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### Special Dates

#### Nov. 4

Photo Orders Due

#### Nov. 10

Remembrance Day  
Assembly 10:30 am

#### Nov. 11

Remembrance Day  
No School

#### Nov. 12 & 13

Professional Days  
No School

#### Nov. 16

Photo Re-Take Day

#### Nov. 17

PAC Meeting  
8:45 a.m.

#### Nov. 25, 26, 27

Book Fair - Library

#### Nov. 26

Family Book Fair Night  
5:30 – 7:30 pm

#### Dec. 4

Christmas Craft Fair  
2-4 p.m. – Gym

#### Dec. 11

1<sup>st</sup> Term Report Cards

#### Dec. 14

Parent/Teacher Conf.  
Early Dismissal 1:38 pm

#### Dec. 18

Last Day of School before  
Winter Break

**Academics**

**Athletics**

**Attitude**

**Arts**

**Building a Community of  
Learners – Together**

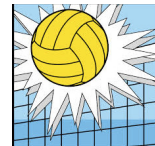
# Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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## Sports Update:

We want to congratulate the Cross Country team on a successful season! Volleyball has recently begun and it has been wonderful to watch students sharpen their skills. Games are on Wednesdays for boys and Thursdays for girls. Go Hawks Go!



REMEMBRANCE

## Remembrance Day Assembly:

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. We would like to encourage all students who participate in service community groups such as girl guides, brownies, cubs, scouts, cadets, etc. to wear their uniform for this special event. Some students and classes will be performing so if you would like to join us, please do. We look forward to honouring our servicemen and women at this assembly. We will be accepting any poppy donations in the office.

## Me to We Update:



A dedicated group of Grade 7 students have joined the Me to We team to help care about the world and our global family. Their first campaign was the We Scare Hunger Campaign and we collected 608 food donations for our local food bank! Thank you to everyone in the community for your generous donations and commitment to scaring hunger away for good!



## Photo Orders:

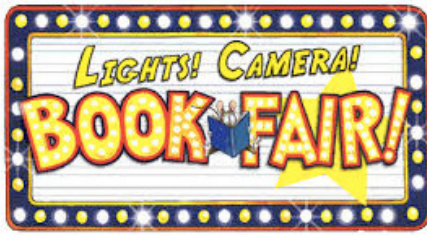
Please note that photo orders are due into the office by Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms were sent home with proofs last week. Picture re-take day is Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your orders by Christmas, please submit them this week!



## Hot Lunch



Due to the additional Pro-D day scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, hot lunch has been re-scheduled to Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.



## A Note from the Library Learning Commons

By: Ms. Baker

I can't believe it's November already! We have been having a lot of fun in the library and time is flying by. I have 36 amazing library monitors who regularly help out at recess or lunch. Thank you so much to them! Many students in grades 4-7 have started reading the Surrey Book of the Year novels in the hopes of being invited to the winter book celebration in December. Keep reading!

I have a very exciting announcement to make. At the end of November the **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming! I am excited to say that on November 25, 26, and 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Book Fair. Students will have the opportunity, during scheduled class times, to preview the books on the Wednesday and Thursday and then they will be able to purchase books Thursday evening or on the Friday.

We will be having a special **Family Night Event** from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for parents to come with or without (depending if you want to Christmas shop) their children. There will be a Family Night Draw where you could win \$25 worth of books for your family and \$25 for your child's teacher. Students must be accompanied by an adult on Family Night.

Book Fairs connect students to the books that they want to read which encourages them to read more. As well, by purchasing books and supporting our Book Fair, you enable our school to obtain new resources for school and classroom libraries and fund special literary events such as Book Celebrations. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you all there.

To read more about what is happening in the library please visit our library learning commons website at [www.rayshepherdlc.weebly.com](http://www.rayshepherdlc.weebly.com).

### Reporting Updates:

\* We will be **changing the date we issue our 1<sup>st</sup> report card** from December 4<sup>th</sup> to **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. We are also **changing our early dismissal date** from Dec. 9 to **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please note these changes on your calendar.



