



# 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. 14	Thanksgiving – No School
Oct. 16	PAC meeting – 7:00 pm in library
Oct. 24	PAC Movie Night – Hotel Transylvania 3 – Doors open at 6:00
Oct. 25	NO School – Pro D Day
Oct. 31	Hallowe'en Costume Parade Pumpkin Run
Nov. 1	Pajama Day – Wear your PJs to school
Nov. 7	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:45 am
Nov. 8	NO School – Pro D Day
Nov. 11	NO School – Remembrance Day
Nov. 18	Photo Retake 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 a couple of weeks ago 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 8:00 am 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 am bell, then you are to drop it off on the lunch table 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.

## **PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)**

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm in the library. We are also having a PAC Movie Night on October 24<sup>th</sup>, showing Hotel Transylvania 3. Doors open at 6:00 and movie starts promptly at 6:30 pm. Cost of admission is \$3.00. The Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) is made up of ALL the parents/guardians of the students of the school, not just those who come to the meetings or hold positions. We all have a say, and are all welcome to attend the meetings to not only hear about amazing things going on with our children at school, but to have a say on what you would like to see more of, how our funds should be spent etc.

### **Terry Fox Run**

We collected \$402.32 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 2019-2020 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, Saajidah Khaku at Tel: 604-592-2000 ext.762017.

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.

### **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](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/kirkbride). Under "Email List", enter your email and submit. We will no longer be sending out printed copies of the newsletter. We will be sending it out by email. We will have copies at the office if you would prefer a printed copy.

### **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.

### **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.

