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Ray Shepherd

Elementary School



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Special Dates

October 10
Terry Fox Run

October 13
Thanksgiving
Holiday

October 15
RS Open House
6:00 - 7:00 pm

October 16
Interim Reports

October 16
Photo Day

October 23
Movie Night

October 24
Non-Instructional
Day

October 28
PAC Mtg

Academics
Athletics
Attitude
Arts

Terry Fox Run:

The Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, October 10th at 1:00 pm. It is a wonderful event to raise money for cancer research and to honour a Canadian icon! We are looking for parent volunteers to assist on this date so please indicate if you would like to volunteer on the information form that will be coming home soon.



Ray Shepherd Open House:

We would like to welcome all parents and children to a Ray Shepherd Open House on Wednesday, October 15th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This will be an informal time for you to meet the teachers, tour the school and visit classrooms. We hope to see you here!



Calendar Updates:

Due to the late start to the year, we are changing our Interim Report date from October 10th to October 16th. The September Pro-D date that was originally scheduled for September 22nd was cancelled and has been rescheduled for January 23rd 2015. Please make note of these changes and refer to our revised calendar that is included.



Sports Update:

Unfortunately our cross country and soccer seasons have been cancelled, however, volleyball should begin mid-October for Grade 6/7 boys and girls. We will also have co-ed practices for Gr. 4/5.



Interim Reports:

Interim reports go home on October 16th. Please celebrate your child's success with them and discuss future goals for the school year. A list of ways you can support their learning is attached.



Nut Allergies:

Please be aware that we have students and staff with nut allergies. Please refrain from sending any food products containing nuts. Your assistance with this is much appreciated!



Traffic Safety:

Please help us keep our students safe by refraining from parking in our designated drop off area and in the bus zone in our parking lot. Please pull ahead and keep the flow moving. We would also like to welcome our new crossing guard Patricia to our school! Please see attached information on tips for traffic safety.



Notices Home:

A number of notices will be going home that need your consent or review before being returned to school. These include media coverage, name/photo publication, parent driver forms, internet based tools access, student verification and others specific to the classroom. Please review these notices and return them as soon as possible. **Please review the student verification form carefully and make any changes/updates before returning it to the school. Please return this form even if no changes are necessary.** Thank you!



Homework Help at Home!

Type in the address below and your son or daughter will have access to many online resources. There are databases, videos, ebooks and much, much more. Use the username and password to access it all.

Our Ray Shepherd Library Learning Commons also has a website which is listed below. Check out the website for the latest information on what is happening in the library as well as find links to great online resources.

Username: sd36bc
Password: sd36bc

A screenshot of the Surrey Schools website. At the top is the logo for "Surrey Schools LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING". Below the logo is the URL "SURREYSCHOOLS.CA/STUDENTSERVICES/HOMEWORKHELP". There are three main navigation buttons: "School Library" with a book icon, "Digital Resources" with a laptop and various digital icons, and "eBooks" with a red shield icon containing a book. At the bottom of the page is the slogan "Read ★ Play ★ Learn".

Our Library Webpage: <http://rayshepherd1c.weebly.com/>



RAY SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY

2014/2015 Calendar (Revised)

Please note changes in red



October	16	Interim Reports
	13	Thanksgiving (Holiday)
	24	Non-Instructional Day (Students not in session)
November	10	Non-Instructional Day (Students not in session)
	11	Remembrance Day (Holiday)
	28	First Report Card Issued
December	3	Parent/Teacher Interviews - Early Dismissal
	19	Last day of school before Winter Vacation
December 22 - January 2		School closed for Winter Vacation
January	5	School re-opens after Winter Vacation
	23	Non-Instructional Day (Students not in session)
February	9	Family Day (Holiday)
	20	Non Instructional Day (Students not in session)
March	6	Last day of School before Spring Break
March 9 - March 20		Local calendar School Closure days and school closed for Spring Break
March	23	School re-opens after Spring Break
April	2	Second Report Card issued
	3	Good Friday (Holiday)
	6	Easter Monday (Holiday)
	8	Parent/Teacher Interviews - Early Dismissal
May	1	Non Instructional Day (Students not in session)
	13	Student-led Conferences/Interims - Early Dismissal
	18	Victoria Day (Holiday)
	25	Non Instructional Day (students not in session)
June	25	Last Day for Students - Early Dismissal
	25	Final Report Card Issued
	26	Administrative Day

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.

- 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
 - taking your child to the library, the museum, and cultural events
 - modeling good reading and writing habits
 - pointing out spelling patterns and unusual word features
 - 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
 - stressing the importance and relevance of literacy and mathematics in everyday life and as paths to many careers. (For example, take your child shopping and compare prices, open a bank account, read and prepare a recipe, write a record of a trip which includes a journal and estimating times and distances)
 - giving more responsibility as your child matures
 - above all, give your child the most important form of support - your time
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School parking and traffic safety

The Surrey School District makes student safety a priority in school buildings and on school grounds, including parking lots.

It is always a challenge for schools to balance the need for a convenient and intuitive traffic flow and parking pattern with the need to respect neighbours' driveways, neighbourhood traffic, city bylaws—and the most important consideration—student safety.

The challenge is considerable when you are trying to accommodate a sudden rush of often hundreds of cars onto a one-block, or even half-block, street frontage.

Considerable planning is put into each school's specific traffic and parking circumstances; however student safety is the most important consideration, even if it causes some inconvenience to drivers.

Therefore, it is important for the safety of your child and other students that parents and others who drop off or pick up students at school obey all posted signage and follow established traffic flow patterns.

Many schools in the district have one-way driveways, restricted turn lanes and designated pick-up and drop-off areas designed to keep everyone safe. Failing to observe the rules puts students as well as motorists at risk. With pick-up and drop-off zones in particular, it's imperative that drivers obey posted signs. It's inappropriate and dangerous to misuse these areas for even a few seconds.

Some schools also have rules aimed at reducing harm to the environment, such as requiring motorists to turn off their vehicles while parked.

Motorists who don't respect the rules can expect a visit from a staff member, volunteer or student reminding them to comply.

Tips for drivers

- Drive only part way—or don't drive at all! Most students are usually well within walking distance of their school, so arrange a "walking school bus" with other parents. It's healthier and green!
- Think 30! A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in school zones.
- Stop for school buses when their lights are flashing – it's the law.
- Children who are driven to school should exit the vehicle on the side closest to the curb or sidewalk.
- Use caution when a vehicle in front of you stops as the driver may be yielding to a pedestrian crossing the street.
- Always yield to pedestrians.

Tips for students

- Walk, don't run across the street.
- Before crossing the street, wait at the curb and make sure all vehicles have stopped. Look left and right, then over your shoulder for vehicles that may be turning.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing at a crosswalk – it's the best way to ensure they see you.
- Don't jaywalk. Drivers don't expect to see pedestrians away from intersections and crosswalks, so pedestrians are even less likely to be seen.
- Don't wear headphones, talk on the phone, text or use handheld devices when crossing a street.

