

ÉCOLE ROBB ROAD ÉLÉMENTAIRE / Comox Valley School (SD71)

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The RR Weekly - September 9th - 13th

Dear Robb Road Families,

We had a wonderful first week of school! There were lots of smiles, an abundance of energy and an eagerness to learn and grow. All signs point to another exciting year at École Robb Road! Here are a few items for your consideration this week:

1. Meet the Teacher Night – Teachers will be hosting parents and guardians in their classrooms this Tuesday, September 10th. There will be 2 classroom sessions, one at 5:00 and another at 5:15. This will allow parents to visit 2 different classrooms. Please note that gr. 6/7 classes will begin at 4:45 pm and there are no classroom sessions for Kindergarten. At 5:30, parents will be called into the gym for a brief introduction to staff, an overview of the school year and a presentation from your PAC.

2. Comox Rec Centre Parking Lot – will be closed Monday and Tuesday as they'll be repaving.

<u>3. Allergies / Nuts / Peanuts</u> - Several students and staff at École Robb Road have severe allergies to tree nuts and peanuts. Please avoid sending these to school with your child for snacks or lunch. If your child consumes nuts or nut products before school, please ensure their hands and faces are washed before coming to school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. A few peoples' lives depend on it!

<u>4. Terry Fox Run</u> – On Friday, September 20th, students will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. K-2 students will run around the back field while gr. 3-7 students will run a route through the neighbourhood. Runners will depart school just after 1:30 pm. Parent volunteers are needed to ensure safety along the neighbourhood route (grades 3-7). Please e-mail me at stephane.leblanc@sd71.bc.ca if you can be a safety volunteer for the neighbourhood run. Also, please consider making a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation by clicking on the school's fundraising page here: Link for donation. We'll also have a Twoonies for Terry donation box at the office.

5. Message from your PAC

* Join us for the first PAC Meeting of the year at 6pm Tuesday, September 10th!

The ERR PAC will hold their first meeting of the year, in the library, right after the Meet the Teacher night! We've got childcare available too! Tuesday's agenda can be found here, along with all past agendas, minutes, and budgets if you are curious!

We look forward to working with you this year! If you have any questions, please reach out to us at chairerrpac@gmail.com.

* SALAD BAR - Volunteers needed! Email RobbRoadHotLunch@gmail.com

We are very excited to be planning ERR's Salad Bar Program again this year!

What is the Salad Bar Program? This meal will offer a wide array of fresh vegetables and fruit (local when available), protein (beans, hummus, tofu, cheese, seeds, hard-boiled eggs) and whole grains (pitas, pastas, corn tortillas, buns, rice) with fresh homemade salad dressings.

The day of meal service will be **Tuesday** and offered to students in **Grade 1-7**.

We do not have enough volunteers to run this delicious and nutritious program for the students at the moment. Shifts are either on Monday (grocery pick up, prep) or Tuesday (prep, meal service, clean-up) of the week it's offered.

Volunteer schedule is built based on your availability. We need at least 12-14 volunteers each week and every shift is no longer than 2.5hrs.

If you can help even one day this year, please email Hiroko RobbRoadHotLunch@gmail.com as soon as you are able to.

We will determine if we can run the program this Fall once we have enough volunteers. It takes a village to run a salad bar!

- <u>6. School supplies</u> Please remember to send \$20 to <u>robbroad@sd71.bc.ca</u> for school supplies and include your child's name. Families requiring financial assistance to pay for school supplies may contact any staff member.
- **7. Student Information Verification Forms** Please return the completed Student Information Verification Form that will be sent home with your child later today/early this week. These forms are important in ensuring we have student medical information and the correct contact information for parents and guardians.
- **8. Dogs** Thanks for keeping your dog leashed at all times on school property, especially during crowded arrival and dismissal times. Also, if your dog is a jumper/ biter or barks at people / other dogs, stay away from crowded areas.
- <u>9. Bikes Around School</u> We've seen a few close calls with both adults and kids riding their bikes around crowded areas at arrival/dismissal times. While we absolutely encourage biking to school, we ask that bikes be walked around the grounds and on the sidewalk at arrival time in the morning and dismissal time in the afternoon.

<u>10. Lost and Found Donations</u> – At the end of June, we bundled up the remaining lost and found items and sent them off to help <u>families</u> in Ecuador. Thanks to the Garces family for arranging these donations!

11. Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 10th – Meet the Teacher Night (5:00 – 6:00 pm)

Tuesday, September 10th - PAC Meeting at 6 pm after Meet the Teacher Night

Monday, September 16-20 – Consent Week

Friday, September 20th – Terry Fox Run (1:30 run start)

Monday, September 23rd – Friday, September 27th – Truth and Reconciliation Week

Wednesday, September 27th – First Cross Country Race @ Puntledge

Friday, September 27th – Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30th – No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Wednesday, October, 2nd – Student Photo Day

Monday, October 14th – Thanksgiving – stat. holiday – no school

We look forward to our first full week together and to greeting all 61 Kindergarten students Thursday.

Have a great week!

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Stéphane LeBlanc Directeur/Principal École Robb Road Elementary

I respectfully acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Pentlatch, E'iksan, Sahtloot and Sasitla Peoples (K'omoks First Nations) and am thankful for the privilege of living on the land and the gift of working with their children.