

October 2020

Dear Families,

As we head into our second month of school, we wanted to give you a 'month-at-a-glance' so you can see what is happening at Robertson Elementary!

October	
Thurs. Oct 1	Emergency Drill #1 (Fire Drill) - 1:10pm
Fri. Oct. 9	Emergency Drill #2 (Earthquake Drill) - 1:10 pm
Mon. Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day
Tues. Oct. 13	Individual Photo day
Thurs. Oct 15	Great Canada Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)-10:40 am
Mon. Oct. 19	UFV practicum students arrive for 4-week school experience with Mrs. Fast, Mrs. Webb, Mr. Ladders
Thurs. Oct. 22	SOAR Assembly
Fri. Oct. 23	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
Oct. 26-30	Student Learning Conferences (Teachers will be connecting with families to share the format for this year)
Thurs. Oct. 29	Early Dismissal @ 11:30
Fri. Oct. 30	Orange & Black Colours or Costumes

Now more than ever, we need **play** in our lives. **Attached** is a document that explains why play is important and questions you can ask that can spark curiosity and exploration as your child is playing.

What better way to play than on our new **playground**? Our school district maintenance staff have been busy all week preparing our site in order to build our new playground. It should be ready for us to use early next week! This playground would not have been possible without the years of fundraising and donations from our Robertson families. Thank you for all of your work in making this project a reality for our students! See our site being prepared!



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Nut allergies: At the moment, we do not have any students who have peanut allergies in our school so it is safe to send your child with peanut butter. If that changes, we will let you know.

Parking Lot: Thank you to everyone for collectively working to keep the traffic flowing safely in our parking lot each morning and afternoon. Our students' safety is our number one priority!

Communication: During these unusual times, our ability to connect face to face has been limited. This means that we have to be creative in our ways of communicating. Please feel free to call or email your child's teacher if you ever have any questions or concerns. We are here to support our families!

Staff hellos and goodbyes!

We welcome Mr. Brown as our new PE Prep teacher. Mr. Brown will work Tuesday to Thursday mornings until lunch.

We welcome back Mrs. Wodke (our office administrative assistant) as we say good-bye to Mrs. Foster who has done an amazing job jumping in to our September start-up!