



## January 2021 Newsletter

### Gratitude's to our community partners and supporters

During the last week of school before the holidays, we were able to support 27 of our families with either holiday hampers or gift cards. We are immensely grateful to our PAC, the Chilliwack Alliance Church, Valley Huskers Football Association, the SD 33 Aboriginal Education Department, Chilliwack Optimist Club and private donors for their support. COVID has impacted us in many ways – finances being one of the main ways. We realize that the financial impact of COVID will not disappear overnight. It will take a while for things to return to pre-COVID 'normal'. Please remember that as a school, we offer breakfast, lunch, and Starfish backpacks to support families with food when needed. If you are interested in any of these, please [email me](#) directly and I can give you the details.



In January, we are going to take the pledge to end words that promote exclusion and isolation. Instead, we are pledging to continue to build our inclusive community through showing each other respect, kindness, and compassion.

**SPREAD THE WORD  
TO END THE WORD**

**Kindergarten Registrations for 2021-2022** are now open! Please visit [SD33's Online Registration](#) if you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in September!

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** is our second annual **Change It Up Day**. Students will be bringing home more information this week. Forms are due January 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Library News

January 27<sup>th</sup> is Family Literacy Day. Check out this resource: <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>

**PAC News** – if you are interested in joining members of the PAC to brainstorm and plan this year's Grade 5 Celebration, please connect via the PAC Facebook page. More information regarding this and other upcoming events will be discussed at this month's **PAC meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6:30**

Zoom link:

<https://ufv-ca.zoom.us/j/64081478935?pwd=VFVVaUFaa3AxL3lwRWFDkVoTEJaUT09>



**Rainy Weather** – We are well into the soggy season but even so, we still need to get outside and breathe the fresh air! Please make sure your child is wearing clothes that allow them to be outside rain or shine! An extra pair of socks in their backpack might help for those days when feet get wet!

**Raptor Dress Expectations** – A reminder that students are expected to wear Raptor Wear Monday to Thursday.

Robertson Elementary Standardized Dress Expectation Clothing:

- \* School T-Shirt and Tank Top – available for purchase at the school office
- \* School Shirts worn Monday – Thursday
- \* **Sweatshirts – navy, royal blue, gray or black- no logos unless it is a Robertson logo**
- \* In cooler weather, students should wear a long sleeve shirt under their school T-shirt. The long sleeve shirt may be any color or they may wear a plain colored sweatshirt as outlined above
- \* Every Friday is regular clothing day and appropriate clothing may be worn
  - \* clothing must be suitable for classroom, gym and playground activities
  - \* does not display profanity, discriminatory language, drugs or alcohol

In joint discussions with PAC, staff and the school community the following are reasons why a decision was made to have a standardized dress expectation implemented at Robertson:

- \* to create a sense of belonging
- \* to create school community and sense of pride
- \* to create a focus on the person, not the clothes and to help students develop their talents
- \* to create a safer environment – Robertson students easily identifiable
- \* to reduce/eliminate judgement regarding clothing worn by classmates
- \* to avoid clothing battles in the morning and at stores
- \* to avoid the "Back to School" rush for new clothes

**This month's calendar:**

January	
Mon. Jan. 4	School re-opens!
Wed. Jan. 6	PAC Meeting (6:30 via Zoom)
Mon. Jan. 11	PBS Blitz #2 10:30 – 11:30
Fri. Jan. 22	Change It Up Day
Fri. Jan. 22	SOAR Assembly