

September 2019



2. - *Welcome back and hope you all enjoyed your summer break!*

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September at a Glance



September 17

First PAC Meeting 9 am in the Staff Room

September 20

Terry Fox Run 1 pm

September 26

Meet the Teacher & 70th Anniversary Celebration

2:30 - 6:00 pm - Meet the Teachers from 5-6pm

All Welcome!

September 30

Non-Instructional Day - Classes not in Session

Newsletters Online



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

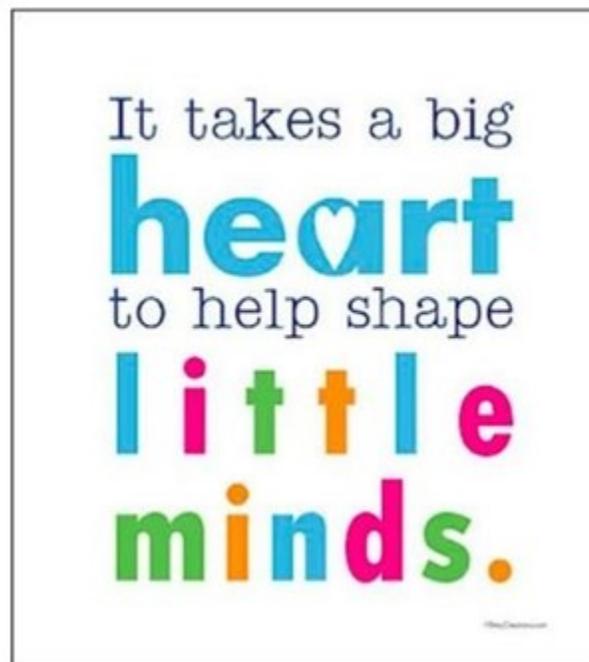
* You will receive a verification email that you must accept in order to receive our newsletters. (Check your junk mail if it doesn't arrive). All school newsletters and many other important notices will be emailed to you during the school year. Your subscription will ensure you are receiving school 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. This year, we will be using the new platform on Microsoft Office, with an application called Sway to format our monthly newsletters.



Ray Shepherd Bell Schedule

8:30	<i>Student Warning Bell – Students Line Up</i>
8:35	<i>Classes Begin for Morning Session 1</i>
10:15	<i>Recess</i>
10:30	<i>Re-entry Bell for Morning Session 2</i>
11:42	<i>Lunch Recess – Students “Play First”</i>
12:12	<i>Re-entry Bell for Lunch</i>
12:27	<i>Classes Begin for Afternoon Session</i>
2:27	<i>Classes Dismissed</i>

Staffing Updates



We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school for this year:

Erinn Riley - Intermediate Classroom Teacher - returning from Maternity Leave

Kerry Clark - Intermediate Classroom Teacher

Michelle Horn -Intermediate Classroom Teacher

Jag Chahal - Kindergarten Teacher

Sharka Vochvest - Social Development Teacher

Sophie Elliston - Childcare Worker - Social Development

Elizabeth Berwick - Music Teacher

Manisha Sharma - Education Assistant

Angeli Mariano - Education Assistant

Juana Herrera-Marquez - Education Assistant

Congratulations to Kathy Ramsay who is returning to Ray Shepherd this year as our School Counsellor and to Lisa Wheatman who is also returning as our new Child Care Worker.

Student Planners and School Supplies



School Start
Back to School with School Start

Student Planners

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. Online payment is our preferred method of payment, however, if you are unable to pay online we will accept cash or cheques. Please make cheques payable to Ray Shepherd Elementary. Thank you!

School Supplies

School Start is the company providing our students with school supplies this year. If you need to purchase supplies for your child, late orders will be accepted online until October 1, 2019 (a \$5.00 late fee will be applied after August 1, 2019). To order online go to: www.schoolstart.ca. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your house. If you have a P.O. Box please use your 911 address. If you have any questions, please contact School Start at info@schoolstart.ca or call 1-800-580-1868.

Student Information and Consent Forms

Over the next few days, your child will come home with information and consent forms. Please review these documents carefully and return them to school as soon as possible.

Parents please note, if you provided signed consent forms last year for your child(ren) to appear in the news media, on school or district websites & publications, to use online tools or digital portfolios, or other annually collected consent forms, your consent status remains in effect and on file at our school. You no longer need to resubmit consent forms every year. However, you can review or change any consent form at any time by contacting the school.

Cambridge Learning Centre

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

Traffic Reminders

Please be aware 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. Also note that there are no left turns into our school parking lot from 136th Street. Furthermore, 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 our parking lot is one way only to ensure a smooth drop-off and pick-up for everyone. As a safety precaution we still encourage students to walk to school to decrease congestion and increase physical activity!



Crossing Guard Position Available

If you are interested in being our Crossing Guard, please contact the office at 604-531-1471. Below are the details of the position:

- Classified as a "volunteer"
- Paid \$27.00/day for expenses (tax-free)
- Hours: 8-9 am, 2-3 pm
- Crosswalk on 16th Ave. and 136th St.
- Uniform will be supplied



Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox School Run is just around the corner! We are honoured that our school will be joining the efforts of over 3 million students across Canada in carrying on Terry's legacy by raising funds for cancer research. Support our school's efforts by donating today at: [Terry Fox Donation Page](#)



70th Anniversary Celebration and Meet the Teacher

On Thursday, September 26th, Ray Shepherd will be celebrating its 70th birthday! We invite all community members, families, students - present and past, to join us in the momentous occasion. The festivities will include bouncy castles, sports and activities for kids, and a BBQ. Please help us celebrate by joining us that evening from 2:30-6pm and spreading the word.

There will be a cake cutting ceremony at 5pm in the Gym that evening and following that, parents and families will have an opportunity to meet the teachers until 6pm.

We are looking forward to celebrating this very special birthday with our community - thank you to our wonderful PAC who is instrumental in organizing this event.



Orange Shirt Day

Each year, many people wear bright orange shirts to honour residential school survivors and their families. Orange Shirt Day kicks off with talks about anti-racism and bullying at the beginning of the school year. The true story of Phyllis Webstad is only one of many. By listening to these stories, we are learning from our past. By doing so, we can walk into the future without making the same mistakes again. When we wear our orange shirts on Orange Shirt Day, we reaffirm that every child matters - the children from every nation around the world, the residential school survivors, and the First Nations children who didn't come home. Join us by bringing light to this cause by wearing your orange shirts to school on Friday, September 27th.



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

Kids PlusTM
Accident Insurance

For your convenience, we've made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (iA Financial Group).

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from 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.

For complete plan details, please visit kidsplus.ca.

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