



# Kirkbride Elementary School

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*Mission Statement: The staff of Kirkbride Elementary School is committed to fostering positive, supportive relationships between students, parents and school personnel.*

## Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 16-23 CLOTHING DRIVE sponsored by PAC
- Oct. 22 Individual Student Photo Day starting at 8:40 am
- Oct. 25 NO SCHOOL - Non Instructional Day
- Oct. 28 1st Interim Report Cards
- Oct. 31 Hallowe'en Costume Parade  
Pumpkin Run

## Principal's Message

Our school year is well underway and it is time for me once again to encourage our parents to keep the lines of communication open. As it gets very busy at the school, we rely on you to contact us if you have any "burning questions/thoughts", etc. It is through open, honest, and respectful dialogue that we are able to stay focused on what really matters – the children! There will always be occasions when parents, students, and staff may not feel heard, feel misunderstood or just plain confused about something. These are the times that communication is essential. If each of us makes a commitment to trying to understand all perspectives, dealing directly with the person the issue relates to and keeping an open mind rather than looking to blame, we will all benefit. Whether it's a quick phone call, an email, or note dropped in to your child's planner, we will endeavor to respond as quickly as possible.

A reminder to parents that if you are bringing your child's lunch to school after the 8:40 bell, then you are to drop it off at the office, clearly labeled with your child's **name, grade and division** on it. Students may pick them up at recess or lunch to minimize disruptions to the classroom and not take away from teaching of your children. Please make certain your child knows before coming to school in the morning that you will be dropping off a lunch for them. Also, none of the classes have microwaves, so please do not send food that requires heating.

In an effort to keep our hallways safe and to teach our younger, primary aged children independence and responsibility, we ask that all parents and adult caregivers drop their child(ren) off at the front door of their classroom. We ask that you NOT come into the classrooms. Your child(ren) are capable of getting themselves ready for the school day when they enter the classroom, and not letting them do so does not foster their independence nor build their self-esteem.



## Donations to School

Thank you to First Choice Haircutters located at Suite 125c-12477 88 Ave in Surrey for two gift cards for haircuts.

## School Learning Focus

For the 2013-2014 school year, Kirkbride Elementary is continuing with the Rockin' Readers programme which is a home based reading programme. At the beginning of each month a notice goes home with a strategy to be focussed on and at the end of each month one student from each division gets to select a book of their very own.

Also, we are continuing to use C (cooperate), A (achieve), R (respect), and E (empathize) to further develop our students' abilities to deal with peer victimization by giving them strategies to be pro-active in their interactions.

## Scent Free Environment

Please note that our school is a Scent Free environment.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is once again on. It is from 7:45 AM to 8:30 AM each morning in Room 14. Students in Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 should not arrive before 8:10 am due to supervision concerns.

### **Parking/Traffic**

A reminder to parents who drive their children to and from school; please do not block private driveways and/or emergency exits. I've had several complaints from neighbours that they have not been able to exit or enter their homes due to illegally parked cars. Your vehicle can be ticketed in the future. Please remember that much of what we teach our children is through how we ourselves behave. Role modeling is a powerful teaching tool, so please act and behave appropriately and respectfully. Parking illegally (ie. blocking driveways, in handicap spots) is teaching our children the wrong message.

### **Girls/Boys Volleyball**

Volleyball season has started. Girls practice on Tuesday after school and Thursday mornings with games on Wednesday. Boys practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch with games on Wednesdays afterschool.



### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to Kirkbride's Cross Country team!! You've represented us well at Bear Creek park for the past 3 Wednesdays. Not only did our athletes run extremely hard and showed great results, they displayed good sportsmanship and team spirit as well. We are very proud of your efforts throughout the season.

Grade 3: Caroline C., Katelyn F., Karylle M., Mackenzie A., Mackenzie A., Ethen L., Navraj P.,  
Drea B., Guneet K., Dalan K., Adarsh N.

Grade 4: Jasleen H., Heather I., Bovin K., Samira W., Tejveer K., Brady S., Nathan V., Kyros C.,

Grade 5: Kaia H., Brendon L., Mathew R., Joshua B., Kimmy M.,

Grade 6: Jayden S., Jasmine S., Michael W., Fareeba A., Hannah B., Bamandip R.,

Grade 7: Sukhmani S., Maneet C., Samantha C., Ashleen G., Kavpreet G., Milan K.

Thank you to all of the parent drivers and to Mrs. Anton, Ms. Campbell and Mrs. Voyer for helping at Bear Creek Park. Also, thanks to our coaches: Mrs. Chandler, Mr. Copley and Mr. Frank.

We have been invited to attend the South Surrey Invitational Cross Country Meet on Wednesday, October 30 @ 3:30 p.m. This is a competitive meet (RAIN OR SHINE) and only a small number of schools from across Surrey have been invited. We are choosing athletes who have come to all practises and worked hard, and have placed in the top 25 in their division/grade level. Medals will be given to the top 3 runners in each division, as well as ribbons for those in the top 30 in each division. Those chosen runners will be bringing home an information/consent letter this week. Parents are more than welcome to attend and cheer on our team.

