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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow, what happened to September?! Our first month flew by! During this time, we had great success with students adjusting well to the expectations and routines of their classrooms. Our school community continues to be strengthened through our student leadership, high quality instruction and incredibly supportive parents.

Our school's mission is to teach our children to be competent, caring people, who are well prepared for the future. At Robertson Elementary School, we are working collaboratively to create an inclusive learning community where students practice leadership and service at school, in the local community as well as the global community. This week our students showed this community mindedness through participating in the Terry Fox Run. We had our annual coin drive to raise funds to support the Terry Fox Foundation and will announce a grand total to the students next week.

Parental involvement is a very important aspect of every child's education and is the primary factor in a student's success at school. We know that learning happens best when teachers and parents work together as partners in a child's educational journey. **If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, you should first contact the classroom teacher.** There are many ways in which you can participate in your child's education journey. First and foremost, having open and consistent lines of communication with your child's teacher will help both teacher and parent stay informed and working together to support the child in their progress. Additionally, sharing your expertise, your talents in a certain field (e.g. visual arts, music, health, dance, etc.), volunteering to work in the classroom, assisting on field trips, participating in various school events, or joining the PAC are just a few ways that you can support your child and get involved in the school community... our door is always open and we welcome your support!

As we approach Thanksgiving, our staff would like to wish everyone a very special time spent with family and friends.

Mrs. Petersen

Calendar Dates

- Mon, Oct. 9* Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Tues, Oct. 10* Winter Wear / Grad Orders Due
- Sat, Oct 14* PAC Fall Market
- Mon, Oct. 16* School-Based Pro D Day (School Closed)
Interim Reports this Week
- Thurs, Oct. 19* The Great BC Shakeout
- Fri, Oct. 20* Provincial Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Tues, Oct. 24* First 50 Nights of Reading!
- Thurs, Oct. 26* Hot Dog Day
- Fri, Oct. 27* Kindergarten classes to Pumpkin Patch
SOAR Assembly 11:15 
- Sat, Oct. 28* Drive A Ford event
- Tues, Oct. 31* Halloween (costume or orange/black)
- Wed, Nov. 1* Early Dismissal 11:30

EARLY DISMISSAL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

A reminder that Thanksgiving is this weekend and school will be closed for the Stat Holiday on Monday, October 10th. We also have two Professional Development Days coming up on Monday, October 16th and on Friday, October 20th. Please note the Professional Development Day on Monday, October 16th is a school based Pro-D and not all schools will be closed.

This month interim report cards will be going home during the week of October 16th. We will be having an early dismissal at the end of this month: **Wednesday, November 1st**. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 pm. Your child's teacher will be contacting you with respect to setting up a time to discuss your child's progress.

SPORTS

Our soccer teams are up and running and we are looking forward to having a successful season filled with fun and great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Ladders and Ms. Pinning for coaching our soccer team!

STUDENT HEALTH

Just a reminder that if your child is staying home or will be arriving late to school to inform the office **before the first bell**, by calling and **leaving a message on the answering machine** or using our [Safe Arrival Link](#) on the Robertson Website to email Mrs. Wodtke and the classroom teacher. 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.

Cold and Flu season seems to be upon us so please keep your child home if he/she shows any symptoms of illness. We are trying to prevent the spread of germs by **promoting good hygiene such as coughing and sneezing into our 'arms' and washing our hands carefully and often.**

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Thank you parents for keeping your dog(s) on a leash and for cleaning up after your pet. Some of our students have a fear of animals and we also want to keep our grounds safe and clean. We also ask that if you meeting your child after school with a dog, please wait outside the building as dogs are not allowed in the congested hallways.

THE GREAT BC SHAKEOUT

On Thursday, October 19th, we will participate in the Great BC Shakeout Drill along with thousands of other British Columbians and hundreds of schools. The Great BC Shakeout website has a wealth of information pertaining to earthquake and emergency preparedness for both home and workplaces < <http://shakeoutbc.ca>>.

FUN FRIDAY

Robertson students will participate again this year in Fun Friday. We ask that the students come dressed for physical activity every Friday. The students are encouraged to wear their team colours. We want to be committed to our physical activity and therefore will be running **rain or shine**, however, if the weather is extreme, we will move inside for an alternate activity. As a staff, we have worked very hard at creating the time in the day to focus on building team spirit and to promote physical activity.

MEDICATIONS

If you require the school to administer any kind of medication to your child, an authorization form must be completed first. Please see the office to get the forms, which must be signed by the family doctor and parent.

