

# MARY JANE SHANNON ELEMENTARY

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Look for newsletter and other school information posted  
on our school web site:

[www.surreyschools.ca/schools/mjshannon](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/mjshannon)

October 27, 2020

Dear MJS Families,

Winter has arrived in some parts of BC, but we look forward to a return to sunshine this week. We hope you can enjoy some outdoor time with family or friends while keeping your bubble small.

We continue to ask that you carry out a daily health assessment for your children and keep them home if they show any symptoms of COVID-19. We have a lot of the school year ahead and thank you for your continued efforts each and every day.

Daily Health Check Links: [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese Traditional](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Vietnamese](#)

Some Christmas enthusiasts are reminding us that there are only 9 more Fridays until Christmas, but there are still MANY days and events to get through at school before the holidays commence!

Juanita Coltman  
Principal

**November Lunch envelopes are due!** We are still awaiting over 95 notices to be returned. Please check your child's backpack.

**MJS T-Shirt order and Grad Hoody orders** – last day to order t-shirts and Grad shirts is this Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Students were all sent home with order forms. You can also download one from the previous newsletter

**Student Verification Forms** Verification forms have been sent home with your child. Please review this form and update/correct any contact information that is incorrect. This year, more than ever, it is critical that we have the correct information in the event that you need to be contacted. Please return right away as they are due!

### **How to Order Student Photos**

The student images are now uploaded on Mountain West website and ready to be ordered. Your child should have brought home an ID card with a web code to order student photos online. Below are instructions on how to order. If the school or families need any assistance, please contact <https://mountainwest.ca/>

1. Go to myorder.mountainwest.ca
2. Login using your email address and 8-digit webcode.
3. Choose your favourite poses and backgrounds.
4. Choose your packages, prints and gift add-ons.
5. Go to Cart to review your order. Add additional children to your order, if applicable.
6. Follow payment instructions to complete your order.
7. You will receive a confirmation email, which will include order details and delivery instructions.

### **School Photo Retakes – Monday, November 2, 2020 at 8:45 am**

If your child did not get a school photo taken or would like a retake, Mountain West will be at MJS on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2020 in the morning at 8:45 am in the gym. Students will be called in small groups and must maintain physical distancing.

### **Halloween Safety & Costume Reminder**

Students are welcome to dress-up in Halloween costumes on Friday, October 30th.

Here are some [“Safe Halloween Celebrations”](#) suggestions from Surrey Schools for Parents/Guardians. Students are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked. It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing any offensive costumes. Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed.

We want to have a fun and safe Halloween dress-up day next Friday and appreciate your cooperation. Additional resources that you may want to view can be found at the [BCCDC website](#).

### **Electronic Newsletters**

Students will receive a “Newsletter” sticker in their planners indicating that a new newsletter is ready for review on our school website. You may also choose to have our Newsletters sent directly to you. Sign up is also available through the school website.

**OUR PAC NEEDS YOU!**

*We are actively seeking new volunteers to fill these roles or to work alongside someone in an existing role in preparation for next year!*

*Please consider putting your name forward for one of our executive PAC positions. We have tentatively sent a Fall AGM for Wednesday, October 28th at 12noon online.*

You're invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting  
Title: Mary Jane Shannon Pac  
Join on your computer or mobile app  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

*A description of our PAC executive positions are included below. Please email your name and contact number to [mjshannon@surreyschools.ca](mailto:mjshannon@surreyschools.ca) if you are willing to stand for a position listed below.*

If you would like more information please contact Juanita Coltman, Principal through the school office or contact the following parent:

Ashley Milligan: 604-910-7465 or [ashley\\_milligan@hotmail.com](mailto:ashley_milligan@hotmail.com)

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**Description of PAC Position**

Please consider committing your time and energy to one of these important positions:

**President**

- Coordinates PAC activities in cooperation with other executive members and members at large
- Helps to prepare the agenda and Chairs regular PAC and executive meetings
- Works with Executive members to plan events for the school

**Vice President**

- Learns duties and responsibilities of the chair person in order to chair meetings in her/his absence
- May be called upon to chair special committees or projects

**Treasurer**

- In consultation with executive and school principal, develops and monitors budget for PAC funds
- Maintains accounts and reports a report of finances at each PAC and executive meeting
- Disburses money according to the budget and notes transactions in treasurer's records


**Secretary**

- Records minutes of regular and executive meetings
- Presents and reads minutes for adoption at meetings
- Maintains a record of meetings that may include: rules of order, correspondence and




## Winter Fundraiser


Add a little holiday cheer to your home this year with a 6.5" poinsettia, planter, wreath, or arrangement!  
The plants range from \$13 to 45 and are provided from Growing Smiles in Chilliwack, BC




6.5" Poinsettia - Red  
Approx. height: 14-16" & width: 12-16"  
**\$13.00** Qty:




6.5" Poinsettia - White  
Approx. height: 14-16" & width: 12-16"  
**\$13.00** Qty:




6.5" Poinsettia - Pink  
Approx. height: 14-16" & width: 12-16"  
**\$13.00** Qty:



Tropical Indoor Planter  
Containers vary. Approx: 10-12" by 4-8"  
**\$30.00** Qty:



Holiday Wreath  
Approx. 22" diameter  
**\$30.00** Qty:



Succulent Bowl  
Ceramic Bowl has 9" diameter  
**\$30.00** Qty:



Outdoor Greenery Arrangement  
Approx. height: 30-36" & width: 16-20"  
**\$45.00** Qty:



Hanging Greenery Bough  
Approx. height: 28-32" & width: 10-13"  
**\$30.00** Qty:

You have the option of ordering online by clicking:  
<https://maryjanes Shannon.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Or please return an order form (going home today), with cash to your child's teacher by **Tuesday, Nov. 24th, 2020.**

Plants will be available for **collection on Wednesday, December 9th** after school.  
We will set up tables outside the front doors.

