

# H.T. Thrift Elementary



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Week At a Glance ~ Feb. 28 - Mar. 4, 2022

## Upcoming Events

### Monday

- Basketball practice at lunch

### Tuesday

- Basketball practice at 7:45 am

### Wednesday

- Hot lunch
- Basketball practice at 7:45 am
- Boys Basketball game @ Bayridge

### Thursday

- Basketball practice at lunch
- Girls Basketball game @ Bayridge

### Friday

- Basketball practice at lunch
- Hot lunch

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- March 10  
Report Cards go home
- March 11  
Last day of school before Spring Break

## Principal's Message

It was great seeing so many of our students and staff taking part in yesterday's Pink Shirt Day. The messages of respecting diversity and acting with kindness are so important to build a good community.

We are looking at getting more equipment for students to take outside during Recess, and we received some help towards our goal. On behalf of the H.T. Thrift community, I would like to give a huge thanks to some community friends. We received soccer balls from **Surrey FC**, volleyballs from **Raincity Volleyball Club**, and soccer balls, pinnies, and cones from **Coastal FC**. The generosity of these clubs is very appreciated!

Today marks the last reminder to sign up for newsletters and other communication. We will NOT be sending information via MyEd starting next week. Please make sure you go to the H.T. Thrift website ([www.surreyschools.ca/schools/htthrift](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/htthrift)) and enter your email address under the section called "Email List".

We all know that school parking is an issue, and I have met with the guards at Semiahmoo Secondary to see if there are any ideas to help both schools. We are asking all our families to respect a couple of important rules: 1) please do NOT park in the handicap spot unless you are designated to do so, and 2) please do not stop in the middle of the drive-through along 148 St.

As we creep closer to Spring Break, please remind your child(ren) to look through the Lost and Found. Any leftover items will be donated to charity during the upcoming break.

Tomorrow is a Pro-D Day, so we wish our families an enjoyable long weekend.

Mr. B. Samra,  
Principal

**A Glance into Division 7:** Students in Division 7 have been focussing on Kindness for the month of February. We have been thinking about small things that we can do to brighten another person's day. Students have been carrying out small acts of kindness at home, at school, and in the community. We have already completed over 100 Acts of Kindness together as a class! Also, students are working on "Filling our Buckets" by sending each other Notes of Kindness.



## Updated COVID Prevention Practices

The Surrey School District has updated the animated videos supporting Covid-prevention practices for elementary students to include vaccination. They have been translated into French, Punjabi, Mandarin and Arabic, and all have closed captioning. (The videos are also available in a youth/secondary version, which are unchanged).

[Check here to view links to all the videos](#) (click on blue bar)

Or view the videos on Vimeo by clicking the links below:

Covid Guidelines (Elementary) - [English](#); [French](#); [Punjabi](#); [Mandarin](#); [Arabic](#)

Covid Guidelines (Secondary) - [English](#); [French](#); [Punjabi](#); [Mandarin](#); [Arabic](#)

## H.T. Thrift, Legacy School

Has anyone noticed the purple flag hanging in the entrance of our school?

In the Fall of 2020, our school signed up to become a Legacy School as part of the Downie Wenjack Fund. The focus of the program is to engage, empower and connect student and educators to further reconciliation through awareness, education and action.

Every year, our school receives resources that can be used to help build cultural understanding and create a path toward reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

To find out more information about the story behind the Legacy School Program, please see here:

[The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund - Indigenous Reconciliation \(downiewenjack.ca\)](http://downiewenjack.ca)



## H.T. Thrift Library News



For the past three weeks, students have been learning about the Winter Olympics. They learned about the different sports, the different countries competing and keeping track of the medal count. Every week, students were excited to see how Team Canada and other countries were ranking on the medal board. They also learned about *how* the ranking worked for medals. Ask your child(ren) why Canada won more medals overall than Switzerland but is ranked lower than them. 😊



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We get up to 25% back in fundraising profit, and you get chocolates made in Canada with premium quality ingredients, and sustainable cocoa.



Thank you for your support!

### WHO WE ARE

H.T. Thrift Elementary PAC

### WE'RE FUNDRAISING FOR

The school library

### ORDER ONLINE:

1. Sign In or create a new supporter account either by clicking the link sent to you by our coordinator or by visiting [fundraising.purdys.com](http://fundraising.purdys.com)
2. If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number below on the registration page.
3. If you're signing into an existing account, enter the number below into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in.
4. Click on **JOIN CAMPAIGN**.

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CUSTOMER NUMBER

### PLACE & PAY FOR ORDERS BY:

March 26, 2022

DATE

### PICK UP ORDERS ON:

April 14, 2022

DATE

### AT:

Sent home or alternate

LOCATION

If you have any questions, please contact your coordinator:

Kirsten Kohler

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February 14, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that align questions with the [core competencies](#) of the curriculum and the [British Columbia's Policy for Student Success](#).

We've worked in collaboration with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to update the parent and guardian/caregiver survey in 2018/19 and make it more useful for parent, guardians/caregivers, teachers, and schools. Your valued participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online at <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp> and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, April 29th, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The results of the parent and guardian/caregiver SLS survey will be available through the Ministry of Education website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>) and on the BCCPAC website (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/>) in summer 2022.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558-5339 or email [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com).

We greatly appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emilie Sia".

**Emilie Sia**

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