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Special Dates

Nov. 8

Picture Re-Take Day

Nov. 9

Remembrance Day
Assembly 10:30 am

Nov. 10

Non-Instructional Day
School not in session

Nov. 11

Remembrance Day
School not in session

Nov. 15

PAC Meeting
8:45 a.m.

Nov. 23-25

Book Fair - Library

Nov. 24

Family Book Fair Night
5:30 – 7:30 pm

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. Go Hawks Go!



REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Day Assembly:

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Wednesday, November 9th 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 is the We Scare Hunger Campaign they have been collecting many 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! We will be accepting donations until Monday, Oct. 31st.



Photo Orders:

Picture re-take day is Nov. 8th. Proofs will be sent out this week and the order deadline will be listed on your order form. If you would like your orders by Christmas, please submit them asap!



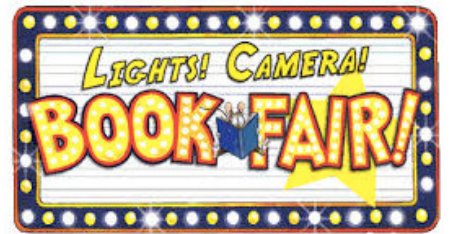
Halloween Reminder:

Students will be participating in various activities throughout the school for Halloween. Just a friendly reminder that students are not to bring replica or toy weapons to school, even if it is part of their Halloween costume and fire crackers are not permitted. Hope you have a safe and happy Halloween!

A Note from the Library Learning Commons

By: Ms. Baker

November is here and with it many fun and exciting activities in the Library Learning Commons. For starters, please stop by and have a look at the amazing new mural that was created by Jason Craft. It is not only beautiful and inspiring but the image and quote remind us to celebrate our country's heritage and value the stories that everyone has to share.



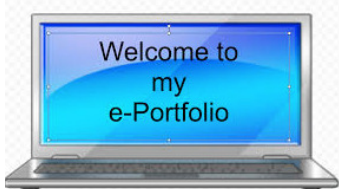
Many students in grades 4-7 have started reading the Surrey Book of the Year novels in the hopes of being invited to the winter book celebration in December. Students in grades 4 and 5 will be starting the Reading Link Challenge this month as well. We have 7 teams signed up to compete in this reading challenge. We will be finding out the titles of the books any day now! And finally, on the reading front, we have started a new book club for girls in grades 2 and 3. Many girls signed up with their parent to be a part of this new club. The book we are reading should allow for great discussion.

I am very excited to announce that at the end of November the **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming! On November 23, 24, and 25th 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 24th 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 Clubs and 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.



FreshGrade Reporting Update:

Students' digital portfolios went live on October 12th for parents to view and comment. Some ways you can effectively support your child's learning is to assist in their reflection process. There are three steps to reflect: Now, Not Yet, Next. When viewing portfolios, use these as guiding questions.

Now – What did you learn, try to learn, do, succeed at, are proud of, want to celebrate? What I did and want you to notice and why, what I learned, what I tried to learn, what I am proud of, my strengths and the positives about this documentation. How and why do you know and feel this?

Not Yet (but that's okay)- What do you still need to work on, struggled with, were challenged by? What I need to work on, what was challenging, what I didn't do, what I need to still figure out and learn? How and why do you know and feel this?

Next – What do you need to do next to improve on, get better at, continue learning, and what will you do to get there? What help or support will you need? How I will learn more, get better, what strategies I will use, what help will I ask for? How and why do you know and feel this?

Halloween “Trick or Treat” Safety Tips

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Costume safety

- Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with reflective tape and give each child a flashlight. Carry a glow stick that can be worn around the neck or wrist.
- Make sure your child can see. Use face paint instead of masks.
- To prevent falling, costumes should not be longer than your child's ankle.



Trick or treating safety

- Walk in groups and stay together. Visit houses on one side of the street at a time.
- Cross only at an intersection or at a marked crosswalk.
- Never walk out between cars to cross the street and never cross in the middle of the block.
- Children should stay in populated and well-lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside any house.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergencies.
- Examine your children's candy before they eat it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped.



Driving safety

- If you are driving on Halloween night, be extra careful. Slow down and look ahead. Be aware of your surroundings. Children are excited on Halloween and may forget some of the safety rules.
- Pay more attention to intersections and crosswalks.
- Be prepared to stop for kids who may run out in front of you.
- Remember that there will be more foot traffic on Halloween night and most of it will be excited young children.
- If you are going to be attending an office party or an adult Halloween celebration, don't drive if you have been drinking.

An adult should always supervise younger children.