

**Hjorth Road Elementary**  
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## Parent Newsletter #2 – September 17, 2025

Dear Hjorth Road Families,

We have made it through the first two busy weeks of September! Thank you all for your patience as we worked with the district to complete our class organization and placements! All of our students are now in their permanent classrooms and have already started their learning journey for this year!

We are still in the process of hiring one more teacher and hopefully these positions will be filled soon.

Here is our Grade/Teacher assignments for this year:

Div.1 Grade 7 - Mrs. Fangura  
Div.2 Grade 7 - Mr. Shortridge  
Div.3 Grade 6 - Mr. Rafael  
Div.4 Grade 6 - Mr. Hanna  
Div.5 Grade 5 - Mrs. Zepedeo/Ms. Deol  
Div.6 Grade 5 - Mrs. Gau/Mrs. Lomanski  
Div.7 Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Los  
Div.8 Grade 3/4 - Mr. Elliott

Div. 9 Grade 3 - Ms. Tugnait/Mrs. Domonkos  
Div.10 Grade 2/3 - VACANT (Mrs. Weiss-Mat. Leave)  
Div.11 Grade 2 - Mrs. Bhardwaj  
Div.12 Grade 1 – Ms. Alexander  
Div.13 Grade 1 – Mrs. Garg (Mrs. Vosper-Mat. Leave)  
Div.14 Kindergarten – Ms. Sefiane  
Div.15 Kindergarten - Mrs. Sandhu (Mrs. Litt-Mat. Leave)  
Strong Start – Mrs. Green

### **School Supplies**

**All students should have brought all of their school supplies to school by now.** Instruction has started and students need their supplies to be successful, organized and be able to fully participate in class activities. Supply lists for all grades are posted on our website or you can come to the office to get a copy.

Kindergarten school supplies have been purchased for all students. Please send cash or cheque for \$35.00 to the classroom teacher.

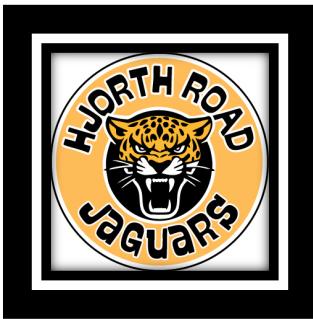
### **Agendas/Planners**

The school planners are in and all students in Grade 1-7 should be bringing \$5.00 to cover the cost of the planners.

### **School Spirit Wear**

We are happy to announce that our Hjorth Road Spirit Wear is now available to buy from the online store. Available are Hjorth Road t-shirts, sweatpants, hoodies, and pull-overs. Please see the link below to purchase. This is optional. Every Friday, students will be invited to wear their Hjorth Road Spirit Wear unless there is another spirit day. For example, next Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> will be Orange Shirt Day.

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Closing Date is October 8<sup>th</sup> (last day to order for the fall)

Delivery Date is October 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Meet the Teacher BBQ Night**

This Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is our annual Meet the Teacher BBQ night. The event starts at 5:00 where families are invited to purchase some food and drinks and mingle with staff and other families. The BBQ will close at 6:00pm. From 6:30pm – 7:00pm parents are welcome to visit your children's classroom.

### **Terry Fox Run**

This Friday afternoon, we have our Annual Terry Fox Run. There will be a short assembly at 1:15pm and then students, staff and any parents interested will be running on our school grounds to honour Terry Fox!

If any parent/family member is available to volunteer during this time, please email Ms. Chohan at [parharchohan\\_r@surreyschools.ca](mailto:parharchohan_r@surreyschools.ca) to let her know. We need volunteers to help by standing at different spots around the school to mark the running route. Please consider helping in this way if you are able!

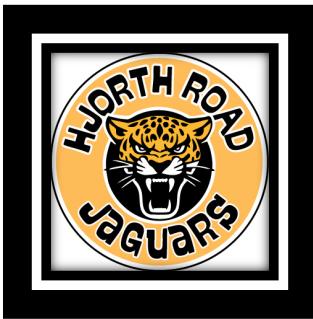
### **School Parking Lot – Staff Only**

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** There is **no parking** in the driveway of our school. This area is only for staff parking. Parents who are driving their children to school must park outside on the street, as there is a lot of parking on 148<sup>th</sup> Street and other side streets from where you and your children can walk to the school. The front driveway is only for driving through to **drop students off without parking and waiting**. Please use the walking paths and gates and avoid walking through the front parking gates to be safe!