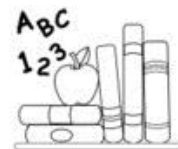
DRESS CODE

Our dress code began on Monday September 11th. T-shirts can be purchased at the office at a cost of \$8.00. In the event that a (loaned) t-shirt is needed, students will need to exchange their personal shirt for a Robertson shirt at the office.

Winter wear and Grad orders are due to your classroom teacher **Tuesday, October 10th** at 9:00am. No orders will be placed after this date. Please choose sizes wisely as no returns or exchanges are accepted.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

October is here and I hope you have found time in your daily routine to read for 15 minutes! Please remember to check off or highlight each day on the Super Reader Tracking Sheet, which can be found in your planner. You may also download a copy of the tracking sheet on the Library page of our school website. You can also find important dates on the website as well, including upcoming Super Reader Assemblies and the Scholastic Book Fair! If you started daily reading from the first day of school and have read *every night* you will complete **50 Nights of Reading on October 24th**. Bring your planner to the Library to receive a 50-night prize! Happy Reading!!!



I have a great group of students who have volunteered as Library Tech Helpers this year. Thanks to their willingness to volunteer, the library will be open to exchange a book during the first 20 minutes of the school day (8:30-8:50) from Monday – Wednesday as well as Mondays during lunch.

The Fraser Valley Regional Library is inviting students in Grades 4 and 5 to participate in this year's **Reading Link Challenge!** Participating students will commit to meetings at school, read up to six novels during their own time, and participate in a trivia challenges in the Spring. The titles of the novels will be released on November 1st!

PAC NEWS

The next Robertson PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at 9:00 am. All Robertson parents are members of our PAC and are encouraged to attend the meetings. PAC meetings provide parents with information about our school, a chance to ask questions or raise concerns and of course, a chance to become involved with our school.

Drive a Ford Event

Mark your calendars for the Drive a Ford Fundraiser Event on Saturday October 28th!

SOAR Store

The SOAR store will be open on Friday’s during lunch. All item’s are \$1.00. Please bring exact change.

Krispy Kreme Donuts

Keep your eyes open for a Krispy Kreme order form coming out soon! \$10.00 a dozen!

Trying to Contact PAC?

To keep up to date with the news and happenings at the school you can join the PAC’s Facebook group by doing a search for Robertson PAC or www.facebook.com/groups/233602203373220/815845785148856/ You can also reach the PAC by email at robertson-pac@sd33.bc.ca

ANNUAL FALL MARKET

The 6th Annual Fall Market will take place on Saturday, October 14th from 10am-3pm. We will have 40 tables inside our school gym and there are only a few tables left. Each 8ft table is \$25 plus a gift donation valued at \$10 for our door prize draw. All monies raised at our Fall Market will help pay for the Grade 5 & 6 Year End Celebration!! If you are interested in becoming a vendor please PM us at Robertson Elementary Annual Markets on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/events/1270195453089937
www.facebook.com/RobertsonElementaryAnnualMarkets



Community Corner

CHILLIWACK CORN MAZE

Challenge yourself to finding the one true way through our unique maze. You are provided with interactive passports that help lead you through the maze. Picnic areas, fire pits, jumping pillow, pedal carts, animal displays & much more!! From mid September pick one of our many varieties of pumpkins. Off hours available by pre-booking.

when: September 17 – October 31

time: Thursday 6:00pm-9:00pm

Friday & Saturday 11:00am-9:00pm

Sunday 11:00am-6:00pm

price: \$11.00 (children under 2, free!)

where: Chilliwack Corn Maze 41905 Yale Rd West

more info: www.chilliwackcornmaze.com

CHILLIWACK HOSPICE SOCIETY

C.H.S. is offering an 8 week after-school grief support group for children ages 4-13 who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend through death or who currently have a friend or family member dying.

phone: 604.795.4660

email: info@chilliwackhospice.org

web: www.chilliwackhospice.org

where: 7112 Vedder Rd

when: Friday’s 3:30-5:00pm Oct 20-Dec 8

STÓ:LŌ PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CLINIC

when: EVERY THURSDAY

counsellors: 2:00-7:00pm (last drop-in 6pm)

doctors: 2:00-5:00pm (last drop-in 4:30)

phone: 604.824.3219 or 1.844.827.2473

bus route: 1 Vedder and 5 Yarrow/Greendale

YOUTH KAYAKING

Come join the CCE Paddling Club for Youth Kayaking.

what: Our BC Summer Games Preparation Program will give you the skills to compete to the best of your ability in the July 2018 games and prepare you for future paddling adventures!

who: youth ages 11-15 keen to take on a new and exciting challenge. NO experience required.

when: Tuesday’s 6:00pm and Saturday’s at 1:00pm

where: Cultus Lake

cost: \$20/session OR \$250/8 week program

more info: www.ccekayak.com