



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. 10	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Oct. 11-14	1st Interim Report Cards
Oct. 13	Family Night 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Oct. 21	NO SCHOOL - Non Instructional Day
Oct. 24	Drop, Everything & Read at 8:40 am – All Parents Welcome
Oct. 26	Individual Student Photo Day starting at 8:35 am
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.

Our Meet the Teacher night 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 speak to Mr. Frank or Mrs. Fenrick if you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time (at lunch) once or twice a month.

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 8:35 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 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.



Terry Fox Run

We collected \$764.05 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 2016-2017 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.



Pizza Sales

We are having pizza sales on the following dates: October 6, 13, 20 & 27, November 3, 17, and 24. It is considered a snack and therefore you should send additional food.

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. Due to ordering restrictions, we will not be accepting any forms two days after the start of the month. For example, for November we will not be accepting any forms after November 3.



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.

After School Activities

ScoutsAbout began on Wednesday, September 28 from 2:40 to 3:45; Jumpstart begins this Friday, Oct. 7 from 2:33 to 4:30 pm; and Canada Scores will start next Thursday, October 13.

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.

