



October 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we roll into October, I am pleased to share that our students have adjusted well to the expectations and routines of their classrooms. Staff are focused on meeting the students where they are and stretching them to achieve their best. 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 mindfulness through participating in the Terry Fox Run. We had our annual coin drive to raise funds to support the Terry Fox Foundation. With the generous support of Robertson families, we raised a whopping \$701.25! This is an all-time record for Robertson Elementary. Thank you to everyone for making this such a successful fundraising endeavor.

Parental involvement is a very important aspect of every child's education and is the primary factor in a students' 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

- Fri, Oct. 5* Pro-D Day
- Mon, Oct. 8* Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Wed, Oct. 10* Winter Wear / Grad Orders Due
- Thurs, Oct. 11* Hot Dog Day
- Fri, Oct 12* Div 4 & 7 Field Trip 10:30 – 12:30
- Thurs, Oct. 18* PAC Hot Lunch – Booster Juice
Div 1 – 3 Field Trip 10:10 – 12:50
Great Canadian Shakeout
- Fri, Oct. 19* Provincial Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Mon, Oct 22* Div 5 – 6 Field Trip 10:30 – 1:15
- Tues, Oct. 23* Div 4 & 7 Field Trip 9:00 – 12:15
- Fri, Oct. 26* Fun Friday Starts!!
- Tues, Oct. 30* Photo Retakes
- Wed, Oct. 31* Halloween (costume or orange/black)
- Thurs, Nov. 1* Early Dismissal 11:30
Parent/Teacher Conferences

EARLY DISMISSAL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

A reminder that Thanksgiving is this weekend and school will be closed for Professional Development Day, Friday, October 5th and for the Stat Holiday on Monday, October 10th. We also have a Professional Development Day coming up on Friday, October 19th. Please note the Professional Development Day on Friday, October 5th 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. Lodders 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.**

THE GREAT BC SHAKEOUT

On Thursday, October 18th, 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. 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.

DRESS CODE

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 **Wednesday, October 10th** at 9:00am. No orders will be placed after this date. Please choose sizes wisely as no returns or exchanges are accepted.

Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes on October 31st. We want this to be a fun, safe event. To ensure students are not frightened, we are asking there be absolutely no masks or face paint. Thank you.

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 23rd**. Bring your planner to the Library to receive a 50-night prize! Happy Reading!!!

We 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 Tuesday – Friday as well as the first 10 minutes of outside time at 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 at the beginning of November!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year is now open. The new online process provides parents and guardians an option to register their child at any time of the day, including during the summer break. This includes registration for kindergarten, French Immersion and out of catchment requests. Please note: you will be required to provide a valid email address and to upload a copy of the child's birth certificate and a proof of residency. For more information and FAQ, please visit [SD33 - Registration](#) or email ereg@sd33.bc.ca

CHILLIWACK COMMUNITY CUPBOARD SOCIETY

The CCCS is a non-profit organization that is available to families with children in school. They are able to provide clothing, food and house hold essentials at **zero cost** to families. The only stipulation is there must be children in school. They are open on **Thursday's between 9:00-11:00am**. They are currently fully stocked with winter items! They are located at 45635 Yale Road, Chilliwack. (in the old UFV building.)

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting

The October PAC meeting was held on October 4th at 6:30pm. The next PAC meeting will be held November 1st at 6:30pm. 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.

Coupon Books

Coupon books are now overdue! Please return unpurchased books to the office or submit the \$10.00 fee for lost or purchased books.

Annual PAC Fall Market

The Fall Market is on Saturday, October 27th from 10:00am – 3:00pm. There is 44 vendors! Any parents who would like to volunteer, please contact Tara McCarthy at robertson-pac@sd33.bc.ca Volunteers are needed for concession, admission, selling door prize tickets and takedown/clean up at 3:00pm.

SOAR Store

The SOAR store will be open on Friday's during lunch. All item's are \$1.00. All proceeds will go to our Grade 5 Year End Celebration Trip. Please bring exact change.

Trying to Contact PAC?

To keep up to date with the news and happenings at the school you are encouraged to join the Robertson PAC's Facebook group by doing a search for Robertson PAC or www.facebook.com/groups/233602203373220

You can also reach the PAC by email at: robertson-pac@sd33.bc.ca

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: \$12.50 (children under 2, free!)

where: Chilliwack Corn Maze 41905 Yale Rd West

more info: www.chilliwackcornmaze.com

CHILLIWACK HOSPICE SOCIETY

C.H.S. continues to offer 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

STÓ:LŌ PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

Health Services offers primary health care with on-site physicians for the **general public**.

Appointment hours- Mon-Thurs 8:00 am-4:00pm

Walk-Ins on Tuesday from 1:00pm-4:00pm

phone: 604.824.3219 to book an appointment

Please cut on dotted line and return bottom portion to the classroom teacher to ensure you're included in our mail outs.

I am not currently receiving emails from Robertson Elementary.
Please include me in all future newsletter and informational mail outs.

Students Name:

Parent Name:

Parent Email:

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