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The most valuable resource that Roberts' has is each other. Through our diverse community, our growth is limitless and so inspiring. We thank you for all that your family contributes each day, we are grateful.

~Allison Kerr and Doug Styles

## Students and Teachers Making a Difference

During the month of October, our Youth for Global Awareness club worked hard to raise \$259 to donate to our local Red Cross in support of people affected by hurricane Irma. They have also raised funds to support people who were affected by the BC wild fires and the recent earthquake in Mexico. To date, \$279 additional funds have been raised! Thank you for your leadership and compassion.

A shout out to Ms. Malone and Ms. Jones who just received a \$500 grant from VanCity to help with developing an outdoor classroom that they can take into our community! Stay tuned for an update in the months to follow. Congratulations!

## Incredibly Thankful

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful and we feel fortunate that we were chosen by KPMG's Family for Literacy Program with First Books. The focus of the program is to put new books into the hands of children. During the week of October 10 to 13, about 60 employees, family and friends of KPMG came to Lord Roberts to read with our primary students and share their love of reading. The students were fascinated as they listened and connected with the readers. Near the end of the session the KPMG readers presented a gift-wrapped book to each of our 340 primary children. Comments heard from the children included: "I love this book" ; "They were so kind"; "Reading makes you smarter" or "This book doesn't have a code (bar code from the library) I can keep it at home!"

Thank you to KPMG's Family for Literacy Program with First Books for their generosity of time and books!

As many of you know, Indigo books helped to support Roberts by donating money to our school from each book that was purchased by a Roberts' community member. With this fundraiser, our school has received \$4000 to purchase books for our school! Thank you to all who contributed and thank you to Indigo!

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed the Earth Rangers to give a presentation to all our Roberts's students. Earth Rangers is the kids' conservation organization, dedicated to educating children and their families about biodiversity, inspiring them to adopt sustainable behaviors and empowering them to become directly involved in protecting animals and their habitats. We are thankful to Shaw for bringing this presentation to Roberts through their generous donation.



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On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Aquabus from the Vancouver Aquarium will be visiting Roberts! We will begin our day with a full school assembly and presentation from the Aquarium. Throughout the day, students will be able to work with staff from the Aquarium to learn about the diverse marine wild life inhabiting our west coast. We are grateful to the Vancouver Aquarium for their generous full bursary that allowed this event to happen at Roberts, thank you!

Carousal Theatre will be hosting many of our divisions on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 tickets were donated to Roberts so that children can watch the play, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe! Many of our Intermediate students are studying this book this fall, so a timely event! Thank you Carousal Theatre for reaching out to us and making this happen for our children!

## What's Happening in our MYP?

One of our aims this year is to share with our community, what is happening in our Middle Years Programme (MYP). Currently, we are undergoing a self-study in preparation for the IB evaluation visit next year. It is a chance to reflect. Already we are beginning to realize the progress we have made from 2013!

We would like to invite parents and guardians to attend our MYP student led conference on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. This is a night to celebrate the achievements of our students! Our MYP team is eagerly looking forward to meeting each family to celebrate the learning of our students. Please mark the date in your calendars!

An additional note, Division 2 and 4 students had an amazing Vancouver Art Gallery experience last week and their masterpieces are displayed on our third-floor hallways, please free to enjoy them with your budding artists!

## Communicating Student Learning

Roberts is participating as one of the pilot school at the Vancouver School Board with how we communicate learning to our parents and guardians.

Teachers will be inviting students and parents to build ongoing conversations and celebrations that support and celebrate each child's learning.

Ongoing conversations will take form in many ways, from our goal setting conferences in the fall, to direct conversations with your child's teacher, to Gala and Winter celebrations in the upcoming weeks.

Additionally, there will be two formal written reports sent home to our families; a mid-year report distributed January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and a final report distributed June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. As discussed in previous communications, the shape of these reports will include language to support growth, marks and letter grades will not be used.

In the weeks to follow, specific detail will be sent out via the Vancouver School Board, outlining our pilot of how schools are communicating student learning (CSL) to our families.

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## Let's Get Ready to be Active!

Now that fall is well under way, the weather has changed from our mild temperatures in September. We would like to remind parents and guardians to check that their children arrive at school with rain gear to ensure that playing outside is always fun! Unless the weather is a full down pour, children will be asked to gear up and get outside to enjoy our fresh air during their recess and lunch hour. We also encourage our primary students to have a change of clothes left at the school. Please discuss with your child's teacher, routines that are already in place.

If your children have outgrown clothes, Roberts PAC will be accepting good condition outdoor clothing donations by the front office. PAC will be hosting a parent lounge in the weeks to follow to distribute these items. Please stay tuned.

The Heart of the City - Play Initiative is a project to reintroduce good ole fashion play to our youth at Roberts! In a world where several kids know play as looking at a screen, the goal of this project is to connect students with the elders of our community (parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles) to get outside and play. This will look different as the year goes on, but an example of activities could include: singing in the rain, hop scotch, jacks, pick up sticks, several other basic games where students will be constructing various games and playing. If you are interested in this project (either with supporting students in the construction of games, or in the actual act of playing) please contact Doug Styles at [dstyles@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dstyles@vsb.bc.ca)

## Technology at Roberts

It is true, students are to have their electronics off and out of sight while they are at school. This includes recess and lunch. If students do need to make an emergency call, they can use the phone at the school office. Thank you for your support with fostering healthy technology routines for our children.

## Out and About!

There have been many field studies at Roberts! In just the past month, students have been at the . . .

UBC Farm  
Vancouver Art Gallery  
Gulf of Georgia Cannery  
Capilano Fish Hatchery  
Canada Place Discovery Centre  
West End Community Centre  
Hillcrest Community Centre  
Southlands Heritage Farm and Pumpkin Patch!

We are grateful to be able to extend our learning into our community!



## November Upcoming Events

Please refer to our school online calendar at <http://lordroberts.vsb.bc.ca> for an up to date calendar.

Upcoming November Events:

- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Photo Retakes
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, PAC, 6:30 pm
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day Ceremony at Roberts
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, Curriculum Instruction Day, school not in session
- November 30<sup>th</sup>, Primary Winter Concert (K to Grade 3)

## A Note from Our PAC

1. Direct appeal
2. Holiday fundraising initiatives update
3. New Parent Lounge opening soon

Thank you to all parents and guardians for their support with making Roberts such a vibrant place of learning!