

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



April Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER

April

Tuesday, April 15th

Ready, Set, Learn Event for incoming Kindergarten families – 9:30-11:30am

Thursday, April 17th

Hot Lunch Day – For those students who have pre-ordered

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday- No School

Monday, April 21st

Easter Monday - No School

Tuesday, April 22nd

Earth Day

Wednesday, April 23rd

Administrative Assistant Day
(aka Secretary Day)

Thursday, April 24th

Jump Rope for Heart
Performance @ 9:15am in Gym

Friday, April 25th

Pro-D Day – No School

Monday, April 28th

Federal Election Day
All Day

Tuesday, April 29th

Ukelele Jamboree @ 10:30am

600 Fairview Street
Coquitlam, BC V3J 4A7
(604) 939-2486

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/roystibbs/Pages/default.aspx>

MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

Welcome back from Spring Break! Families are reminded that we have a west coast recess and lunch. Since the spring weather can often be quite wet, we remind students to dress appropriately so they are comfortable playing outdoors on days when it is raining. We also encourage staff to take classes outside as children thrive with fresh air and being in nature as well as enjoy playing and gardening outside; Families are encouraged to spend time perusing the gardens around our school site and use them as a learning space for our children. It is important we teach them to value the land and continue to encourage environmental stewardship.

We are happy to report our Kindergarten students have full range on the playground with the exception of the “forest” area; no more pinnies! The joys of almost being Grade 1 students; it s big deal!

As the flowers bloom and trees blossom, an abundance bees frequent our grounds. To the Coast Salish, the bumblebee is a symbol of hard work and teamwork. Bumblebees help pollinate plants, which means they help flowers and food grow. This is very important for the Coast Salish because they rely on these plants for food and medicine. The bumblebee reminds us that everyone has a special role to play and that working together makes us stronger.

The return (although sporadic) of sunshine this past week has given children renewed energy and it has been wonderful to see and hear joy on our playground on those days. Staff has reintroduced outdoor games such as, Cornhole and Connect Four giving more options for the children on our playground. Our grounds feel very much alive at break times! Children are reminded that baseballs, baseball bats, lacrosse sticks and balls are not appropriate playground equipment for school. Badminton has made its resurgence during break time, children are reminded that they must play on the the black top or fields only. Our Grade 4 and 5 students have been practicing their running in preparation for **Como Lake Relays** held on April 17th, 2025. Thank you to the many teachers supporting the practice and preparations for this fantastic event. Thank you to our PAC for purchasing a new beautiful Roy Stibbs tent to shelter in if it rains! **Track and Field** will begin for Grade 3-5 students in the upcoming weeks. Track Attack will provide exposure to a variety of events culminating with the District’s Track and Field Meet on May 23rd, 2025 at Percy Perry Stadium.

Jump Rope for Heart skipping has begun for showcase celebration for our parent community to enjoy on **Thursday, April 24th @ 9:15am** in our Gym. Families are encouraged to help us reach our goal of \$1000.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Please use the link found [here](#) to make a donation in the name of our Roy Stibbs Community. Go Team Stibbs!

A busy, activity filled April; Looking forward to it!

Sincerely,
Britt Walton

CLASS PLACEMENTS > 2025-2026

In May and June of each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year. Plans are tentative, as enrolment can change over the next few months which necessitates the need for flexibility in our planning. The process of assigning students to classes will be happening over the next few months, however, is not finalized until September 2025 for the upcoming school year.

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional, and academic needs is aligned with the creation of balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided as a team, including the School Based Resource Team, a child's current teacher, non-enrolling teachers, support staff, and administration. This professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways.

In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process include but is not limited to:

1. Workable instructional groups considering:

- the child's academic needs and strengths;
- teaching and learning styles;
- the child's work habits.

2. Positive social groups considering:

- placements where a child can work positively and productively with other children in the class;
- peer support or conflicts;
- establishing the presence of positive leaders in each class;

3. Balanced classes considering:

- students with exceptionalities
- English acquisition learners
- social, emotional and academic needs and abilities
- leadership abilities

4. Other Information considered:

- School-Based Resource Team recommendations

If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or the principal, does not have and you wish for the team to consider when placing your child, parents are encouraged to *email the Principal directly outlining those considerations BEFORE May 15th, 2025. It is important that all communications be in written form. Emails received after May 15th will not be considered for student placement for the next school year. Please make subject line read "Class Placement Consideration for 2025-2026"*

Please note: Teacher preference will not be considered for student placement.

Please consider the placement criteria referenced above when describing your child's needs. Please describe a learning environment that may suit your child's learning style/needs (social, emotional and/or academic). If you are requesting placements that involve other students (one or two at most) please think carefully before making your request and provide an explanation for that request. Please focus on the needs of your child. The information that you provide in your email will be given to the team of professionals described above, to be used along with the criteria listed above in the placement of your child. ***Please note that it may not be possible to meet all requests as classes are determined. Teacher assignments are tentative and subject to change, along with enrolment and school organization changes.***

GRADE 4 PARENTS > YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

The Student Learning Survey has been administered annually in BC public schools since 2001. It is the only source of province-wide information on in-school process and the learning environment. In addition to providing planning data for districts and schools, the survey has been used by the Representative for Children and Youth to report on the wellbeing of youth in BC, by the Ministry of Health to support healthy school initiatives and by other organizations.

The survey takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. This is an opportunity for feedback online. **Parents of students in Grade 4** are invited to participate voluntarily. If you are interested, please click [here](#) and under the Parent Section, select > *School District 43 Coquitlam* and select school > *Roy Stibbs Elementary* to provide your feedback. **Please note that the survey is available in approximately 16 languages; please select the language of your choosing.** This survey will be available for your completion by the end of April 2025.

