon PAC**" TEAMS (online) on Wednesday, October 21 at 4:00pm.

All parents of students at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary are, by default, voting members of the PAC, and therefore, any parent wishing to fill a role on the executive may be elected for any position.

As per our MJS Constitution and Bylaws, we ask that a PAC executive member commits to at least attend 4 executive and 4 general meetings throughout the school year, if elected.

The positions for nomination are: 1. Chairperson 2. Vice-Chairperson 3. Treasurer 4. Secretary

To nominate someone, you may submit a nomination containing the name of the person you are nominating and the role for which you would like them to be considered to the front office of MJS, where there is a box to contain nominations.

If you wish to participate and vote:

- 1) Join the "**Mary Jane Shannon PAC**" TEAM <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/as84utar8b41>
- 2) Join on Wednesday, October 21 at 4:00pm using the link below:
[MJS PAC Annual General Meeting, Oct. 21st @4pm](#)

All positions will be voted on at this meeting.

Decisions made by your PAC and money fundraised and distributed through them include the following: Monies for class field trips, monies for each classroom to purchase materials and teaching resources, new books for the classroom and school libraries, funding for the band and athletic programs, including the restoration or purchase of new equipment each year, bussing for children to attend special events, running the weekly hot lunch program, book fairs, Movie Nights, and many, many more small requests and functions throughout the year.

Please consider getting involved – many hands really do make light work, and without this Parent Advisory Council, all of the above programs and opportunities can't happen!

Join the meeting on your computer or mobile app. Here is the link after you have joined the Mary Jane Shannon PAC team:

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