

Newsletter #8 June 2017
LORD ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 7th – **Early Dismissal 2pm**
Thursday, June 8th – **Early Dismissal 2pm**
Tuesday, June 13th – **Volunteer Tea, Staffroom 11:00am – 12:00pm**
Wednesday, June 14th – **PAC Meeting – 6:30pm in the Library**
Friday, June 23rd – **Sports Day**
Tuesday, June 27th – **Grades 4 – 6 Awards Ceremony (9:15 AM in the Gym)**
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 – Grades K-3 11:15 AM – Grades 4-7 1:15 PM**

SCHOOL WEBSITE ADDRESS

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

ALBERT SCHWEITZER:

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.

It's all about learning, and "it is our collective responsibility to ensure the highest quality of learning experience for all students with a focus on student engagement, learning and development in a safe, inclusive environment" [Core Purpose of the Vancouver Board of Education]. We believe students should have the opportunity to develop their full potential as individuals and members of society. Students should be encouraged to achieve their personal best in school, maintain a positive sense of self-worth and develop social responsibility. We, at Roberts, are focusing on developing students' awareness and understanding of community values, how actions affect others, and how to solve problems in peaceful ways, as stated in our school plan. We constantly strive to increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

At ROBERTS, we share and care, we help each other, we respect others, our learning and this place, and we play fairly (Code of Conduct: 2017).

Principal's Message

School planning for the upcoming year has begun! Though it's still a few weeks away, we hope you will all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to having you return. To our new students and families, we welcome you to Roberts and to our West End school community. **Roberts is an exciting and electric place to learn!** We are filled with a diverse group of learners. Roberts is an International Baccalaureate school; for students in Grades 6 and 7, we offer the Middle Years Program. This is a project-based, cross-curricular global curriculum. If your children are going into Grade 6 or 7, please talk to teachers of these grades for more information. For our Kindergarten students, we run an alternate recess at 11:00AM, and the K's enjoy lunch with the Grade 1's from 12:40 to 1pm. For our parents and guardians, the Parent Advisory Committee meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Children whose parents are involved and active in the school often perform better and have greater success and satisfaction with their school experience. Roberts offers many programs and services and we hope you and your children will take advantage of them.

I hope you and your families enjoy the summer break. As summer routines can be very different from school-year ones, help prepare your children for back-to-school by discussing schedules such as bedtimes and wake-up times. Ensure that they are well-rested and that they are not hungry as they arrive at school. Each year is a big year for both our Kindergarten and Grade 7 students, and we will work to support our students as they enter and plan to exit Roberts School. My hope is that we all work together to support public education, as this is what helps our children develop into positive and contributing members of society.

Note Carefully: The Roberts' basketball court will be open each day for students to use and play on. The court will be locked by our afternoon engineers each evening at 8pm. We have received complaints from neighbours about the noise and garbage left behind, especially when the court is occupied late at night. Let's work together to ensure our children have a playspace and our neighbours are not inconvenienced by noise and garbage. Thank you.

Healthy snacks and Paper-bag lunches: September 2017.

The Province provides funding, through the CommunityLINK grant, to subsidize school lunch and breakfast programs for vulnerable learners. Every five years the school district reviews the program and the funding allocations. In 2015, the district identified priority needs through the 2014 Re-visioning Report for Inner City and CommunityLINK as approved by the Board of School Trustees. <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/plans-reports>

As we have done this year, we will continue to provide lunches for identified students. Together with several of our community partners, we provide snacks to support students who are hungry when they arrive at school. We want our students to be ready and able to learn.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORMS

Please note that if you will not be attending school on Tuesday, September 5th and therefore be late returning, it is extremely important that you complete a "Notice of Late Return" form (attached to this newsletter and available on the school website) and return this completed form to the office. We will still be organizing classrooms and need to know our numbers in order to have spaces available for your child(ren).

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.

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 behavior in the hallways.

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

Summer Break Camps

Spring Break is a time for kids to play, run, get outside and have fun with friends. For more than 100 years, the YMCA has provided camp adventures that help kids learn about themselves, grow in self-confidence and gain new skills in a safe and caring environment. From overnight camps with activities like archery, climbing, sailing and canoeing, to day camps full of out trips, arts & crafts sports and games-we have something for everyone. We hope you'll join us!

