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of Learners – Together

Ray Shepherd Welcome Back BBQ:

We would like to welcome all parents and children to a Ray Shepherd BBQ on Thursday, October 1st from 5:00 - 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!



Terry Fox Run:

Thank you to everyone who helped volunteer or participate in our Terry Fox Run! It was a wonderful way to start the year and honour the heroes in our lives. Our school was able to raise over \$1500 and donations are still coming in! Way to go Ray Shepherd! We will be accepting donations until Friday, October 2nd. If you would like to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation, please send in your donations by Friday!

Cross country Update:

Our students participated in our first cross country meet this Tuesday. We had 42 students participate and they showed great effort and ran hard! Thank you to all the parent drivers who helped out. A reminder that practices are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-3:15 and meets are on Tuesdays.



Interim Reports:

Interim reports go home on October 9th. Please celebrate your children'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. Please see attached information on tips for traffic safety.



Notices Home:

A number of notices have been sent 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.

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

Username: sd36bc
Password: sd36bc

A screenshot of the Surrey Schools website. At the top left is the Surrey Schools logo with the tagline "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 icons, and "eBooks" with a red and white icon. At the bottom, the slogan "Read ★ Play ★ Learn" is displayed in a stylized font.

PAC UPDATE - OCTOBER 2015:

Message from the President:

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Aimee Van Nuland-McDonald. I have two amazing kids at Ray Shepherd. Jayda is in Grade 7 and Nico is in grade 2. As well as being an invested parent I also attended Ray

Shepherd as a student many years ago. I love this school and this community and I am very excited to help continue to create a positive and inspiring experience for our children.

We have an amazing staff here at Ray Shepherd Elementary and I hope you will take the time to get to know the teachers and support staff. As parents we have the opportunity to contribute to their learning experience by volunteering in many capacities. PAC meetings are a place to get informed about what is going on in the school, get involved in volunteer activities and openly discuss concerns and aspirations for our children. PAC meetings are open to all parents and are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month.



NEXT PAC MEETING - October 20th at 8:50 am in the staffroom

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Dates to Remember

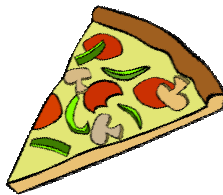
Oct. 1st Welcome Back BBQ



Oct. 4th Hot Lunch Ordering Closes at midnight!!! *****NO LATE ORDERS*****

Oct. 5th Hot Lunch Payment Due *****UNPAID ORDERS WILL BE CANCELLED*****

Oct. 8th Hot Lunch Pizza



Oct. 15th Hot Lunch Pasta





RAY SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY

2015/2016 Calendar

(subject to change)



September	7	Labour Day
September	8	School Opens
September	28	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
October	9	Interim Reports
	12	Thanksgiving (Holiday)
	23	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
November	11	Remembrance Day (Holiday)
	13	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
December	4	1 st Report Card Issued
	9	Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:38 p.m.
December 21 - January 3		School closed for Winter Vacation
January	4	School re-opens after Winter Vacation
February	8	Family Day (Holiday)
	19	Non Instructional Day (school not in session)
March	11	2 nd Report Card Issued
March	14-27	Local calendar School Closure days and School closed for Spring Break
March	28	Easter Monday (Holiday)
March	29	School re-opens
March	30	Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:38 p.m.
May	6	Non Instructional Day (school not in session)
	18	Student-led Conferences/Interims – Early Dismissal 1:38 p.m.
	23	Victoria Day (Holiday)
	30	Non Instructional Day (school not in session)
June	23	Last Day of school for Students - Early Dismissal 1:38 p.m.
	23	Final Report Card Issued
	24	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.

