

Newsletter #10 29 June 2017
LORD ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 29th – ***LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS* Talent Show – Grades K-3 11:15 AM – Grades 4-7 1:15 PM**
Tuesday, September 5th – **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Classes from 9:00 – 9:30am**
Wednesday, September 6th – **Regular hours begin 9:00am – 3:00pm**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 5th is the first day of school and classes will be from 9:00 – 9:30am (only 30 minutes) It is **very** important that students attend the first day as we will begin organizing classes and need to make sure there is a spot available for your child(ren).

ON THE FIRST DAY

Current Lord Roberts Students - report to the class they were attending in June.

New Students Grade 1 – 7 - report to the gym

New Kindergarten Students – Letters will be mailed to students with a time report to the Library

SCHOOL WEBSITE ADDRESS

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

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.

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 improving the reading skills of struggling readers as stated in our school plan.

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).

We are already planning for the upcoming school year! We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and 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. Please talk to teachers of these grades for more information. For our Kindergarten students, we run an alternate recess time, and they 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.

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There have been several changes on staff and most likely will be some more. I would like to acknowledge the contributions and efforts of staff members leaving us for new opportunities.

THANK YOU's to: Ms Golinsky (Div. 4), Ms Michalowska (Div. 5), Ms Pearce (music and resource), Mr. Chai (Div. 10), the lovely and talented Mr. Taillefer (Div. 14), Ms Craig (Div. 19), Ms Nielsen (SSA), Ms Fischer (SSA), Mr. Baker (YFW), Mr. Chamberlain (VP) and myself (P). We are all moving on to other schools and other opportunities. Except Mr. Taillefer → *happy retirement*. Thank you to all, and a big "thank you" for all the good memories.

We want to welcome our new admin team: Ms Allison Kerr (P) and Mr. Doug Styles (VP). We wish them all the best.

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).

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.

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).

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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: _____

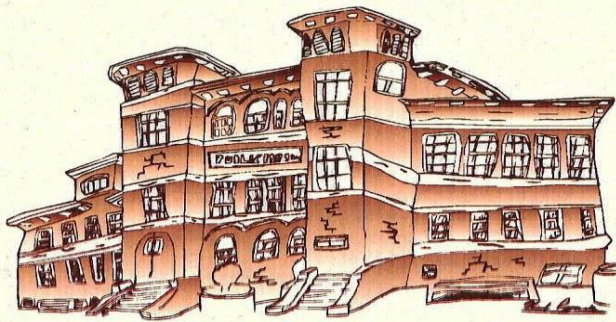
Home Phone: _____ Day Phone (F) _____

Fax: _____ Day Phone (M) _____

Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Alternate Contact/Phone Number or e-mail _____

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SCHOOL FEES for 2017~2018

Important Information - Please translate

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중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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Важная

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 have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

Performance Fee – Not Applicable

We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align 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.

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.

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.
