



December 2018

In This Issue



- December at a Glance
- Staffing Update
- Sports Update
- School Spirit
- School-wide In-line Skating Program
- Library Learning Commons Updates
- Christmas Hampers
- Christmas Concert
- Student Leadership
- PAC Updates

December at a Glance



December 3 - Gr. 7 Boys' Volleyball Team tournament at White Rock Elementary

- 4** - Evergreen Care Home (Div.14)
- 5** - Skating (Div.6, 8, and 9)
- 6** - Evergreen Care Home (Div. 7)
 - Skating (Div. 5 & 12)
- 7** - PAC Craft Fair 1-4pm in the Gym
- 10** - Choir at Semiahmoo Mall
- 11** - PAC Meeting 8:45am in the Staffroom
 - Surrey Book of the Year Party Gr.4 and 5's
- 12** - Caprice Theatre Field Trip (Div.2 and 10)
 - Surrey Book of the Year Party Gr. 6 and 7's
- 14** - Gr. 7 Band Concert 9am

- Caprice Theatre Field Trip (Div. 1 and 14)
- 18** - Pancake Breakfast Div. 13 and 14
 - Library Monitor Appreciation Lunch
- 19** - Spirit Day (Red and Green/Ugly sweater)
 - Gr. 2/3 Girls' Book Exchange at Lunch
- 20** - Christmas Concert (1pm and 6:30pm)
- 21** - Last Day before Winter Holidays - wear your PJ's (see you back on January 7, 2019)

Staffing Update

Please welcome Mrs. Carmel Sahai who will be joining our student support team as an Education Assistant. Mrs. Sahai was a practicum EA student with us last Spring. Welcome back to Ray Shepherd, Mrs. Sahai!

Sports Update



Volleyball has been a really fun sport to play, we really wish the season went longer. We've enjoyed practicing with one another and helping each other develop new skills. We learned how to set, serve and bump. - Written by Ella Vick and Katie Kim

We would also like to give a very special thanks to our coaches: Mrs. Gill and Ms. Kollakis for the girls' team and Mr. A and Ms. Rova for the boys' team. Thank you for giving up your time to help coach our students!

School Spirit



Spirit Days will be once a month and the aim is to promote school and community spirit and connectedness. Our next one will be on December 19th, when we will celebrate by wearing our red and green/ugly sweaters. Parents, please do not feel obligated to purchase any items that are lavish or expensive. We want students to be creative with what they have. Here are the year's spirit days:

December 19th - Red & Green/Ugly Sweaters

January 30th - PJ Day

February 14th - Pink and Red Day

March 13th - Jersey Day

April 24th - Hat Day

May 29th - Wacky Hair Day

June 19th - Twin/Multiples Day

Thank you to Ms. Stowe and her class for leading the spirit at Ray Shepherd!

In-line Skating Program



Our 7-day school-wide in-line skating program wrapped up on November 21. It was a huge success and a great, fun-filled experience for the students. Thank you to the PAC for covering the **entire cost** of this program through their fundraising efforts - your generosity is much appreciated!

A Note About the Library Learning Commons by Ms. Baker

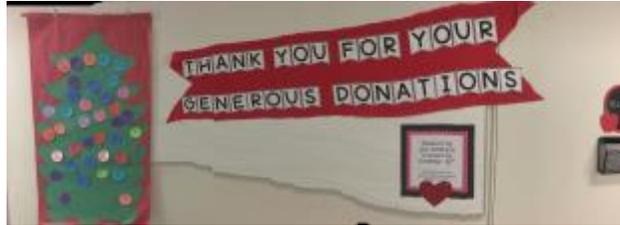


The Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success! Students, staff, and parents were excited about books and with everyone's support we were able to raise over \$1,000. Some of the money was already spent on books at the book fair while the rest will be used to purchase more books for the library and helping to support library initiatives. A big thank you to everyone who made the book fair possible. A special thanks to the library monitors who played an important roll in running the book fair. Without them it would not have been possible!

On another note, the Chess Club will begin next week at lunch in the library. Students in grades 2-7 are invited to participate. We will be running the Chess club until the end of January at which time we will have a school-wide tournament.

