



October Holly Happenings

Holly Elementary

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Holly Happenings for the Month of October:

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Principal/Vice Principal Message



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The month of September has certainly flown by and October has crept up just as quickly. Thank you for your patience and support as we navigated through school start up. We have started the year with 25 divisions and 463 enthusiastic learners and over 75 staff members. Both staff and children are flourishing in their classes for the year and we look forward to the possibilities this year will bring.

A reminder that while the updated provincial guidelines for K-12 settings¹ welcome visitors, we ask parents and guardians to be patient as we unpack the operational impacts of allowing visitors inside.

In the interim, if families wish to communicate with a staff member, we ask that you please make an appointment prior to attending. Virtual meetings and appointments will continue to be offered as part of our transition.

¹http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf

Visitors are subject to the same health and safety protocols as students, staff and parents in the school's communicable disease plan, including:

- Performing a health check² prior to entering a school building
- Washing and sanitizing your hands before and after visiting a school
- Wearing a mask indoors at all times
- Respecting others' personal space
- Signing in and out at the office.

For more information, see the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings³. Families are reminded that if you're child is ill to please keep them home until they are better. This is for your child's health as well as for their classmates. Your support is greatly appreciated.

This past Wednesday, the Surrey Board of Education met with Fraser's Health Medical Health Officer for schools. As they are working to strengthen COVID protocols in our schools and as such in regards to the mask mandate, beginning on **Monday, October 4th all learners inclusive of K-12 will be required to wear a mask in school**. The board has also taken steps to host vaccine clinics in certain schools, have COVID Mouth Rinse/Gargle Test Kits available and ensure our notification process includes transparency, timeliness and shares information about clusters.

We thank you for being partners with us in your child's education and keeping us all healthy and safe. We wish you the happiness of the beautiful colours of fall and look forward to a joyful October.

-Andrew Shook & Zahra Kabani

New Staff



²<https://www.surreyschools.ca/covid19/Pages/default.aspx>

³<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

Teaching Staff:

- Ms. S. Sonsalla - Div. 3
- Ms. J. Huynh - Div. 9
- Ms. S. Kingdon - Div. 18
- Ms. A. Canby - Div. 21
- Ms. L. Sutherland - Librarian
- Ms. S. Morton - IST
- Ms. H. Lang - French

Support Staff:

- Ms. R. Rodriguez - Secretary
- Ms. S. Malcolm - Secretary (Thursdays only)
- Ms. T. Jaswal - Counsellor
- Ms. E. Grewal - EA
- Mr. E. Lochhead - EA
- Ms. J. Korolova - EA
- Ms. M. Linsangan - EA
- Ms. M. Biala - EA
- Ms. M. Hwang - EA
- Mr. N. Goel - EA
- Ms. B. Murray
- Ms. Z. Mehnaaz - EA

Fruit and Veggie Program



We are pleased to announce that our school has been accepted into the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program (Administered by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and supported by the Province of British Columbia and the Provincial Health Services Authority). Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables to our students during class time. Our students will receive these healthy treats 10 times over the school year at no charge! To ensure every student's health and safety please let your child's teacher know ONLY if you do NOT wish your child to participate AND/OR if you need to alert us to certain FOOD ALLERGIES. A form will be sent home shortly. This year we have been offered the following fruits and veggies:

Oct 7th Pears, (Organic)⁴

Oct 28th Carrots, Baby ⁵

Nov 18th Apples, Ambrosia⁶

Dec 2nd Mandarins, Halo⁷

Feb 3rd Apples, Organic⁸

Feb 17th Snap Peas ⁹

Mar 10th Apples, Royal Gala¹⁰

⁴<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Pears>

⁵<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Carrots>

⁶<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Apples>

⁷<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Mandarins>

⁸<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Apples>

⁹[https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Snap+Peas+\(12x24oz\)](https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Snap+Peas+(12x24oz))

