

Principal's Message

Dear students and Sunrise Ridge school community,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! Each September brings with it a sense of renewal—a chance to set new goals, build new habits, and continue growing into the best version of yourself. Whether you're returning to familiar hallways or stepping into our school for the first time, know that you are an important part of our community.

This planner is more than just a place to jot down homework and test dates. It's a space for you to stay organized, reflect on your progress, and take ownership of your learning. Use it to track your goals, celebrate your achievements, and remind yourself of the steps you're taking toward success.

At our school, we believe in the power of education to open doors, spark curiosity, and shape the future. You are surrounded by teachers and staff who care deeply about your growth—not just academically, but as a person. We are here to support you, challenge you, and cheer you on every step of the way.

This year, I encourage you to be bold in your learning. Ask questions. Try new things. Don't be afraid to make mistakes—they are often the best teachers. Be kind to others and to yourself. And remember that every day is a new opportunity to learn something meaningful.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

— *Nelson Mandela*

Let's make this year one of purpose, perseverance, and pride. I believe in you, and I can't wait to see all that you will accomplish.

With encouragement and enthusiasm,

Kelly McEwen
Principal

Bell Schedule for 2026 – 2027

8:25	First Bell- students enter their classrooms
8:30	Classes begin
10:00	Recess begins – Students go outside
10:15	Classes Resume
11:45	Lunch – Students go outside
12:15	Lunch – Student eat lunch in classrooms
12:30	Classes resume
2:30	Students dismissed for the day

Please note: **Children should not arrive before 8:15 a.m.** unless they have an event sponsored by a teacher. There is no supervision prior to 8:15 a.m. School supervision ends at 2:45p.m. For safety reasons, children are not to be on the playground past 2:45 p.m. unless they are supervised by their parents/guardians.

The more **READ**
that you

The more things **KNOW**
that you'll

The more **LEARN**
that you

The more **GO**
places you'll

-Dr. Seuss

Communication

There are many ways to stay in touch with the school and know what is happening:

- **Surrey School District App** - download the (Apple or Android) and select Sunrise Ridge as your home school
- **Weekly emails from the Office** (make sure we have your current email address)
- **Your child's planner** is a great tool to communicate with the teacher
- **Facebook** - Follow our PAC's page – "Sunrise Ridge Parents"



Sunrise Ridge Elementary School Calendar 2026 ~ 2027

SEPTEMBER 8 - School Opens 10:00am – 11:00am (Grades 1-7) - Kindergarten Group A at 10am and Group B at 10:30am 24 - Terry Fox Run 25 - Non-Instructional Day ~ School Closed 29 - Orange Shirt Day Assembly 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ~ School Closed	FEBRUARY 12 - Non-Instructional Day ~ School Closed 15 - Family Day ~ School Closed 19 - Early Dismissal 1:30pm ~ Interim Communicating Student Learning 24 - Pink Shirt Day
OCTOBER 1 - Individual School Photos 8 - Meet the Teacher 12 - Thanksgiving Holiday ~ School Closed 19 - Interim Communicating Student Learning 22 - Early Dismissal Day 1:30pm ~ Parent / Teacher Meetings 23 - Non-Instructional Day ~ School Closed	MARCH 11 - Term 2 Communicating Student Learning Reports Home 15 - 19 - Spring Break ~ School Closed 22 - 25 - School Closure Days 26 - Good Friday ~ School Closed 29 - Easter Monday ~ School Closed 30 - School re-opens after Spring Break
NOVEMBER 2 - Individual Photo Re-takes 6 - Non-Instructional Day ~ School Closed 11 - Remembrance Day ~ School Closed	APRIL 27 - Class/Group Photos 29 - Early Dismissal Day 1:30 ~ Student-Led Conferences
DECEMBER 11 - Term 1 Communicating Student Learning Reports Home 18 - Last Day before Winter Break 21 - Jan 1 - Winter Break ~ School Closed	MAY 7 - Non-Instructional Day ~ School Closed 21 - Non-Instructional Day ~ School Closed 24 - Victoria Day ~ School Closed
JANUARY 4 - School re-opens after Winter Break	JUNE 11 - Sports Day 22 - Grade 7 Farewell 24 - Last Day of School ~ Early Dismissal 1:30pm ~ Final Reports Home 25 - Administrative day ~ School not in Session

