

Newsletter

October 24th, 2018



October

Friday October 26th

Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch
Fieldtrip

Monday October 29th

Skating 12:30 to 2:25

Tuesday October 30th

Student Picture Retakes

November

Monday November 5th

Skating 12:30 to 2:25

Wednesday November 7th

Remembrance Day Ceremony

2:00 – new date and time

Thursday November 8th

PAC Meeting 5:30

Friday November 9th

Professional Development Day

School is not in session

Monday November 12th

Remembrance Day Statutory

Holiday – Schools not in session

Monday November 19th

Skating 12:30 to 2:25

December

Tuesday December 4th

Early Dismissal 1:25

3-way conferences 1:25 – 4:30

Wednesday December 5th



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IN THE NEWS:

EKOLOGY PROGRAM ENROLMENT DOUBLES
AFTER FIRST YEAR

Our school is featured on the Surrey School District
Website!!!

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/NewsEvents/Posts/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=654>



2:45 – 4:30 3-way conferences

Sunday December 9th

PAC Christmas Fair and Pancake

Breakfast 10:00 – 2:00



Pumpkin Patch

We are very excited to be going to the pumpkin patch this Friday October 26th!

All three classes are still **short on drivers**. If you can take one or two extra children, let your teacher know so we avoid taking extra trips. We leave at 12:20 pm and will be back at the school by 2:15 pm.

If you have not already done so, please ensure that you present your driver's license and vehicle registration to the office for verification prior to the day of the trip if possible.

HALLOWEEN

The children are very excited that Halloween is around the corner! I know some of the children have been planning their costumes for weeks! I just want to remind parents that **replica or toy weapons are not allowed at school** even if they are a part of their Halloween costumes. We also ask that **face masks not cover the entire face** for safety's sake.

On **Wednesday, October 31**, the students will **come dressed in their costumes!** We will come inside, take attendance and then there will be a Halloween parade for parents and children to show off their costumes.

Students in grade 2-4 will start the parade in their class at about 8:40 a.m. and head into the K-1 classrooms to pick up students to join the parade. Everyone will wind their way to the gym where parents and guardians can join us as we dance a Monster Mash. The children will then head back to their classes.

Along with Halloween activities, there will still be outdoor learning that day. The children should be able to independently take off their costume or put outdoor clothing over top to be prepared for the weather.

A message from the School District about Halloween:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/SAFE/Documents/Halloween%20Letter%20to%20Neighbours%202018.pdf>

Skating

The children had such a great time on our last skating field trip! Thank you to all the parents who were able to drive, lace up skates and supervise on the ice. Our next skating trip is this Monday, October 29.

Please remember that for safety sake, the school district requires all skaters, **including parents**, to wear a CSA-approved hockey or ski **helmet** as well as gloves. Please refrain from carrying children when skating. In order to model healthy lifestyle choices, we ask that we do not access the vending machines on school skating outings.



On Thursday, Nov. 1, our school will participate in Outdoor Classroom Day where we will spend the entire day outside. This is a global movement to highlight the importance to children's development when learning outdoors. The Outdoor Classroom website states:

"We want to show how learning outside of the classroom engages and excites children in spectacular ways. We want everyone to understand that outdoor play is the key to improving children's health, wellbeing and happiness. We want to make it clear that outdoor play is not a 'nice to have,' it is essential for children's development." And of

course, at East Kensington, we already know that, but we will use the day to share the message with the world. Consider joining us in our learning for part of the day if you wish. It will be a chance for you to participate in the many ways we learn outdoors.

For more information:

<https://outdoorclassroomday.com/about/>



****Remembrance Day Assembly**** **new date and time**

On **Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 2:00 pm**, we will have a Remembrance Day Assembly. We invite parents, guardians and relatives to attend. Our Music teacher Ms. Yu will have the children present a few songs and we will have a moment of silence to remember the veterans who have served our country.

Reminder about Parking

There have been a few issues with parking with the increase in traffic this year. We are looking into getting signs and concrete barriers to help with better flow but it will take some time. In the meantime, here are some reminders about safe parking and crossing habits.

- Enter on 28th avenue
- Exit on 184th street
- Park close to other cars to allow for more cars to fit
- Ensure your child walks **close to you** as you walk across the cross walk for safety
- Walk along the **fenced path** toward the school
- **Do not walk in the staff parking lot** with your children: trucks and other vehicles may be moving in here.
- Encourage your children to greet Mrs. Mabie and thank for her help in keeping them safe as they cross.



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News From Our PAC:

Apple Fundraiser

There was a tonne of apples delivered in our undercover area yesterday! Wow! Thank you for supporting our school through this fundraiser.

PAC Christmas Fair and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Dec 9th, 10am-2pm

Adult breakfast \$5.00

Child breakfast \$3.00

Family and friends welcome!

There will be a vendor market, pictures with Santa along with arts and crafts.

[More information to follow.](#)

The next PAC Meeting is on
Thursday November

8th at 5:30 PM

Everyone is welcome!!

Absences – Voicemail Option

If your child is going to be absent or late from school, please remember to contact the school office at 604-541-1257 before 8:30 am. You may find it helpful to call the evening before or early morning to leave a message on our school voicemail. Please remember to include student name, division and reason for absence. Thank you.