

# Clayton Elementary

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## Message from Mrs. Fenrick

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Spring seems to have sprung! We are now in the time of good weather one day and rainy weather the next. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately to go outside in wet weather. Multiple layers are a really good idea right now as well as having a change of clothes at school.

### Our School Plan

For the last couple of months, we have been reviewing and updating our school plan goal. We are continuing to focus on Social Emotional Learning. However, our focus has shifted to our students' conflict resolution skills. We have found that many of our children have a challenging time negotiating the regular conflicts that occur within and outside of the classroom. Trying to resolve a conflict when feeling angry or upset, not having possible solutions to try, not having empathy for the other person involved, or using physical means to solve problems have all been observed in many situations. For the next few months and continuing into next year, teachers will be working with students to help them build empathy skills, learn bully prevention strategies, and acquire peaceful methods for solving conflicts. Teachers will be using a program called Second Step to teach these skills.

<http://www.secondstep.org/>

As we become familiar with the program and begin to use it in the classroom, communication will begin to come home via FreshGrade and newsletters with a possibility of an information night where you can learn how to help your children use these skills at home. Our hope is we can all work together to create a safe and caring school experience for our children. All shared environments have conflicts; we want the students to learn to deal with them safely and positively when they arise.

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## Upcoming Events

**March 14** – Recorder, Choir, and Band concert – 1:45pm

**Movie afternoon** – The Parent Trap – please pay through SchoolCashOnline

**March 15** – Early Dismissal 1:25pm

**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
– Please book an appointment through the office

**March 16** – Rainbow Colours day – Wear a Rainbow to school!

**March 17 – April 2** – Spring Break – no school

**April 3** – School reopens

**April 9** – Clayton's Got Talent auditions begin

**April 11** – Michael Wade (author) presentation for some classes

**April 17** – Class Photos

**April 18** – Ready Set Learn (for our 3 and 4 year olds)

## More Important News

### Third Term (April, May, and June)

This last term is incredibly busy with many different events. We will start sending out a Friday NewsFlash with reminders. If you haven't yet signed up to receive our newsletter, please do so asap. Go to [www.surreyschools.ca/clayton](http://www.surreyschools.ca/clayton), scroll to the bottom and enter your email. You then need to confirm/verify the sign up on your email.

Also, another great way to stay connected with the school is by downloading the SchoolLink App. It is available for both iPhone and android phones.



### Clayton's Got Talent:



We are excited to announce that this year we will be holding our school talent show "**Clayton's Got Talent**" (formerly known as Clayton Idol) on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Auditions will be held from

April 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Students wishing to audition need to sign up on the schedule in front of the office which will be posted the week before the auditions.

Students can perform a talent of their choice and must come prepared to the auditions **with props and/or music needed**.

There are usually a lot of auditions so for the best chance of making the show rehearse before your audition and make your performance unique! Students and groups that are selected will be given practice times in the weeks leading up to the show.

Parents and community members are welcome to attend on the day of the show. Hope to see you there!

### Lost and Found

**All items will be on display beginning tomorrow. Please come and take a look!**



## Other reminders:

### We need your recipes!

Please submit your recipes for our **Clayton Cookbook!**

- Paper copies to PAC box at the office or
- Email to [claytoncookbookrecipes@gmail.com](mailto:claytoncookbookrecipes@gmail.com)

### Fun Fair

Our Fun Fair will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We need many hands and volunteers of all types to make this work. **Our first Fun Fair volunteer meeting is on March 15 at 5pm in the gym.** Please come and find out how you can help make this great community event a success.

### Clothing Drive

It's SPRING CLEANING TIME! Please bring us your stuff! The Grade 6/7's are collecting large bags of clean and used clothing, bedding, towels, shoes, & purses which will be donated to the Developmental Disabilities Assoc. They will receive \$2-3 per bag to go towards Grade 6/7 Camp. All donations can be brought to the school until April 6. Donation bags can be picked up at the office or you may use any large plastic garbage bag. Thank-you for your support!