All funds raised from this Poinsettia sale will go towards the PAC sponsored activities. Thank you for your support!

### **Formal Reports**

Teachers in Surrey have the choice of format for formal reporting. Several teachers at Mary Jane Shannon have opted to use the digital portfolio platform "FreshGrade (FG)." You should be receiving an invitation from your child's teacher to access their FG account. The benefits of the digital portfolio format are to allow parents a virtual 'window' into children's learning and to make clear the link between student's representation of learning, assessment and level of proficiency. Please note that not every assignment is posted on FG; only a selection of work that demonstrates aspects of your child's learning.

The other benefit to this format is that parents can monitor their child's learning in an ongoing manner as items are posted continually throughout the year. Ideally, you would not have to wait for a report card to have some insight into your child's progress at school. Additionally, because learning is ongoing and reporting is ongoing, your conversations with your child and your child's teacher regarding student progress can also be ongoing.

Conferences with your child's teacher can be scheduled at any time, by the way, even if your child's teacher is not using FG.

If your child's teacher is not using FG this year, they will be sending home a formal paper report during the week of December 14-16, 2020.

### **Medical Alert/Medicine:**

If your child has a medical condition that the school should be aware of (allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.), please contact the office as soon as possible. Staff cannot give any medicine (even aspirin) without parents having completed a Medical Alert form (available at the office).

### **Student Drop-off:**

For the safety of all children, please note the following parking and drop-off restrictions:

- **Staff Parking lot: *No parking or drop off permitted.***
- **Student Drop off lane located on 106A Ave.: *Drop off only; NO Parking is permitted.***

Your cooperation with this drop off lane enables a very quick and safe area for children. When using our drop off lane, please practice the following safety guidelines

- Ensure your child gets out of the car on the curb side only
- Continue to move your car to the farthest point, allowing room for new cars to enter.
- Do not leave your car - If you leave, you are considered parked and this is a traffic violation in this area.

**Important Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar .....**

Friday, October 30	Optional Halloween Dress up
Sun, November 1	Set your clocks back one hour
Monday, November 2	Student individual retakes
Friday, November 6	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Tuesday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @11am online
Wednesday, November 11	Remembrance day stat – school closed
December 14-16	Communicating Student Learning (CSL) reports
Friday, December 18	Last day of school
November 23 – December 4	Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
December 21 - January 3	Winter Break

**MARY JANE SHANNON SCHOOL SPIRIT T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

If you would like to order a t-shirt for your family please return this order form along with cash in a zip bag. Orders are due by

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you

Students will get a paper order form sent home on October 13th

**ROYAL BLUE T-Shirt - 100% cotton**

**Youth size \$8**

**Choose Size by placing a tick mark:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth XSmall

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Small

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Medium

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth XL



**Adult size \$9**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Small

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Medium

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult X-large

**\$10** \_\_\_\_\_ Adult 2XL

**\$10** \_\_\_\_\_ Adult 3XL

**CASH ONLY PLEASE (send in a zip bag)**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_ **Div.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total cash sent \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## MJS Newsletter is Going Paperless:

All Mary Jane Shannon news is posted online for you to read on our website: [www.surreyschools.ca/schools/mjshannon](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/mjshannon)

**Going forward, students will receive a sticker in their planner to indicate when newsletters are available. Paper copies will be available at the school office.**

Please sign up online if you would like to receive messages on your e-mail.

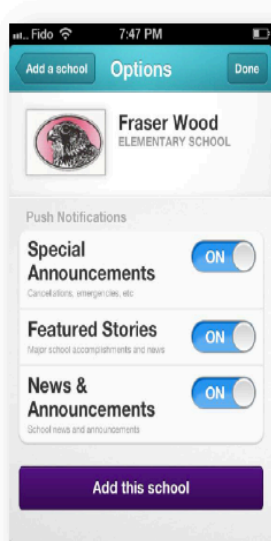
## SCHOOL DISTRICT APP:

**(Mary Jane Shannon and the District)**

If you would like to receive news from the Surrey School District on your phone, you can sign up for the **SchoolLink app** for free.

### Parents & Guardians: Get *SchoolLink*-ed!

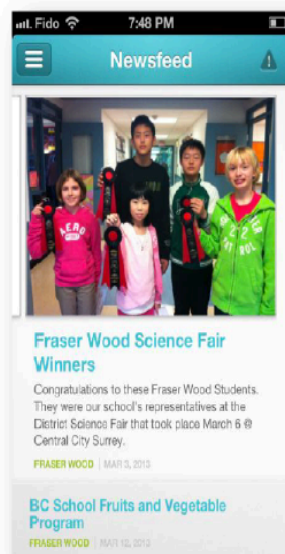
*A new iPad / iPhone app is now available*



Surrey Schools works to support its parents better and has now developed a new iPhone / iPad “app” for parents as a tool to help them keep connected and up-to-date with their child’s school and the school district. (At this stage, the app is only available for iPhones and iPads).

The app is called “SchoolLink” and it’s free! The app enables your iPhone or iPad to access essential school information, as well as receive—virtually instantly—news/ announcements, feature stories and timely alerts (special announcements), that are posted to a school’s website.

To obtain the app, use your iPhone or iPad to visit the App Store. Search “SchoolLink,” then install the free app. Once installed, just follow the prompts to select the schools you wish to follow.



SchoolLink for  
Android Phones:

From the “Play Store” –  
select:

“Apps & Games”

Select “Categories” –  
choose:

“Education”

Search “School District 36”  
– select:

“SchoolLink”

“Install”