



Holly Elementary

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Message from the Principal

The first month of the 2020/2021 school year has come to a close, and it is wonderful to see everyone settling in to the routines of being back at school. Learners are working hard, teachers are planning engaging and exciting lessons for their classes, and parents are adjusting to having their children back at school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for working together as we enter a very different kind of school year. Your patience and understanding is much appreciated. I look forward to a fun filled year, and making this the best year possible at our amazing school.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shook

COVID 19 Symptoms Update

Please continue to do daily health checks for your child before they attend school everyday. Note the updated COVID 19 Symptoms check list.

Daily Health Check

1. Key Symptoms of Illness*: Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough or worsening of chronic cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Diarrhea

- Nausea and vomiting

2. International Travel: Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

3. Confirmed Contact: Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

New/Returning Holly Staff



We would like to welcome our new and/or returning Holly Staff Members:

Vice Principal

- Ms. Z. Kabani

Classroom Teachers

- Ms. M. Allan
- Ms. S. Bungar
- Ms. J. Devries
- Ms. M. Dhaliwal
- Ms. K. Elliott

Education Assistants

- Ms. D. Bowen
- Ms. T. Chohan
- Ms. R. Dhillon
- Mr. J. Kim
- Ms. S. Kumar
- Ms. P. Litt
- Ms. N. Maher
- Ms. T. Rowbottom
- Mr. K. Vining

Social Development

- Ms. L. Tarnava

Integration

- Mr. R. Punia
- Ms. T. Rodriguez
- Ms. D. Tatomir

French

- Mr. D. Schriek

Community Schools Outreach Worker

- Munny

SchoolLink App

Connecting parents, teachers and students! Curious about the date of our next early dismissal day? Wondering if you missed a deadline? Wishing someone would send a reminder to your phone in the morning to tell you if it's a Spirit Day or a Snow Day?

The SD #36 District mobile app (Apple or Android) is called SchoolLink.

This app provides news, announcements, alerts, school closure reminders, urgent notifications, contact information and featured stories from the District and the schools that you choose.

The app keeps you up to date with the schools that are important to you.



Download the APP today!

Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/schoollink/id634542419?mt=8>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.surreyschools.schoollink>

Forms

COMING HOME SOON

Your child will be bringing home a number of forms that will require your signature:

- Basic Field Trip Approval
- Fruit & Vegetable Permission
- **Student Information/Verification Forms.** *Please confirm the address, phone numbers, contact persons & medical information is correct.* This information can also be updated at the office at any time throughout the year.

NOTE: We must have a working contact number at all times.

Please sign all forms and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Before and After School Supervision



A reminder to parents that supervision by school staff is provided 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after school each day. If there is an emergency circumstance where your child needs to be picked up later, please let the office know so we can have your child wait at the office to be safe.

School Visitors including Parents/Care Givers



For the safety of our staff and learners, we kindly ask that all visitors remain outside and call the school for assistance. Our secretaries will meet you outside the front doors to help you with any questions you may have.

Terry Fox Run



Holly Hawks will be taking part in the Terry Fox on Friday, October 2, 2020. We are asking each learner to help keep Terry's dream alive by donating one dollar to raise money for Cancer Research. In Terry's words,

"I've said to people before that I'm going to do my very best to make it, I'm not going to give up. But I might not make it... if I don't, the Marathon of Hope better continue."

Thank you for your support.

Orange Shirt Day



On September 30, 2020, we celebrated Orange Shirt Day. This day was created in 2013, designed to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century. People all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who attended Residential Schools. We encouraged all our Holly Hawks to wear orange on Wednesday.

Traffic Safety



We would like to remind parents to please exercise caution and safety during pick up and drop off. Please kindly refrain from dropping children off, as well as parking in the staff parking lot. Thank you for doing your part to help keep all the children at Holly safe.

Student Planners



Each learner in Grades 2-7 received a planner. The planner is used to help them keep organized, keep track of important assignments and upcoming events. Please make sure to update your calendar with important dates.

School Meal Program



Parents, please sign the form every month and return it to the teacher before the first day of every month.

- Please note any food allergies and/or food restrictions (for religious reasons only) on the form.
- Please encourage your children to eat the food that is provided and not to throw it out in the garbage.
- There is a daily menu included on the back of each form; should your child not like what is on the menu then please provide a lunch from home on that day.
- Due to safety concerns food is not to be taken home.
- We need your support to ensure that our meal program is continued. **Lunches from Homes** Due to COVID we are not permitted to accept lunches for students from home during the day. Learners are asked to bring their packed lunches/snacks/water bottles from home with them in the morning.

Optional Student Accident Coverage



Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Insure my Kids Accident Insurance program underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

Plan features:

- Provides coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or not insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans; for example, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling and much more.
- Covers injury related Dental (including future expenses).
- Covers injury related Eyeglasses (repair or replace up to \$300).
- Low annual premiums from \$13 per student for the Silver Plan (discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information, or to apply online, visit Insuremykids.com.

Electronics



We recommend that **all** electronic items be left at home unless a teacher is requesting them for learning purposes.

Please Note: If you choose to have your child bring a personal device from home (ie, phone, ipad, ipod, games, mp3s, etc.), the school will **not** be responsible for theft or any damage.

If electronic items are brought to school they **MUST** remain in the learner's backpack and turned off during school hours, including recess and lunch. Their use will not be permitted at any time throughout the day unless the teacher requests they be used for school work.

Every classroom has a telephone that may be used by the learner, with a teacher's permission, to call for emergencies or important matters only.

What's coming up at Holly?



October

- 2 Terry Fox Run
- 7 Photo Day ****learners in the Blended Program may have their photos taken during their in-person afternoon session****
- 12 Thanksgiving – School Closed
- 14 Hat Day
- 22 Early Dismissal @ 1:35 PM Virtual or Phone Parent/Teacher Conversations
- 23 Non-Instructional Day – School Closed

November

- 6 Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
- 10 Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 Remembrance Day (Stat Holiday) – School Closed
- 17 Photo Retakes

December

- 4 Report Cards CSL
- 9 Gr.6 Immunizations
- 21 Winter Break begins

January

- 4 School Reopens