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Roberts is truly a brilliant place to be! We are struck by the collective energy, care, hope, resiliency and wisdom of this incredible community. Thank you to all for your support and patience as we move through our September start-up and into fall. We are looking forward to a great year!

~Allison Kerr and Doug Styles

## Students Making a Difference

Congratulations Roberts! Students raised \$2548.50 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation!

All students on September 28<sup>th</sup> participated in our Annual Roberts' Terry Fox Run, an enormous success. A huge thank you to the Vancouver Police Department and parent volunteers, for helping to keep us safe and to Mr. Landreth's class for their leadership in making our event such a success. 😊

## Communicating Student Learning

This year, Roberts is looking into participating in a district-sponsored reporting pilot project to support our new curriculum assessment and reporting. The goal of these efforts is to support student learning through meaningful communication between students, parents and teachers. We look forward to discussing this pilot project at our next PAC meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## Ready to Learn!

Now that it's fall and more clothes and preparation are needed to get out the door, we would like to encourage you to ensure you give enough time for your little one(s) to get out the door, to be on time and ready to learn at 9:00 am!

A reminder that classes are in session right until 3:00 pm. Please arrange for a pick up location outside of the school to meet your child after they are dismissed. The halls must be calm right until 3:00 pm to support the incredible learning that is happening in each of our classrooms.

Parents and Guardians are reminded that if they do need to enter the school between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, they are to sign in at the office to receive a visitor's badge.

Our school and our halls, during instructional time, need to be safe and calm. This environment supports all of us in our learning together.



## 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.

## Lunch and more at Roberts!

There are exciting things underway related to mindful eating, school gardening and food literacy at Roberts! Staff have formed a Food Literacy Committee to support staff with engaging students to develop “the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to choose, grow, prepare and enjoy food to support one’s health, community, and the environment.” (Healthy Schools BC food literacy definition).

For our Mindful Eating program, the staff are working on school-wide, monthly themes for mindful eating that make linkages to the core competencies and relevant curricular competencies and content. Stay tuned for October’s theme to be announced this week. Staff have also begun to discuss further how more students can become engaged in the school garden and food preparation activities throughout the school year.

## Gym Time and Staying Healthy

Thank you to our Roberts community for their patience as we have reorganized our schedule this fall. We are pleased to announce that each division will be able to have gym access each week. Students will continue to be active with the use of our field, sport court and undercover area throughout the week as well. Additionally, Roberts will continue to host workshops to support experiences such as dance, gymnastics and tennis in the months to follow. We are continuing to work with our many partnerships within our community to access shared space throughout the school year.

## Our Music Program at Roberts

Roberts continues to support our exceptional music program in their new space. As many of you know, most students in elementary school experience their music curriculum in their classroom. Roberts has been fortunate to have had a designated music room in which our music program has grown. This year, with all classrooms used for enrolling classes, Roberts continues to offer music to our students, with a specialized music teacher, in a separate music room rather than the classroom. The multipurpose room has been transformed, with the support of our District, to continue to offer the exceptional programming that we have always had. Thank you to all for helping with this transition.

# Roberts School

a safe and caring place of learning

## Together as a Community

Our Community Schools Team has been hard at work creating many opportunities for our children. After school programs are now starting. If you are interested, applications are to be returned in the box outside of the office. Students are selected on a lottery basis and will be notified if they were able to secure a seat. Payment is taken on the first day of the program.

Please continue to refer to our website for more details and application forms: <http://lordroberts.vsb.bc.ca>

## October Upcoming Events

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

Upcoming October Events:

- October 5<sup>th</sup>, School Photos
- October 10<sup>th</sup>, Grade 6 Immunizations
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, PAC, 6:30 pm
- October 16<sup>th</sup>, Earth Rangers, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, Grades 4-7
- October 17<sup>th</sup>, ArtStarts Presentation, Gerald Laroche, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Grade 1-3
- October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Early Dismissal, 2:00 pm
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, Professional Development Day (school not in session for students)
- October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween!

## Reporting an Absence

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call: **604-713-5159**.

You will be prompted to give **Robert's School Code: 72**

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