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Dear Parents/Guardians;

As educators we are committed to supporting lifelong learning. Under BC's New Curriculum, the core competencies have created a template to help formalize, deepen and communicate the exceptional work that is already going on in our classrooms. The core competencies along with literacy and numeracy foundations and essential content and concepts, are at the center of the redesign of curriculum and assessment. Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning.

At Roberts, the staff will be collaboratively working together to support mindful eating for our students. With this, the students will not be eating in large groups in our multipurpose room. Students will be eating their lunch in their classrooms from 11:55 am to 12:10 pm. Students will be discussing numerous competencies in their classrooms to support this specialized time. Specifically, students will be looking at their wellness, from nutrition to personal care. How will students feel in the afternoon when they take time to eat a full lunch in a peaceful setting? What foods do they need to eat to feel well and reach their best potential? Students will also be thinking about their ecological footprint along with social responsibility. Students will be asked to take home with them all waste that they bring to the school. We will be asking every student to have a litter less lunch. We will be supporting students in each class, to understand what a litter less lunch looks like and why it is important.

Thank you for continuing with these important conversations at home. Below is a link where you can find further information on the core competencies.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

We are looking forward to a healthy school year!

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