To learn more or register, visit:
gv.ymca.ca/camps



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and International Students

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horizons this summer



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Over 150 courses offered

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Story-writing through Active Play
Weird and Wacky Science
Summer Olympics
Getting Ready for Grade 8

Secondary courses include:
Art Exploration
Automotive Design
Sport Skill Development
Video Game Design

**International Students will
have the opportunity to:**
Make new friends
Increase vocabulary
Put knowledge into action

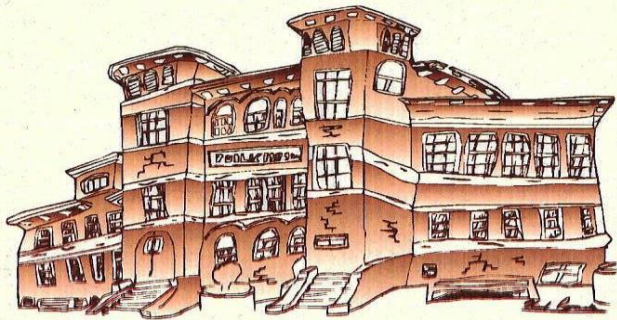
Elementary Program Locations
KERRISDALE, 5555 Carnarvon St.
ERIC HAMBER, 5025 Willow St.
LAURA SECORD, 2500 Lakewood Dr.
MOUNT PLEASANT, 2300 Guelph St.
NOOTKA, 3375 Nootka St.
TECUMSEH, 1850 E. 41st Ave.
WAVERLEY, 6111 Elliott St.

Secondary Program Locations
CHURCHILL, 7055 Heather St.
DAVID THOMPSON, 1755 E. 55th Ave.
ERIC HAMBER, 5025 Willow St.
JOHN OLIVER, 530 E.41st Ave.
PRINCE OF WALES, 2250 Eddington Dr.
POINT GREY, 5350 E. Boulevard
VANCOUVER TECH., 2600 E. Broadway

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SCHOOL FEES for 2017~2018

Important Information - Please translate

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информация! Переведите, пожалуйста

GENERAL \$25.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for **2017~2018** is \$25.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. The advantages of the Board providing families with supplies include convenience, cost savings through a one-time fee, and the standardization of supplies used in the classroom.

While parents and/or guardians are free to purchase school supplies for students and not pay this fee, please know that the \$25 school supplies fee does provide the necessary school supplies at a cost which is less than one would pay if these items were purchased independently.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

Student Agenda/Planner – \$5.00

Students will be using an Agenda/Planner in Grades 2 to 7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to purchase an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of time management and is a very useful communication tool of students and families.



Performance Fee – Not Applicable

We are pleased to enrich your child's learning with a variety of performances. This supplementary fee supports students with a particular talent and professional theatrical and musical performances with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution.

Activity Fee – fees will be asked for certain activities throughout the year

We will be offering activities such as hip hop, badminton and gymnastics for students this year. Parent support for this activity was confirmed last school year and we appreciate your contribution towards this opportunity.

Workbooks – as requested by the classroom teacher (ie. \$20 for Jump Math)

Some divisions may be offering practice workbooks, which will require a fee. This material will supplement the classroom program. The workbook will be available for purchase from your child's classroom teacher.

Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

Field Trips and Supplementary Learning Opportunities – Determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year, **and in particular at year end for Grade 7 camp and Grade 7 Grad**, your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment supplies. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. **If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school office.** All requests will be treated confidentially.

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2017 NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM

This form is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017** but prior to **September 29, 2017**.

Please note: If, by 12:00PM on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, the school cannot verify that your child will be in attendance by Friday, September 29, 2017, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

The School Phone is _____

The School Fax is _____

PLEASE PRINT

Dear Principal:

My child(ren) will be attending _____ School for the 2017-2018 school year, but **will NOT be in attendance in the school before noon on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Please reserve a space in your school for my child(ren).**

_____, in Grade _____ (Sept. 2017)
Last Name First Name

_____, in Grade _____ (Sept. 2017)
Last Name First Name

_____, in Grade _____ (Sept. 2017)
Last Name First Name

The expected DATE OF RETURN for our child(ren) is _____

Reason for late return: _____

Please note: Space will not be held beyond September 29, 2017.

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Day Phone (F) _____

Fax: _____ Day Phone (M) _____

Date: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Alternate Contact/Phone Number or e-mail _____