

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



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January Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER

January

Monday, January 6th

First Day back for Students after Winter Break

Thursday, January 9th

Hot Lunch Day- for those students who have pre-ordered

Program of Choice Opens online @ 9:00am (note closes online Jan 15th @ 4pm)

Thursday, January 16th

PAC Meeting

Thursday, January 23rd

Popcorn Day – for those who have pre-ordered

MDI facilitation the week of **January 27th – January 30th** for Grade 4 students.

Friday, January 31st

Pro-D Day – No School

February

Wednesday, February 4th

Kindergarten Registration (for children born in 2020) begins!

Wednesday, February 12th & Thursday, February 13th

Early dismissals @ 1:45pm to accommodate Student-Led Conferences

MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We sincerely hope this finds you and your family in good health and having had some rest during the winter holidays.

As we return to school, we are continuing to be mindful of our hygiene/hand washing as well as respiratory etiquette among students and staff. Families are reminded to assess their child/children before attending school each day for any symptoms of the flu, cold and/or gastrointestinal issues. Although it can be difficult to decipher between allergies and legitimate sickness, we ask families to continue to make the responsible decision in preventing unnecessary spread of such illnesses.

Roy Stibbs continues to welcome many new families into our catchment and school. We are very proud of the leadership demonstrated by our existing students to welcome, embrace, and build positive connections with our new students to make the transition easier. Staff continue to reference and reinforce our important 4Bs with all our children > Being Safe, Being Kind, Being Positive and Being Yourself.

September to December was a busy time as there were many student activities including extracurricular activities and school wide events like our community barbeque, Harvest Hop dance party, and our Cold Snap music performance etc. We would like to extend a sincere thank you for all the support our PAC executive and parent volunteers who supported a yet again a wonderful and exciting Pancake Breakfast and the several fundraising initiatives. What a wonderful way to end before our Winter Break!

We look forward to honouring Black Excellence Day on January 15th and Lunar New Year celebrations on January 29th.

Student-Led Conferences are upcoming next month, and families are reminded of early dismissal on February 12th and February 13th @ 1:45pm.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Ms. B. Walton – Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration Period: February 4th to February 6th. Please see the school district website for more information (www.sd43.bc.ca) for the list of documentation needed to register. If you have any questions please email roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca

CROSS-CATCHMENT PROCESS

- Cross Catchment Application (Feb 7 9am to Feb 12 4pm). Application forms will be available on the main SD43 page (www.sd43.bc.ca) between **Friday, February 7, 2025, at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, February 12, 2025, to 4 p.m.**
- Applications will be processed based on the availability of space in schools and on a **RANDOM DRAW PROCESS**. (using in-district priority then out-of-district)



TRANSITION INTO KINDERGARTEN
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15TH



School District 43 in partnership with Kinsight invite parents and caregivers of preschool aged children with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session focusing on what to expect as your child enters Kindergarten. We will discuss how you can be involved to help make the transition successful for your child, and we will highlight how we will collaboratively work together to ensure your child is feeling connected and successful as they embark on their educational journey.

When: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)
Location: Education Learning Center Room B103/104
1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam



Questions? Please contact Colleen Lambert at colambert@sd43.bc.ca
Please note, registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register

To register: [Registration for Parent Information Sessions](#)

MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI):

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a questionnaire that asks **Grade 4 children** about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences inside and outside of school. It is not a test for reading, writing or math. The MDI gathers important information from children's points of view in regard to their social emotional development, sense of connectedness, school experiences, physical health and well-being as well as, their use of out of school time. The MDI will be conducted between January 27th to January 31st, 2025, at Roy Stibbs. Attached you will find an information sheet about the MDI and how the information is used in education. The MDI is voluntary. Your child may skip questions or stop the survey at any time. Participating or not participating in the survey will not affect your child's grades. It will not affect any services that your family receives from the school or school district. **Parents are reminded to return the reverse consent form that was sent to parents on Jan 6th, 2025, should they wish to withdraw their child.**

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY (SLS):-

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 processes 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.

THANK YOU FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST DAY!

A BIG THANK to the volunteers at our Pancake Breakfast in December and a BIG THANK YOU to Mr. King, Mr. King Sr, Mr. Ciolfitto, and Mr. Jackson for volunteering to make all the pancakes.



THANK YOU FOR FESTIVE MINGLE JINGLE DAY!

We express our gratitude for the assistance and leadership we received from Centennial Highschool Teacher Ms. Chambers and her senior leadership students who planned and facilitated many fun activities in the gym for our children on the afternoon of December 19th. It was definitely a good time for all and built some wonderful community connections! Thank you.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

We believe it is important for us to communicate with you consistently and regularly for you to be aware of what is going on at school and to keep you involved. To keep up to date be sure to read our newsletter or check the school website at:

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

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.

HEAD LICE

During these colder months we sometimes see a rise in the number of cases of head lice. Although checking your children's hair should be a regular part of grooming, to help stop the spread of these pests; please check your child carefully for the next couple of months. You will need a bright light to do this. If you find lice and/or nits (lice eggs) on your child's head, treat it as necessary before your child returns to school.

How do I check for lice?

Because lice are tiny, mobile, and hard to spot, it's easier to look for their eggs (nits) rather than the bugs themselves. Live nits can be difficult to spot because they are tan-colored and blend in with the hair. Dead nits are silvery-colored and easier to see. These silvery oval specks are "glued" tightly to individual strands of hair, very close to the scalp. They are very small, about one-third the size of sesame seed. They are mostly found behind their ears and at the back of the neck. Because "nits" can sometimes be mistaken for particles of dandruff, it is sometimes useful to use a magnifying glass when searching. If you do find nits, then lice are sure to be there as well. You can contact the School Public Health Nurse at 604-949-7200 for more information or you can access the Fraser Health Unit website at www.fraserhealth.ca Please remember...ANYONE can get head lice. Their presence is not a sign of poor hygiene, poor housekeeping, or low socioeconomic status. **If you find your child has head lice, please notify the school immediately. Thank you for your assistance. We are relying on all parents to participate in checking their children's hair on a regular basis to help prevent the spread of lice.**

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall. However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified. The decision to keep schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements. **Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/> We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca. Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

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.

RAIN WEAR

Umbrella →  →

→  ←

→  ← **Hat**

→ **Rain Jacket**

→ **Rain Boots**

WINTER WEAR

→  ← **Scarf**

→  ← **Toque**

→  ← **Winter Jacket**

→  ← **Winter Boots**

→  ← **Mitts/Gloves**

***Please note: A sweater is not a rain or a winter jacket. Please make sure you send a waterproof rain jacket with your child as we have had several children who have been very wet during the day.**

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