Thank you for your time and valuable feedback. Your voice matters and your thoughts and ideas are valued.

IMPORTANT GRADE 5 YEAR END EVENTS

What an exciting time for our Grade 5 children! The transition to middle school can evoke both feelings of nervousness and excitement in our children. We also recognize June to be a busy time of year for our families. In an effort to be helpful and avoid unnecessary disappointment, below is a detailed list of the events for Grade 5 children. Please ensure you pay attention to all school communications moving forward; detailed information will be sent out closer to the event dates:

April 16th @ 1:15pm > Banting Middle School Presentation for Grade 5 Students @ Roy Stibbs Gym.

June 5th @ 9:00am > Grade 6 for a Morning – All Grade 5 students will go to their assigned Middle Schools.

June 13th – Cultus Lake Waterpark (All Day)

June 25th, 2025 – School Leaving Ceremony – Start Time: 9:15am in the Gym

Doors open no earlier than @ 9:00am. In an effort to have our entire Grade 5 class together with their school community, and to maintain a comfortable and safe environment for all, we are respectfully **limiting the number of guests per student to two.** We encourage our families should they wish to celebrate with extended family, that they make celebratory plans for afterschool. Thank you for your understanding and consideration. Should you have special considerations for seating, please contact Ms. Walton at bwalton@sd43.bc.ca before June 18th, 2025.

June 25th Grade 5 Leaving Lunch in the Gym @ 12:15pm

Grade 5 students will receive a complimentary lunch to celebrate their achievements! **More information to follow closer to the date** 😊

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN MAY 7TH, 2025

Welcome to Kindergarten will be held in two sessions this year! We are excited to host the incoming Kindergarten students and their parents in the Gym. We respectfully ask that you make previous arrangements for childcare for their siblings to limit the attention to our school age children as well as, be mindful of capacity.

All incoming Kindergarten students' families will participate in a presentation to provide families with a sense of what Kindergarten is like at Roy Stibbs Elementary, what to expect and how to prepare our children. The Kindergarten teachers will be facilitating activities so that the Kindergarten children can begin to establish positive relationships with them. Students will also receive a Welcome to Kindergarten bag filled with wonderful materials to support early learning and learn about fun preparatory activities they can do at home with their child. We are excited and look forward to welcoming our new families!

We will also be hosting some **Chalk, Bubble and Playtime** a few times between May and June. Be sure to watch for those! The more your child can establish positive connections with the school the easier the transition will be!

The district is also hosting a **Ready, Set, Learn Event on April 15th from 9:30am – 11:30am** in our school Gym. Feel free to stop on by and join in the fun!

AFTERSCHOOL PLAY

We recognize that the weather is getting better and that older children are gaining their independence as they prepare to transition to middle school. It is our expectation that when school ends, if unaccompanied by an adult, older children leave the school grounds and report home first and return to the playground with parent permission. Although staff are still in the building after dismissal, teacher supervision ends at 2:45pm and we after that time, are not responsible for children's whereabouts and safety. Once children are in the care of their parent, parents are to be supervising their children. Should your child have extenuating circumstances in this regard, please contact Ms. Walton as you normally would for all children. Please ensure children do not climb trees on school property. Additionally, when children are riding scooters, bikes, rollerblades etc, they must be wearing a helmet.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Summer Camp Opportunity in our SD43 Community Schools



Dates: Monday, June 30 - Friday, August 8, 2025 (No camp on Statutory Holidays)

Time: 8:45 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$250 - Includes Snacks and Lunch

For Students currently in Kindergarten - Grade 5

[Click here for Summer Camp Information](#)

For any questions, please contact the designated school coordinator:

James Park: Jorge, Silvia

sjorge@sd43.bc.ca

Miller Park: Liles, Delphina

dliles@sd43.bc.ca

Central/Pitt River: Nurani, Neelo

nnurani@sd43.bc.ca

MOVING? NEW NEIGHBOURS?

It is very important that we have an accurate picture of the families that will be attending Roy Stibbs next year. **If you are planning on moving in the summer or not returning to Roy Stibbs in September**, we would ask that you call the office (604-939-2486) or e-mail (roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca) to let us know.

If you are aware of families that have recently moved into the neighborhood who would like to attend Roy Stibbs next year, please ask them to call or email the office as soon as possible.



ATTENDANCE/ LATE STUDENTS/ PICKING STUDENTS UP EARLY

- If your child will be absent/ late for any reason, please send an absence report (link is on our school website under “Quick Links”), phone the office at 604-939-2486 or email Mrs. Tipper at roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca before 9:00 a.m. We have an answering machine to pick up the messages if you call before 8:00 a.m.
- If your child is late – please come with them to the office to check in and pick up a Welcome Slip to take to their classroom teacher.
- If you are picking up your child earlier than the regular dismissal time, please phone the office when you arrive, and we will call them down to meet you.
- We need to make sure they have been signed in or out for safety reasons.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Please provide a nutritious snack and lunch that is easy for your child to consume. Please do NOT plan to drop off lunches later in the day – this is an unnecessary complexity when we have over 240 students. Of course, there may be a rare occasion when you must do this due to illness or mix up, but please teach your child to check for their own lunch/water bottle/snack etc. before you leave home! All eating will be done inside (before play time). There is no sharing food or drink with others. **If your child requires any utensils in their lunch, please make sure to pack them in your child’s lunchbox.**

WEST COAST RECESS/LUNCH

At Roy Stibbs we are committed to providing our students with many opportunities to play outside. Your children will be going outside on many days when it is raining; we call this **West Coast Recess/Lunch**. Please ensure that your child has a good raincoat, proper footwear, a hat, gloves, and umbrellas during the coming fall and winter months. If you need any assistance with accessing proper clothing, please contact us at the office.

