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Principal
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September 6

First Day Back
10:00 – 11:00

September 7

Full Days Begin
8:40 am – 2:33 pm

September 20

First PAC Mtg
8:45 am
Staffroom
All Welcome!

September 23

Terry Fox Run

September 26

Professional Day
Classes not in session

Academics
Athletics
Attitude
Arts

Ray Shepherd Elementary School



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Welcome Back!

We hope you had a restful summer break filled with many outdoor activities and enjoyable time with family and friends! We are so excited to be starting a new year with all of you! This first week(s) back will involve students rotating to various stations and teachers throughout the school. We will not be finalizing classes until we've had some time to make thoughtful decisions about class placements.



Newsletters Online – Please sign up!

Please subscribe to receive our school newsletters, via email, by using the subscription icon at the bottom of the **Home Page** of our school website at www.surreyschools.ca/rayshepherd

* You will receive a verification email that you must accept in order to receive our newsletters. (Check your junk mail if it doesn't arrive). All school newsletters and many other important notices will be emailed to you during the school year. Your subscription will ensure you are receiving school communications in a timely manner. In order to be environmentally conscious, we will not be providing paper copies of newsletters and will be issuing newsletters via email or posting them on our website.

Ray Shepherd Bell Schedule

8:35	Student Warning Bell – Students Line Up
8:40	Classes Begin
10:15	Recess
10:30	Re-entry Bell
11:48	Lunch – Students Eat in Classrooms
12:03	Lunchroom Dismissal
12:28	Re-entry Warning Bell – Students Line Up
12:33	Classes Begin
2:33	Classes Dismissed





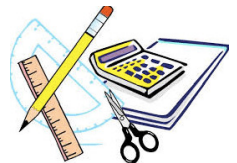
Staffing Updates:

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school for this year: Mrs. Gill (intermediate), Ms. La Chimea (intermediate), Mrs. Conti (intermediate), Ms. Cyr (kindergarten), Ms. Jamieson (counsellor), Ms. Lacroix (CCW) and Ms. Chouhas (ABA). We look forward to their enthusiasm and expertise at Ray Shepherd!

Student Planners and School Supplies:

Student planners are a wonderful way to ensure consistent, positive communication between home and school. They are also an excellent organizational tool. Planners will be available for purchase to students in grades 1-7 at a cost of \$5.00 each. Cheques payable Ray Shepherd Elementary. **Please do not send in money until we have been back in session for two weeks.** Thank you!

Students will receive the Edu-Pac school supplies they ordered after they are assigned to their classroom teacher. For new students, or those who did not order Edu-Pacs, grade supply lists are available from the office or on our school website. This week, students should bring writing tools until receiving further instruction from teachers.



Cambridge Learning Center:

We have a daycare and learning center run by Kaljit Sidhu and Jindy Kaila. Please contact Jindy Kaila at jindykaila@shaw.ca or at 604-729-0543 for more information on pre-school and before/after school care.





Traffic Reminders:

Some of you may have noticed that the City of Surrey has restricted parking on the south-east side of 136th street to accommodate the turning lane that was put at the intersection of 136th and 16th avenue. Please make note of the no stopping signs in this area. Also, please help us keep our students safe by refraining from parking in our designated drop off area and in the bus zone in our parking lot. Please pull ahead and keep the flow moving. As a safety precaution we still encourage students to walk to school to decrease congestion and increase physical activity!

Parent Involvement

Meaningful learning requires personal commitment and partnerships. The most important contributor outside the school is parents or guardians; their participation and interest are crucial to students' motivation and success. Parents and guardians set a very important example. Work with your child. Support and praise your child. Talk often with your child's teacher. Your involvement will strengthen your child's achievement in school.



You can help by:

- praising your child's early and on-going attempts to write and spell and to encourage them to greater literacy as they grow older
- reading to and with your child
- taking time to discuss school experiences with your child
- providing a variety of reading, writing and artistic materials at home
- modeling good reading and writing habits
- encouraging a homework routine and providing a quiet location
- modeling the value of attendance, punctuality, and perseverance
- celebrating success by praising your child for his/her accomplishments
- asking your child's teacher(s) for ways you can help
- giving more responsibility as your child matures
- above all, give your child the most important form of support - your time



Student Accident Insurance

Did you know . . .

Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities?

You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Parents who would like to purchase accident insurance for their child are advised to choose an insurance provider. Several companies offer accident insurance and you must decide which plan suits your family's individual needs the best.

The Surrey School District and your District Parent Advisory Council provides the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ accident insurance program.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the potentially high costs of serious injury from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Accidents can, and do, happen

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- A full year (September to September), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more that are limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or MSP;
- Injury-related dental treatment, eyeglasses;
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If you change address during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums range from \$14.50 to \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected, and your child is covered all the time, not just while at school. A discounted premium is available for families with **three** or more children.

The insurance agreement will be between you and Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. and your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance Policy becomes effective on the date the enrolment application and payment are received by the insurance carrier.

For more information or to apply online, please visit www.kidsplus.ca, or speak with an Kids Plus™ Customer Service Representative at 1-800-556-7411.



RAY SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY

2016/2017 Calendar

(Dates Subject to Change)



September	5	Labour Day (Holiday)
	6	School Opens
	26	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
October	10	Thanksgiving (Holiday)
	12	Conferences/Interim Reports – Early Dismissal – 1:33 p.m.
	21	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
November	4	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
	10	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
	11	Remembrance Day (Holiday)
December	2	1 st Report Card Issued
	7	Early Dismissal – 1:33 p.m.
December 19 - January 2		School closed for Winter Vacation
January	3	School re-opens after Winter Vacation
February	13	Family Day (Holiday)
	17	Non Instructional Day (school not in session)
March	10	2 nd Report Card Issued
	13-24	Local calendar School Closure days and School closed for Spring Break
	27	School re-opens
April	14	Good Friday (Holiday)
	17	Easter Monday (Holiday)
	26	Conferences/Interim Reports – Early Dismissal 1:33 p.m.
May	5	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
	22	Victoria Day (Holiday)
	29	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
June	29	Last Day of School for Students – Early Dismissal 1:33 p.m.
	29	Final Report Card Issued
	30	Administrative Day