Surrey school district has been exploring a variety of methods and formats to communicate and report student learning to parents. An information letter from the district is attached. Presently, three options are available for teachers:

- **Traditional report card:** Some teachers will continue to use the traditional report card, either by itself or in combination with a digital portfolio.
- **Digital electronic portfolios:** This initiative involves a web-based platform called FreshGrade that provides an online portfolio for teachers and students to electronically share each child's learning in an ongoing manner throughout the school year.
- **Communicating Student Learning Template:** This innovative template includes both teacher and student assessments and reflection on each student's learning goals, achievements, and challenges.

Your child's teacher will let you know which option they will be using this term. Your patience as we work through these new changes/options is much appreciated.

## PAC NEWS

Hello parents! Thank you to those who attended the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> **PAC** meeting. We are so grateful to have parents who are willing to take an active interest in our school and our kids' education!!! Ms. Howard presented a video on the changing education system that was very exciting. We also discussed and passed a motion to distribute funds to the teachers for classroom supplies. In the fundraising arena our Fundraising Coordinator Lee Frost presented a very exciting idea to host a Community Fair in the late spring. You will be receiving lots of information on that in the next few weeks. The grade seven hoodies are being made and should be delivered in the next few weeks. Here is what's coming up:



### Surrey Eagles Fundraiser and Family Game Night

Forms went home last week to sell tickets to the Nov 15th Surrey Eagles game. This is a joint fundraiser we are doing with the Surrey Eagles. Please join us for an amazing night of hockey and family fun! The kids will have an opportunity to skate with the Eagles after the game!

### PAC Meeting Nov. 17th 8:45am in the staffroom

Please come and join us as we will begin the planning of the Spring Community Fair and many other fun ideas for our school.

### Poinsettia Fundraiser

Please keep an eye out for the very popular poinsettia order forms for Christmas gifting!



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### Christmas Craft Fair Dec 4th 2-4pm in the gym

Every year the talented kids at Ray Shepherd Elementary put on the most amazing craft fair! Students of all ages bring their homemade crafts, treats and special creations to sell to you and the other students. There is no cost to participate and the children keep their profits. We may also have some vendors at the school for the adults! Please come out and support the kids and their artistic endeavours.



November, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Effective and clear communication of student learning has always been an important aspect of public schooling. Traditionally, this communication took the form of a standard report card with comments and letter grades sent home three times per year. This practice has remained fairly constant for the last 70+ years. Clearly the world has changed dramatically, and many new and exciting tools are now available to us. One thing that has not changed is the goal of providing parents and students with authentic, informative communication about their child's progress and learning.

Today, our provincial curriculum is designed to engage the passions and interests of our students to better meet their personalized needs. With these changes, quality assessment practices and communication of student learning takes on increased significance. The tools we now have to communicate allow for more responsive ways to keep parents informed and involved in their child's learning. It is important to provide evidence of how well each student is learning and what area(s) require additional attention. It is also imperative that students learn to recognize and understand their own learning.

Our goal is to design a reporting system that engages students and parents in the process. It is no longer just about the three reporting periods or the report card, but more about how to authentically communicate student learning and support learners in reaching their potential.

With this goal in mind, elementary schools in Surrey have been exploring a variety of methods and formats to communicate and report student learning to parents. Presently, three options are available for teachers:

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Teachers, schools, and the district are using these reporting tools in conjunction with preparations for the new curriculum that will be fully implemented at the elementary level during the 2016-2017 school year. The new tools will help inform and develop the assessment, evaluation and communication of student learning going forward.

For more information on these new tools for communicating student learning, please talk to your school principal or your child's classroom teacher.

Sincerely,



Elisa Carlson, Ed. D.

Director of Instruction, Curriculum & Innovation



# RAY SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY

## 2015/2016 Calendar



(\*please note changes in red)

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