Walking to school is a great way to start the morning and be involved in physical activity. We all need to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

### **Parents in the School**

This is a friendly reminder that **all parents** coming into the building or on the school grounds during the school day **must sign in at the office and must wear a visitor badge**. All students and staff know to look for this badge on anyone who is visiting our school. This is a measure in place to ensure that all of our students and staff are safe and aware of who is in the building. Thank you for your cooperation on this very important step we ask everyone to take.



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### **Bell Schedule**

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| 8:30        | First bell (all students need to be at school by this time) |
| 8:35        | Morning instructional session starts                        |
| 10:05       | Recess  |
| 10:20       | Instruction continues                                       |
| 11:43-11:58 | Lunch (students eat lunch in classrooms)                    |
| 11:58-12:28 | Students play outside                                       |
| 12:28       | Afternoon instructional session starts                      |
| 2:28        | Dismissal   |

**Please ensure that your child is at school on time by 8:25am.** Being late to school regularly has a negative impact on your child and their learning. **Being on time is also a very important life skill to teach our children.** Supervision of students starts at 8:20am until 8:35am and at 2:28pm until 2:43pm.

**Students should not be at school before 8:15** (unless they are part of the Breakfast Program).

Please make sure your child is picked up by 2:43pm at the latest as after that there is no one outside to supervise your children.

\*(Please note: Breakfast program is for eating and not a place to wait for the bell. If students are not eating, they will be asked to wait outside for the bell.)\* Breakfast program will stop serving at 8:25am so students need to be there before 8:25am.

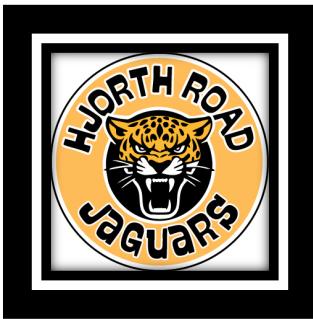
### **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

The first PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm in the school library. All Hjorth Road parents are automatically part of the PAC. Please consider attending these monthly meetings to be involved in school events and have input in some of the decisions we make at these meetings.

Each division classroom will also be looking for a parent that will act as a parent liaison between the PAC and the parents of that classroom and keep parents informed. The responsibility of this person will be to create a parent Whatsapp group for the class, relay information to the parents and other small tasks to help in the classroom/school. A notice will come out for this soon.

### **Student Absences – Voicemail available – Call any time after hours**

If your child is going to absent from school, please phone as soon as possible to let us know. You may leave a voicemail message at any time – even in the evening before the absence. If the office is not informed of student absences, the secretaries must spend a great deal of time calling student homes. Your help with this would be much appreciated. The school phone number is 604-581-2327. You can also email [hjorthroadabsentee@surreyschools.ca](mailto:hjorthroadabsentee@surreyschools.ca).



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### **Health and Safety**

Regular handwashing and hand sanitizing will still be encouraged. If staff or students are feeling unwell, they should be staying home until any flu/cold symptoms are gone. Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell.

### **Allergy Awareness**

Several Hjorth Road students and staff have severe anaphylactic reactions to a variety of foods including nuts, dairy and their by-products, as well as some fruits. Please help us in committing to do everything possible to protect these students and staff. Please remind your children to:

- Wash their hands carefully after eating
- Not share or trade their snacks
- Not bring foods to school that contain peanuts/nuts

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we endeavor to make our school a safe environment for all.

\*\*Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life-threatening allergy or medical condition so we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place.

Sincerely,

Ms. Reena Chohan, Principal  
Mrs. Jacquie Domonkos, Vice Principal

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

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| Sept. 18 | Meet the Teacher BBQ Night 5:00pm-6:30pm                            |
| Sept. 19 | Terry Fox Run @ 1:45pm  |
| Sept. 26 | Orange Shirt Day – (to acknowledge/support Truth and Reconciliation |
| Sept. 29 | Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for all students                  |
| Sept. 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (All Schools Closed)      |
| Oct. 1   | PAC Meeting @ 4:00pm (School Library)                               |
| Oct. 13  | Thanksgiving Day Holiday (All Schools Closed)                       |
| Oct. 20  | Individual Picture Day  |
| Oct. 23  | Interim Reporting   |
| Oct. 24  | Non Instructional Day (BC Pro-D day) NO SCHOOL for all students     |
| Oct. 29  | Pumpkin Carving Contest Starts                                      |
| Oct. 31  | Halloween Day – Costume Parade                                      |