Office Hours

- 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm daily
- Phone: 604-576-3000
- Fax: 604-581-5946
- Email: sunriseridge@surreyschools.ca



Safe Arrival Program

If your child is going to be absent or late, please:

- Call our school at 604-576-3000
- Or email our school at sunriseridge@surreyschools.ca

Student Dismissal

- Come to the office during the day to pick up your child early.

Visitors to the School

- Report to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge

Emergencies and Accidents

- Make sure we have your current contact information

Student Illness/Injury

- Keep your child at home if they are sick
- We will call home for stomach complaints
- With bumps, bruises, minor cuts and scrapes, we administer first aid
- In very serious emergency situations, we will call an ambulance first and then try to contact you or your designate
- If your child has diarrhea or vomiting, please keep them home until 48 hours AFTER the symptoms have subsided

Allergies

- Please inform us if your child has any allergies
- Please send any medication with them to be kept at the Office and complete the necessary forms

Telephone Use by Students

- The school telephone is a business phone
- Office staff will pass on messages to students in an emergency
- Should you wish to speak to a teacher, please call and leave a message for them. The teacher will return your call as soon as possible



Emergency Closure

- Students will be sent home or to one of the contacts identified on the student registration form.
- Students will not be released until contact with a parent or designated adult is made.
- Check the Surrey School website www.surreyschools.ca and the Surrey School District App.
- **It is important that information at school be kept up to date with correct phone numbers and contacts.**

Rainy and Extremely Cold Days

Recess and Lunch:

- Wear appropriate clothing – raincoat, boots and bring an umbrella
- In cold weather – warm clothes, boots and gloves/hat
- Bring a change of clothes to school in the event of an accident or socks get wet
- Bring appropriate footwear for play and a pair of running shoes for Physical Education



Traffic Safety

- Please obey the traffic signs – **No left turns off of 60th Avenue**
- Staff parking only – except handicap parking stalls with placard
- Use the designated drop off area or use street parking and walk

Bikes and Scooters

- Please walk bikes and scooters on school property
- Wear your helmet
- Lock your bike or scooter up

Lost and Found

- We have a “Lost and Found Box” located in the main hallway
- Students may retrieve the lost articles at recess, noon or after school
- Unclaimed items will be donated to a charitable organization at the end of every term

Electronic Devices

It is not necessary or required that your child have a personal device for school use, however with parent and teacher consent, personal devices (phones, iPads or computers) may be brought to school with the understanding that:

- For educational purposes only
- with the classroom teacher’s consent
- no devices (personal or school) during recess or lunch
- no social networking, gaming, illegal, obscene or inappropriate purposes
- Inappropriate use includes – attempts to vandalize, gain unauthorized access to data or another person’s account or resources, and sharing of data without personal or parental consent as appropriate
- no recording, unless permission has been received by the classroom teacher with respect to a classroom project.
- misuse of any technology – discipline (ie suspension of user privileges and possible disciplinary or legal action)

SUNRISE RIDGE CODE OF CONDUCT 2026 - 2027

At Sunrise Ridge Elementary School, we believe that all children have the right to learn in a safe, caring and orderly environment. Our expectations are that students will maintain an attitude that is cooperative, courteous and respectful. Students are expected to follow the guidelines outlined in the Code of Conduct while in classrooms, in the school building, on school grounds, and at school fun location. Teachers review expectations on an ongoing basis. The staff assists students in developing skills for resolving and decision making appropriate to their age for healthy learning and living. The school will notify parents of any breaches of the code of conduct.



