



Dear Robb Road Families,

We hope you enjoyed the hot and sunny Labor Day long weekend. All École Robb Road staff will be gathering Tuesday to prepare for an exciting school year for your children. We eagerly await students' return to school Wednesday morning. Here are information items for the first week of school.

**1. Non-Instructional Day** – Tuesday, September 3rd is a Non-Instructional Day. NO SCHOOL for students.

**2. New students/families (gr. 1-7)** – New Grade 1-7 students and families are invited to a visit and orientation session on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:30 pm. Meet at the school's front doors.

**3. First morning of school** - Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:40 - 11:45 am (new Kindergarten students do not attend). Students will go to their new classrooms.

**4. Class placement** - 2024-2025 student/class placement will be communicated to families via email late afternoon/early evening on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that office staff and teachers will not be able to give out class placement information before it is emailed on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to check your email Tuesday evening / Wednesday morning for up-to-date information on class placement and where to meet your child's new teacher.

The determination of which students go into which classes is a complex task that has taken lots of time. Staff consult with one another and class lists are created with the overarching goal of trying to do what is best for each learner. Some of the factors that go into making a class list include; social emotional needs, learning needs, classroom support opportunities, gender and age balance, number of students and group dynamics. As such, we ask that if you have a concern about your child's classroom placement, please be patient and allow for an adjustment to the new learning environment. Many times, initial disappointment dissipates, problems iron themselves out and students adapt quite well to their new classroom environment. Although we may consider making a classroom change if there are extraordinary circumstances, due to all the factors mentioned above we cannot guarantee a change can or will be made.

**5. Second day of school and beyond** - Thursday, September 5th from 8:40 - 2:30 (regular schedule for everyone - except Kindergarten).

**6. School Supplies (K-7)** - School supplies will be centralized through each classroom and have been subsidized by the Ministry of Education and SD71 through Student Affordability grants. They have provided 20\$, which means parents are asked to pay the remaining **20\$**. You can pay via cash or cheque but e-transfer is preferred at [robbroad@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:robbroad@sd71.bc.ca). Please be sure to write School Supplies 24-25 and your child's name. As always, parents are still expected to provide a backpack, lunch kit and water bottle. Families requiring financial assistance to pay for school supplies may contact any staff member.

**7. Care on the roads** - Wednesday is back to school in all Comox Valley neighborhoods and as such, please take care while driving. It will be very busy around École Robb Road around drop-off and pick-up times so please consider parking a few streets away and walking a few extra minutes.

**8. Allergies / Nuts / Peanuts** - 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!

**9. SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival Communication System** – We will continue using the SchoolMessenger tool to communicate student absences. We encourage all families to sign on to this system to facilitate efficient communication of student absences. [Click here for more information](#).

**10. Early pick ups** - To pick up your child who is leaving early, enter at the main door and sign in / out your child through the office. Please arrange for this through the teacher and office in advance by emailing [robbroad@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:robbroad@sd71.bc.ca) and your teacher.

**11. Student medication** - If you have medication for your child, please contact the office to fill out the appropriate paperwork and have it available through the office.

**12. Drop off and pick up at ERR** - Our school is a buzzing, friendly place! We ask that you have a family meeting spot to find one another easily. Please make sure you go over safe travel plans with your child that include road and crosswalk safety, as well as walking around (rather than through) school parking lots. Kindergarten parents will be asked to drop off and pick up directly from the teacher.

**13. Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, September 3rd** – Non-Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS) +  
New student / family orientation @ 2:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 4th** – First Day of School for students (8:40 am – 11:45 am)

**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – First full day of school – regular hours from 8:40 – 2:30 pm

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Meet the Teacher Night (5:00 – 6:00 pm) + PAC Meeting at  
6 pm

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** – Terry Fox Run

**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Orange Shirt Day

**Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**Wednesday, October, 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Student Photo Day

The fun begins!

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