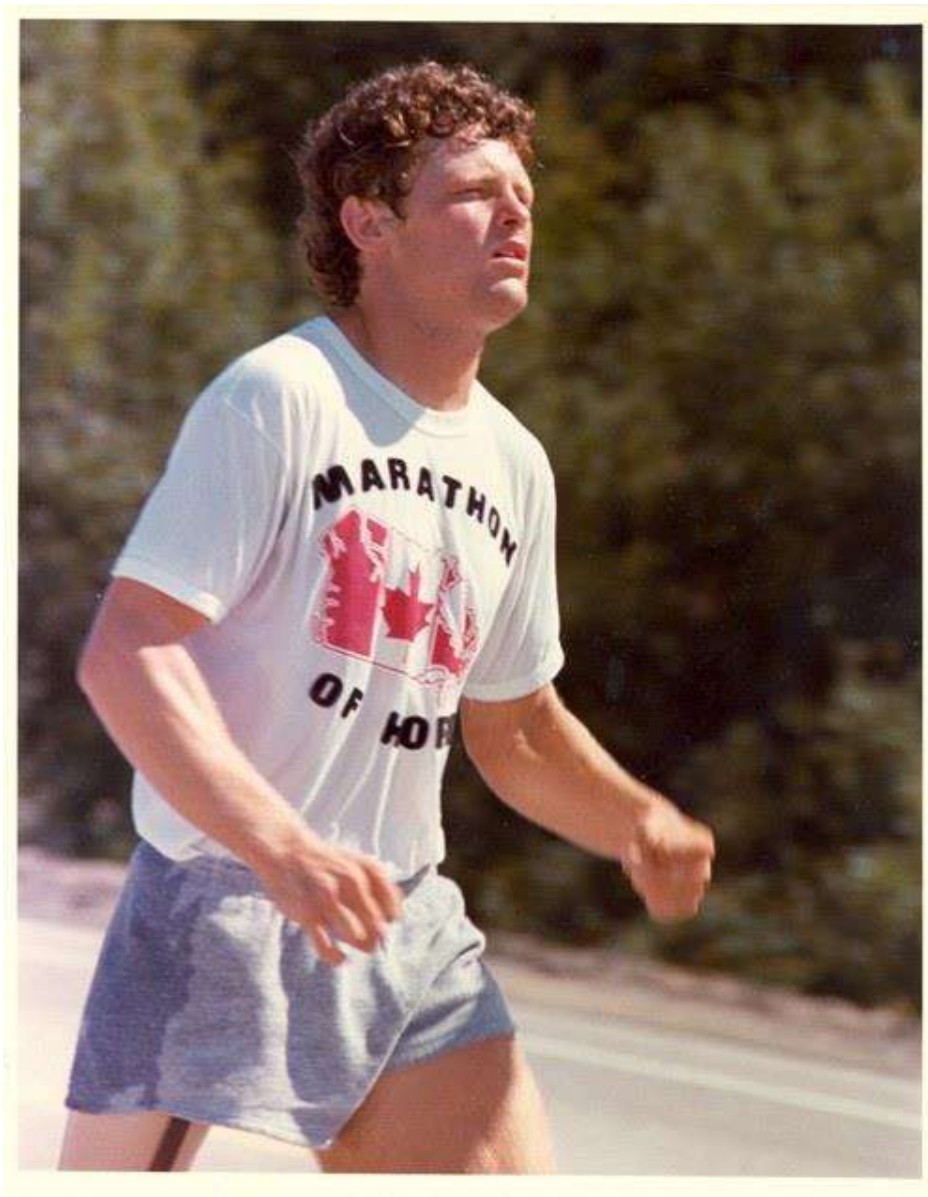
¹⁰<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Apples>

Apr 28th Apples, Spartan¹¹

May 12th Peppers, Mini¹²

Jun 2nd Tomatoes, Grape¹³

Terry Fox Run



Holly Hawks took part in the Terry Fox on Friday, September 24th. We thank all our families and learners who were able to donate to Cancer Research to help keep Terry's dream alive. We set a school goal of

¹¹<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Apples>

¹²<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Peppers>

¹³<https://bcaitc.ca//resources?title=Tomatoes>

\$463 dollars and we surpassed it by raising \$822.63. By not only meeting our goal, but rather surpassing it, Mr. Shook has graciously volunteered to be slimed by each division!

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.

School Link App



The weekly Holly Happenings comes out every Friday!

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.

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>

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

Forms



COMING HOME SOON

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

- **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.
- Basic Field Trip Approval

- Fruit & Vegetable Permission

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.

Truth and Reconciliation Day



Every year on September 30th, people across Canada wear orange and participate in Orange Shirt Day events to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada. Orange Shirt Day originates from the story of Phyllis Webstad. In 1973, on her first day at St. Joseph's Residential School in Williams Lake, BC, Phyllis's shiny new orange shirt was taken away from her, never to be seen again.

40 years later, on September 30th, 2013, Phyllis spoke publicly for the first time about her experience, and that is how Orange Shirt Day began.

The Canadian government has also designated September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This is a day to "honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that the history and legacy of residential schools remains important in the reconciliation process".

At Holly, on September 29th we honoured children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remembered those that didn't. We showed our commitment by wearing an orange shirt, and partaking in an assembly and learning. We stood in silence as we listened to an honour song and gained awareness and understanding through story and dance. We are making our commitment that everyone around us matters.

Picture Day



Picture day is coming up, next week on October 8, 2021.

Upcoming Events



October	8	Photo Day
	11	Thanksgiving Day
	18	Interim Reports
	22	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
November	4	Parent/Teacher Consultation Early Dismissal @ 1:35
	9	Photo Retakes
	10	Remembrance Day Assembly
	11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
	12	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
December	10	First Formal Report Cards (CSL)
	17	Last Day before Winter Break
	20 - 31	Winter Break – School Closed
January	3	School Opens after Winter Break
February	8	Early Dismissal @ 1:35
	21	Family Day – School Closed
	25	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
March	11	Second Formal Report Cards (CSL) Last Day before Spring Break
	14 - 25	Spring Break – School Closed
	28	School Opens after Spring Break
April	6	Class Photos
	15	Good Friday – School Closed
	18	Easter Monday – School Closed
May	2 - 4	Art Crawl
	4	Early Dismissal @ 1:35
	5	Parent Tea 8:30-10:30
	6	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
	23	Victoria Day – School Closed
	30	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
June	10	Sports Day
	15	Grade 7 Celebration
	23	Final Formal Report Cards Last Day of Classes
		Early Dismissal @ 1:35