



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. 4	Family Reading at 8:40 – Come out and read with your child
Oct. 4	Pizza on sale at lunch
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving – No School
Oct. 9	Individual Photo Day
Oct. 19	NO School – Pro D Day
Oct. 22	Drop, Everything & Read at 8:40 am – All Parents Welcome
Oct. 26	Celebration of Life Assembly
Oct. 31	Hallowe'en Costume Parade Pumpkin Run
Nov. 1	Pajama Day – Wear your pjs to school
Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:45 am
Nov. 9	NO School – Pro D Day
Nov. 12	NO School – In lieu of Remembrance Day

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.

Our Meet the Teacher night last week went well and it was nice to see so many families attend.

The PAC is looking for parents to volunteer their time with fundraising activities such as hot lunch, candy sales, pizza sales, etc. These activities are important as they generate funds for field trips and school wide performances. The more parents involved in these activities, the better it is for all.

Please note that our breakfast program begins at 8:00am and students who wish to receive a breakfast **should come no later than 8:15 am.**

A reminder to parents that if you are bringing your child's lunch to school after the 8:38 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. 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 outside 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.

Mrs. Chandler

On Friday, October 26 at 1:45 pm we are having a special assembly in recognition of Mrs. L. Chandler who passed away this summer. She worked at Kirkbride since the school opened and we would like to celebrate her life. The school community is invited to attend this Celebration of Life. Please let the office know if you are planning on attending.

Terry Fox Run

We collected \$322.32 from our Terry Fox Run. This money will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



School Learning Focus

For the 2018-2019 school year, Kirkbride Elementary is continuing with the Rockin' Readers Program, a home-based reading program. 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.

We are also 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.

Health Schools

"A healthy school is a place where students have many opportunities – in the classroom, and in every aspect of their school experience – to foster their healthy physical, mental, social and intellectual development. Fraser Health Authority has partnered with the Surrey School District to create these healthy schools within Surrey through the Healthy Schools Program. Our school has been one of the few schools to be selected to be a part of this program. Through collaboration with yourselves, a wellness committee within the school will be created. If you would like to be a part of this exciting opportunity please contact the Healthy Schools Public Health Nurse, Sharan Slauenwhite at 604-587-7907"

Also, Fraser Health has a good back to school guide for parents:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/your-healthy-back-to-school-guide#.W6KGqJioux>

Scent Free Environment

Please note that our school is a Scent Free environment.

Super Kids Award

Congratulations to the following students! Aarush K. – Div. 15; Crishti – Div. 13; Arialla L. – Div. 13; Chanpreet S. – Div. 6; Simrat B. – Div. 14; Arunjot M. – Div. 11; Emeke A. – Div. 9; Allie A. – Div. 11; Krishan P. – Div. 11; Trisha M. – Div. 9. Kirkbride has wonderful students!

Pizza Sales

We are having pizza sales on the following dates: October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 15, 22, 29 and December 6, 13, and 20. The cost is \$2.00 a slice.



Nut Awareness School

We are a nut allergy awareness school. What this means is that we have several students who have life-threatening allergies. Many of these students carry an EpiPen and have a nut allergy and can go into anaphylactic shock very quickly. We are trying to make our school environment safe for these students by making sure that s/he is not accidentally exposed to any products containing nuts.

School Web Site

Please check out our website as it has information about upcoming events as well as you can sign up for receiving our newsletter online. Go to www.surreyschools.ca/schools/kirkbride. Under "Email List", enter your email and submit.

School Meal Program

If you wish your child to be part of our school meal program, please complete a form each month.



Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent for the day, please call the school by 9:00 am at 604-588-5711. You can also leave a message 24 hours a day at 604-588-5711 and by pressing 1.

Extra Change of Clothes

With the wet season coming upon us, please send a spare change of clothes to school, which can remain in your child's backpack. We also ask that students come to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

Spirit Wear for Kirkbride

We are excited to announce that we will be now offering Spirit Wear for our school. Order forms will be coming home this week. The cost for the t-shirts will be \$10.00.

After School Activities

Jumpstart began on Friday, Oct. 5 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm; and Canada Scores is on Monday, Thursday and Fridays at 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

Parking/Traffic

A reminder to parents who drive their children to and from school; please do not block private driveways and/or emergency exits. We have 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.

