



December 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

December already!! We are very proud of our accomplishments in learning and building friendships during the first term at Robertson. We have demonstrated our commitment to building strong character by focusing on perseverance, thankfulness and peacefulness. Throughout the month of December, we will be focusing on being open-hearted by demonstrating kindness and caring for self and others. We will encourage our students to be kind to themselves by making healthy choices with foods, getting enough sleep and reducing screen time. We will show kindness to others by collecting cans for the Christmas Canned Food Drive, assembling our 'mitten tree' for donations, and recognizing random acts of kindness. This feel extends to our parent community. Our PAC is so positive, caring and hardworking in their efforts to make our school such a great place! Thank you! Classes and teachers are busy rehearsing for our Christmas Concert at the Alliance Church on December 14th at 6:30pm. As we approach the holidays, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful Christmas as we spend time with family and friends.

Regards,
Mrs. Petersen

STAFF WELCOMES / FAREWELLS

We are excited to welcome Ms. Martinello to Robertson Elementary. She brings with her much experience as an Education Assistant and we are excited to have her join our team.

And, to the musical inspiration, Mrs. Epp, we must say farewell. Mrs. Epp is retiring from teaching after 32 years working in the Chilliwack School District. She has been a classroom teacher in a variety of schools but her love has always been in teaching music. Mrs. Epp has sparked the creativity and passion for music in many Robertson students over the years. She will be missed but we wish her well on life's next adventure!

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be sent home the week of December 11th. Please take some time to celebrate the successes with your child and also encourage your child in the areas that he/she can continue to work on. We really appreciate your support and encouragement with your child's learning!

CALENDAR DATES

Fri, Dec 1	Deck-the-Halls Food Drive Starts PAC Hot Lunch (Subway) Neufeld Farm Order Pick-Up 2:15pm
Thurs, Dec 7	Div 1, 3, 11 + 12 Field Trip (Skating)
Fri, Dec 8	Movie Night 6:00pm Purdy's Pick-Up 2:15pm
Mon, Dec 11	Report Card's Issued
Thurs, Dec 14	Hot Dog Day Concert Rehearsal Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Fri, Dec 15	Div 11 + 12 Field Trip (Swimming)
Tues, Dec 19	Entrepreneur Fair
Thurs, Dec 21	Food Drive Pick-Up 9:00am
Fri, Dec 22	Spirit Day – PJ Day! SOAR Assembly 11:15am
Dec 23-Jan 7	Christmas Break
Mon, Jan 8	School Re-Opens



DECK THE HALLS

Today, staff and students spent time decorating the halls at Robertson and getting into the holiday festive mood. Christmas trees went up, doors were decorated and Robertson was a'jingling.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE / MITTEN TREE

Our staff and students began collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army today, Friday, December 1st. We are aiming at collecting as many items as possible to help those in need during the holidays. Food Drive pick-up from the Salvation Army will be December 21st at 9:00am.

We will have a Christmas Tree located in the main lobby for winter wear donations (mittens, scarves and toques). Let's see how full we can get our tree!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On the morning of December 14th, individual classes will walk over to the Chilliwack Alliance Church for a "walk through" rehearsal. As time is limited on this day, we will not be holding a full rehearsal, but will discuss seating and practice walking on and off the stage. *(continues on page two)*

(continued) The doors will open at **6:00pm** and the Christmas concert will commence at 6:30pm at the Alliance Church on Thursday, December 14th. Every class is sure to entertain you and fill you with the Christmas spirit. Teachers will contact parents regarding attire for the concert. Following the performances, the Alliance Church has graciously offered to host cookies and juice for the students and families again this year. We greatly appreciate the amazing support that is provided to us from the Alliance Church. Thank you!

HOT DOG VOLUNTEERS

ATTENTION! Robertson is in need of parent volunteers to help with Robertson’s Hot Dog Days in the New Year! Hot Dog Day volunteers would be in charge of making and bagging popcorn (normally the day before, depending on the amount of volunteers), making hot dogs and helping ensure the food is delivered to the students in each classroom. Hot Dog Volunteers are NOT responsible for counting money or tallying orders. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough volunteers for our Hot Dog Days in the New Year, we will be forced to cancel these days that students look so forward to and help fund incentives for the students! If you are interested in volunteering for any future Hot Dog Days, please contact [Mrs. Wodtke](mailto:Mrs.Wodtke) by email.

Tentative Hot Dog Days for the New Year:

January 18 th	March 15 th	May 17 th
February 15 th	April 19 th	

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information regarding Hot Dog Days vs. PAC Hot Lunch Days or visit the [Announcements](#) tab on our school website.