Season's greetings to everyone and remember, "There's Snow Better Time to Read".

Christmas Hampers



Thank you so much for your generosity with our Christmas Hampers this year. It has been very special watching all the gifts and food donations coming into school over the past few weeks. We will be wrapping the presents this week and delivering the Hampers on Wednesday to our sister school.

We would like to send a special thank you to White Rock Baptist Church and its parishioners for donating over \$3000 toward the hampers. Also, thank you to Mrs. Cyr and Mrs. Baker for leading this project.

Thank you again for helping to make this a very special holiday season for 12 families in need.

Christmas Concert - Thursday, December 20th, 1pm and 6:30pm



Our annual Christmas concert will be on Thursday, December 20th. Our matinee show will be at 1pm and the evening performance will be at 6:30pm. More information to come soon, including details about tickets.

Student Leadership



The WE Team was very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend WE Day on November 22. All 26 grade 7 team members attended this exciting day at Roger's Arena. WE Day is a celebration of young people who are creating positive change in the world. This celebration features distinguished speakers and award-winning performers, and it empowers youth to build leadership skills and to take action in their local and global communities. The WE Team would like to extend a warm thank you to the dedicated parent volunteers who drove students to and from WE Day.

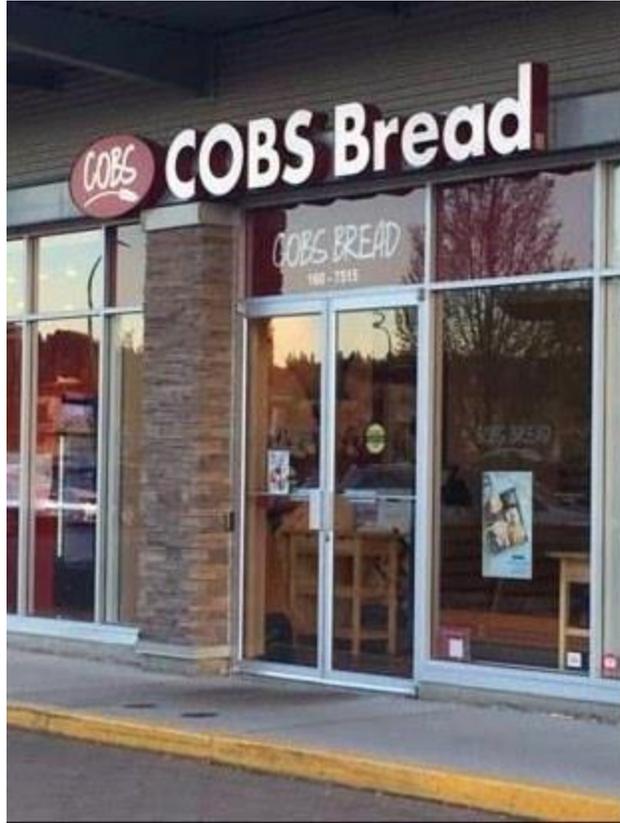
The WE Team will be selling popcorn during morning recess on December 5 & 6, in the undercover area. The cost of the popcorn is \$2.00 per bag. The team will also sell rafiki bracelets at the school craft fair, on December 7. Bracelets will be sold for \$10. All proceeds from the sale of popcorn and rafiki bracelets will go toward supporting education in Ecuador.

PAC Updates



A reminder that the craft fair will be on Friday, December 7th from 1-4pm in the Gym. Any homemade goods must be nut free. Also, Purdy's orders and poinsettias will be available for pick up in the gym between 1:00pm and 3:30pm on the same day as the Craft Fair.

Cobs Fundraiser



DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM at COBS BREAD in Ocean Park! We are delighted that our local Cobs Bread in Ocean Park is donating 5% of the value of the total purchases made by the Ray Shepherd Community. Tell your friends and family! All you need to do is...**BEFORE YOU PAY**...let the salesperson know you are with Ray Shepherd School. Easy Peasey! Thank you Cobs Bread Ocean Park for your support!

Contact Us



Ray Shepherd Elementary

1650 136 Street

Surrey, BC

V4A 4E4

T: 604-531-1471

F: 604-541-8039

Visit us on the web at: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/rayshepherd/Pages/default.aspx>