



Kirkbride Elementary School

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Mission Statement: The staff of Kirkbride Elementary School is committed to fostering positive, supportive relationships between students, parents and school personnel.

October 30, 2018

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 31 Hallowe'en Costume Parade
Pumpkin Run
- Nov. 1 Pizza on sale at lunch
- Nov. 1 Spirit Day – Wear your pajamas
- Nov. 7 Diwali – Treat Day Samosas on sale
- Nov. 8 Remembrance Day assembly at 10:45 am
- Nov. 9 NO School – Pro D Day
- Nov. 12 NO School – in lieu day of Remembrance Day
- Nov. 13 Book Fair in the library
- Nov. 14 PALS Session #1
- Nov. 15, 16,19 Book Fair in the library
- Nov. 19 Photo Retake Day

Principal's Message

Our school year is well underway and it is time for me once again to encourage our parents to keep the lines of communication open. As it gets very busy at the school, we rely on you to contact us if you have any "burning questions/thoughts", etc. It is through open, honest, and respectful dialogue that we are able to stay focused on what really matters – the children! There will always be occasions when parents, students, and staff may not feel heard, feel misunderstood or just plain confused about something. These are the times that communication is essential. If each of us makes a commitment to trying to understand all perspectives, dealing directly with the person the issue relates to and keeping an open mind rather than looking to blame, we will all benefit. Whether it's a quick phone call, an email, or note dropped in to your child's planner, we will endeavor to respond as quickly as possible.

A reminder to parents that if you are bringing your child's lunch to school after the 8:35 am bell, then you are to drop it off at the office, clearly labeled with your child's **name, grade and division** on it. Students may pick them up at recess or lunch to minimize disruptions to the classroom and not take away from teaching of your children. Also, none of the classes have microwaves, so please do not send food that requires heating.

In an effort to keep our hallways safe and to teach our younger, primary aged children independence and responsibility, we ask that all parents and adult caregivers drop their child(ren) off at the front door of their classroom. We ask that you NOT come into the classrooms. Your child(ren) are capable of getting themselves ready for the school day when they enter the classroom, and not letting them do so does not foster their independence nor build their self-esteem.

Scent Free Environment

Please note that our school is a Scent Free environment.

Pizza Sales

We are having pizza sales on the following dates: November 1, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, and 20. The cost is \$2.00 a slice.



Samosas/Diwali

Samosas are on sale on November 7. Please order by Friday, November 2.

School Web Site

Please check out our website as it has information about upcoming events as well as you can sign up for receiving our newsletter online. Go to www.surreyschools.ca/schools/kirkbride. Under "Email List", enter your email and submit.

School Meal Program

If you wish your child to be part of our school meal program, please complete a form **each month** and have it returned a week prior to the beginning of the new month.

Halloween Costume Reminder

Halloween is fast approaching! Replica or toy weapons are not allowed at school, even if they are a part of a Halloween costumes. As per Safe and Caring Schools Policy 9410 and Regulation 9410.1 - "It is expected that students will not use, possess or display any weapon, replica weapon or toy weapon, on any school property or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school." Also, inappropriate costumes (bloody/gory/excessively scary) are not permitted. Please see the attached Halloween "Trick or Treat" Safety Tips. A Halloween costume parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31st at 9:00 am in the gym.



Fireworks

Every Halloween, fireworks seriously injure children and adults. On occasion, fireworks use has even resulted in death. According to municipal by-laws, it is illegal for any person under the age of 18 to be in possession of fireworks of any kind. The by-law was a response to the number of injuries and other damage caused each fall around Halloween by these explosive devices. The penalty is a fine up to \$100 and seizure of the fireworks. It is illegal to explode fireworks without a permit. Fireworks are seasonal as well; even with a permit they may only be used on October 31st. Please discuss the legal and safety implications of fireworks with your children. Any fireworks brought on school property will be confiscated and students involved will face suspension. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration for the safety of all our students. Please see the attached Halloween fireworks safety.



Additions

Halloween "Trick or Treat" Safety Tips
Halloween Fireworks Safety
Safe Schools Halloween Initiative
Marijuana and Schools



Halloween “Trick or Treat” Safety Tips

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Costume safety

- Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with reflective tape and give each child a flashlight. Carry a glow stick that can be worn around the neck or wrist.
- Make sure your child can see. Use face paint instead of masks.
- To prevent falling, costumes should not be longer than your child's ankle.



Trick or treating safety

- Walk in groups and stay together. Visit houses on one side of the street at a time.
- Cross only at an intersection or at a marked crosswalk.
- Never walk out between cars to cross the street and never cross in the middle of the block.
- Children should stay in populated and well-lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside any house.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergencies.
- Examine your children's candy before they eat it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped.



Driving safety

- If you are driving on Halloween night, be extra careful. Slow down and look ahead. Be aware of your surroundings. Children are excited on Halloween and may forget some of the safety rules.
- Pay more attention to intersections and crosswalks.
- Be prepared to stop for kids who may run out in front of you.
- Remember that there will be more foot traffic on Halloween night and most of it will be excited young children.
- If you are going to be attending an office party or an adult Halloween celebration, don't drive if you have been drinking.

An adult should always supervise younger children.

Halloween fireworks safety

Every Halloween, children and adults are seriously injured and sometimes killed by fireworks.

According to Surrey and White Rock city bylaws, **it is illegal for any person to be in the possession of fireworks of any kind.**

The only exception is for persons who have a valid federal supervisor's certificate from the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada. However, city permits must be obtained and other restrictions still apply.



The penalty for violating the bylaw is a fine of up to \$5,000 and seizure of the fireworks.

Any fireworks brought on school property will be confiscated and students involved face suspension.

If you have any questions about fireworks use, please contact your fire department.