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Welcome Back!

We are so glad that the school year is underway and we can begin to enjoy the exciting events planned for the year! We thank you for your patience as we navigate this unusual start to the year and get classes and schedules organized. This first week(s) back will involve students rotating to various stations and teachers throughout the school. We will not be finalizing classes until we've had some time to make thoughtful decisions about class placements.



Newsletters Online – Please sign up!

Please subscribe to receive our school newsletters, via email, by using the subscription icon at the bottom of the **Home Page** of our school website at www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd

* You will receive a verification email that you must accept in order to receive our newsletters. (Check your junk mail if it doesn't arrive). All school newsletters and many other important notices will be emailed to you during the school year. Your subscription will ensure you are receiving school communications in a timely manner. In order to be environmentally conscious, we will not be providing paper copies of newsletters and will be issuing newsletters via email or posting them on our website.

Ray Shepherd Bell Schedule



8:40	Student Warning Bell – Students Line Up
8:45	Classes Begin
10:15	Recess
10:30	Re-entry Bell
11:52	Lunch – Students Eat in Classrooms
12:07	Lunchroom Dismissal
12:32	Re-entry Warning Bell – Students Line Up
12:37	Classes Begin
2:37	Classes Dismissed

Academics
Athletics
Attitude
Arts

Building a Community
of Learners – Together



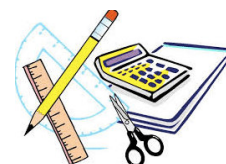
Staffing Updates:

We wish the best of luck to Mr. Symonds and Mr. Alcock as they have retired this summer. They made a tremendous impact on the lives of students in Surrey and we wish them the best of luck as they explore new adventures. We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school for this year: Mr. Foley (Intermediate), Mrs. Bonn (Intermediate), Mrs. Hunter (Primary), Ms. Chow (Child Care Worker), , Ms. Steski (EA), Ms. Bhagudi (ABA Worker), Ms. Russell (ABA Worker), Ms. Fox (Office Clerk) and Ms. Molzahn (LST).

Student Planners and School Supplies

Student planners are a wonderful way to ensure consistent, positive communication between home and school. They are also an excellent organizational tool. Planners will be available for purchase to students in grades 1-7 at a cost of \$5.00 each. Cheques payable Ray Shepherd Elementary. **Please do not send in money until we have been back in session for two weeks.** Thank you!

Students will receive the Edu-Pac school supplies they ordered after they are assigned to their classroom teacher. For new students, or those who did not order Edu-Pacs, grade supply lists are available from the office or on our school website. This week, students should bring writing tools until receiving further instruction from teachers.



Parent Involvement

Meaningful learning requires personal commitment and partnerships. The most important contributor outside the school is parents or guardians; their participation and interest are crucial to students' motivation and success. Parents and guardians set a very important example. Work with your child. Support and praise your child. Talk often with your child's teacher. Your involvement will strengthen your child's achievement in school.



You can help by:

- praising your child's early and on-going attempts to write and spell and to encourage them to greater literacy as they grow older
- reading to and with your child
- taking time to discuss school experiences with your child
- providing a variety of reading, writing and artistic materials at home
- modeling good reading and writing habits
- encouraging a homework routine and providing a quiet location
- modeling the value of attendance, punctuality, and perseverance
- celebrating success by praising your child for his/her accomplishments
- asking your child's teacher(s) for ways you can help
- giving more responsibility as your child matures
- above all, give your child the most important form of support – your time.