

Newsletter #6 March 2017
LORD ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, March 8th - **PAC Meeting – 6:30pm in the Library**
Friday, March 10th – **Last Day of Classes before Spring Break**
Friday, March 10th – **Informal report cards issued for Grades K-2**
Monday, March 27th – **School Re-opens after Spring Break**
Wednesday, April 12th - **PAC Meeting – 6:30pm in the Library**
Thursday, April 13th – **School Immunization Clinic**
Friday, April 14th – **Good Friday (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
Tuesday, April 25th – **Class Group Photo Day**
Monday, April 17th – **Easter Monday (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
Wednesday, May 10th - **PAC Meeting – 6:30pm in the Library**
Friday, May 12th – **Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)**
Monday, May 22 – **Victoria Day – (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
Thursday, May 25th – **Spring Band Concerts (1:30 & 6:30pm)**
Wednesday, June 7th – **Early Dismissal 2pm**
Thursday, June 8th – **Early Dismissal 2pm**
Wednesday, June 14th - **PAC Meeting – 6:30pm in the Library**
Friday, June 23rd – **Sports Day**
Wednesday, June 28th - **Grade 7 Grade Ceremony – 9:30am & Boat Cruise (1:00 – 3:30pm)**
Thursday, June 29th – **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
Talent Show
Year End Awards

*****PLEASE NOTE - there will not be early dismissal on March 8th & 9th*****

SCHOOL WEBSITE ADDRESS

Please check our school website for information and dates: go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/Roberts

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

So much as happened in the first month back at school. Our students are in the process or have completed the FSA assessments, as we outlined in the information that was sent home. This assessment is for students in Grades 4 and 7 and assesses basic knowledge and skills in reading, writing and numeracy. As a provincially prescribed program, Grade 4 and 7 students are expected to participate in the FSA.

Students in Grades 4 and 7 will also be asked to complete the on-line Satisfaction Surveys, which ask general questions about students and families school experience. The survey takes about 5 to 10 minutes. Translations for parents will be available in 16 languages.

We would like to review some of our emergency procedures with our families. The Vancouver School District has two school-wide security alarm systems. The school-wide security alert system protects staff and students from a threat such as an intruder, when it may be more dangerous to leave the building than to stay in a locked room. These procedures will be used when we have strong evidence of a dangerous situation.

LOCKDOWN means a full lock down. Students will be gathered into locked classrooms, they will not be allowed to move around in the school, where staff and students will await further instructions from the office or from the Police. PARENTS AND VISITORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER OR EXIT THE SCHOOL.

HOLD and SECURE means a partial lock down. As much as possible, normal classroom activities will continue. Staff and students will be allowed to move around within the school. THE OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE LOCKED TO ALLOW MOVEMENT WITHIN THE SCHOOL, BUT NO ENTRANCE INTO THE SCHOOL OR EXIT FROM THE SCHOOL WILL BE ALLOWED.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Please go over the LOCKDOWN and HOLD and SECURE drills with your children. Please feel free to ask questions about these procedures.

We continue to remind students to treat others and this school with respect, and this includes the messages on their clothing. Technology, such as cell phones and gaming or music devices, should stay at home, as school is not responsible for items lost, broken or stolen. The VSB has an acceptable use policy for accessing technology and for using the Internet – technology is to be used for educational purposes, and we strive to ensure online safety. We ask that you support this as well and continue to share your expectations with your children.

MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS:

Should you wish to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress please call the office to leave a message for the teacher and/or set up an appointment with them before or after school, you can do this at any time of year.

GARDEN REBUILD

Thanks to our Grade 7 students along with Tupper Tech students under the guidance of Russ Evans for rebuilding our garden beds. The Grounds Department also did a terrific job revamping our garden space and putting in a new fence. Our PAC and parent community have been very supportive in helping to fund this project. Your support for the Taste of Thanksgiving Events along with private grants that we have received have all made this possible. Thanks to parent Danielle Neer and many others for making this a success! We anticipate the beds to be ready for planting sometime in April.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of our goals for this year is Social Responsibility. As part of our focus in this area, teachers have been working with their students on teaching positive values to help them be socially, emotionally and academically ready to learn. Our focus is: **respect for others and modelling fair play** → respect for each other, respect for guests, teachers, support staff and supervision aides, respect for school property, and respectful behaviour in the hallways.

ROBERTS' MUSIC PROGRAM

Ms. T welcomes and encourages students to participate in voluntary band rehearsals during lunchtimes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:35.

Roberts School: Allergy Awareness

Within our school community there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, and pistachios).

TRAFFIC REMINDERS

Please remember: do not park or drop-off students in the staff parking lot. Also, when dropping off children, please drive EAST on Comox; this will allow you to drop off your children at curbside. If we all drive the same direction we will keep our students safer. Thank you.

YMCA of Greater Vancouver

Spring Break Camps

Spring Break is a time for kids to be kids! It's a chance to play, to run, and to be free from the busy school schedule. That's why the YMCA offers day camps, so that every child can reach their full potential. Join us for fun-filled days of arts and crafts, games, sports and an opportunity to make new friends.

The nearest YMCA day camp locations to Lord Roberts Elementary are located at the Lord Roberts YMCA Kids Club and the Robert Lee YMCA.

Check out everything we have to offer online at gv.ymca.ca/camps

Register now!

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