THE WINTER SEASON

As we officially enter the winter season, the weather has become considerably cooler and wet! Please ensure that your child is prepared for the weather and dressed appropriately for outside days. As there are many positive learning results when children have the opportunity to run, play and get fresh air, students will be going outside when there is a light rain or a chill in the air. We often have students wanting to wait in the school by the front office, which then causes a domino effect as other students see this modeling and they too want to wait in the school. **All students are asked to come dressed for the weather with warm coats and other appropriate clothing and to wait outside in the morning, unless we have called an inside day.** We expect our students to be outside at recess and lunch on most days. Inclement weather may impact school operations.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES



In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into the radio stations STAR FM (98.3FM) or THE DRIVE (89.5FM) to receive up-to-date information on school closures. Reports will start after 6:00 am and will be repeated often. These closures will also be posted on the Robertson Website.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent’s decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

STUDENT ABSENCES / HEALTH UPDATES

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping your children home if they are showing signs of illness. We are continuing to promote safe hygiene habits at Robertson and we have noticed many students taking the appropriate measures to prevent the spread of germs.

Just a reminder that if your child is staying home or will be arriving late to school to inform the office by calling 604-795-5312 and **leaving a message on the answering machine** or by using the [Safe Arrival Link](#) on our school website. Our secretary, Mrs. Wodtke, will continue to phone home for unexplained absences as part of Robertson’s safe arrival program. Thank you again for your continued support.

**DECEMBER NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY
MRS. DERHOUSOFF**

Scholastic Book Fair:
THANK YOU for being a part of the Scholastic Book Fair at Robertson! This is such a fun way to get books into the hands of children while providing our school Library with more student resources! Book Fair week is one of the highlights of my year, and I know many students look forward to this event at our school. I love seeing their faces peering in through the windows and door while I set it up and the excitement just grows each year! Thank you to the amazing staff and student volunteer team that helped with the Fair this year. A big thank you to everyone who made a purchase and helped make this year’s Fair a success. This year we brought in **\$3 447** and will be able to add many new books to our Library collection for your reading enjoyment!

Kiwanis Super Reader: Continue bringing back those signed planners to show me you are a Super Reader! We are very close to reading 100 days, so mark your calendars to remind

you that December 13th is the first day you can receive a 100 days of reading prize. Those who achieve 100 days of reading before January 9th will be recognized at the first Super Reader Assembly on January 15th at 12:45pm. Parents are invited to join us for this assembly. Please note that with two weeks off for Christmas Break, it does not leave many school days to bring your signed planners before this assembly. Anyone who achieves 100 nights after January 9th will be recognized at the second assembly in April.

Reading during Christmas Break:

At Robertson we recognize the importance of reading every day, so students may take their Library books home over the two week Christmas break. The holidays can be a busy time, so please take *extra* care to ensure your Library books are in a safe place and don't get misplaced or damaged. Please return all Library books the first week back to school in January. If you would rather your child NOT take a book home over the break, please inform your classroom teacher or [myself](#). Have a Merry Christmas and we will see you in the New Year!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin **January 15th**. More information about where and how to register will come soon!

PAC NEWS

Important Upcoming PAC Dates:

- Purdys Fundraiser pick up is Dec 8th @ 2:15
- No hot lunch for January due to the Winter Break

Robertson PAC have set up an account at Hofstedes Country Barn! Any purchases made, please mention Robertson Elementary School and we will get a percentage back of each purchase towards fundraising events.

Have empties to get rid of? Robertson Elementary PAC have an account at the Chilliwack Bottle Depot Ltd located on Trethewey Avenue. If you'd like to donate your money from your return please just ask to put it on the Robertson Account. The monies raised will be going toward our new playground! Please share this information with your friends and family!

Trying to Contact PAC? To keep up to date with the news and happenings at Robertson Elementary School, you can join the [PAC's Facebook](#) group by doing a search for Robertson PAC. You can also reach the PAC Executive Team by email at robertson-pac@sd33.bc.ca.

Community Corner

Chilliwack Christmas Parade

When: December 2, 2017 - 5:30 pm

For more info, visit chilliwackchristmasparade.com



Annual Eats and Treats Christmas Market

When: December 2nd, 2017

Where: The Farm Store – 4540 Simmons Rd

Price: FREE!

Get in the holiday spirit with some delicious eats and treats specially prepared by our very own Celine. Along with great samples from our in store vendors and a few food trucks to satisfy your taste buds, we will have a selection of local Artisans and Bakers to help check off your holiday shopping list.

Canada 150 Skating Day

When: December 10th, 2017 – 5:00-7:00pm

Where: Twin Rinks (rink 2)

Price: This is a free public event

On Sunday, December 10th, 2017, Canadians will be skating from coast to coast to coast! We are at home on the ice so let's lace up together to enjoy our favourite winter activity and bid farewell to a memorable Canada 150 year.

Santa's Toonie Skating Party

When: December 16th, 2017 – 5:00 – 6:30pm

Where: Twin Rinks

Admission: \$2.00 (skate rental \$4.00)

Ho ho ho! Santa is on his way to Twin Rinks and he wants to skate with you! Join us from 5:00pm to 6:30pm with Mr. Clause for a jolly old evening of family fun! Games and prizes to be won!

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