THE SUNRISE RIDGE CODE OF CONDUCT IS:

“Treat everyone and everything the way you would like to be treated”

Be Safe
Be Kind
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

Expected and unexpected behaviour while at school, attending school related activities (both on and off school grounds) or in any other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment. There will be rising expectations of behaviour as students mature. It is important to note that the expected and unexpected behaviours that follow are not all-inclusive lists.

Expected Behaviour

- Be respectful of yourself, others and our school property and environment
- Speak to everyone in a courteous and respectful way
- Work and play safe
- Be co-operative by listening and talking to find solutions
- Be supportive of others
- Learn to the best of your ability
- Play fair - keep hands and body to self; use kind words
- Follow adult directions
- Be respectful of neighbourhood private property

Unexpected Behaviour

- chewing gum
- bringing toys to school
- fighting
- stealing
- violence of any form
- vandalism (school resources or desks)
- bullying/cyber bullying
- intimidation, making threats
- swearing or using obscene gestures
- being out of bounds
- destruction of school or personal property
- inappropriate use of electronic devices

Unexpected behaviour may result in an in-school or out-of-school suspension of the student(s) involved.

Be Respectful to Yourself— caring about your learning and yourself, including safety.

Some examples include:

- Always try your best
- Make good choices
- Be on time and ready to work
- Complete classroom projects and assignments with care
- Have a growth mindset

Be Respectful to Others— considerate of others' personal feelings and properties.

Some examples include:

- Be polite and thoughtful
- Treat others with respect
- Use good listening skills
- Be honest and tell the truth
- Be kind and helpful to others

Be Respectful to Property – caring about your school and your environment.

Some examples include:

- Clean up after yourself
- Take good care of materials
- Help to keep our playground clean

Be Safe— learn and follow the school expectations.

Some examples include:

- Walk calmly in the hallways
- Stay in designated areas for play
- Report dangerous situations to staff

Anti-Racism Policy

"The Surrey School District stands for all forms of equity and inclusion and strives for a respectful and safe educational system free of discrimination and oppression and dedicated to achieving and upholding racial equity and anti-racism and belonging for everyone". We have a learning environment that is culturally responsive, celebrates diversity of community, and strives to ensure belonging for everyone. The Surrey School Board recognizes that Surrey and Sunrise Ridge Elementary are multicultural communities that enjoy the rights and privileges of Canadian values and laws. Sunrise Ridge Elementary is committed to:

- creating an environment free of racial and cultural discrimination
- preparing students for a life in a multicultural society
- eliminating racism and discrimination
- reducing language and cultural barriers for students and families
- communicating effectively with parents and the community
- monitoring efforts to comply with district policy

Consequences/Notifications

Consequences will take into account the age, maturity, severity and frequency of actions. Consequences will be progressive and will focus on being restorative rather than punitive in nature. Depending upon these and other factors, one or more of the following actions may be taken:

- review of expectations and a verbal warning
- problem solving/conflict resolution discussions
- Think Sheet
- recess/lunch restriction
- school/community service
- parent contact/meeting
- referral for counselling or behaviour support
- in-school suspension
- out-of-school suspension

Safe and Caring School Environments

Are Free from Acts of:

- use or possession of illegal substances (i.e. drugs, tobacco, alcohol etc.)
- use or possession of weapons and/or replica weapons
- threats
- vandalism (of school or classroom materials)
- bullying, cyber-bullying, threat or intimidation via any forms of communication
- acts of harassment, intolerance and discrimination in any form or abuse (verbal, physical, sexual)
- retribution against others for reporting

It is the student's responsibility **NOT** to bring to school or be in possession of the following:

- real weapons
- toy or replica weapons
- matches or lighters
- caps, firecrackers, fireworks
- e-cigarettes/vaporizers, drugs or alcohol

Notifications

School administration will advise parties as follows:

- Parent/guardian of student exhibiting major behaviours
- Parent/guardian of student on the receiving end of an incident
- Assistant Superintendent, Safe Schools Department and/or other District Staff
- Ministerial agencies and/or School Liaison Officer (SPS)

