

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



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November Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER

November

Friday, November 1st

Pajama Day

Monday, November 4th

Purdy's Fundraiser begins

Thursday, November 7th

PAC Caramel Apples for sale at 2:45 p.m. at the PAC Kitchen by the gym

Friday, November 8th

Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 a.m.

PAC Caramel Apples for sale at 2:45 p.m. at the PAC Kitchen by the gym

Monday, November 11th

Remembrance Day – No School

Thursday, November 14th

Popcorn Day – For those students who have pre-ordered

Friday, November 22nd.

PAC Stationary Pop-Up Shop at 2:45 p.m. at the PAC Kitchen by the gym.

Thursday, November 28th

Hot Lunch Day- For those students who pre ordered

December

Friday, December 20th

Last day before Winter Break

Winter Break (No School)

December 23 to January 3rd

MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

Hello Roy Stibbs Families,

What a wonderful October as we find the groove for this new school year. Thank you to our Roy Stibbs PAC and the wonderful volunteers who organized hot lunches, treat days and a successful Harvest Hop this past month. Children also benefited from a number of events organized by the school including the City of Coquitlam's Tree Planting Event and Halloween Scavenger Hunt, the Costume Parade and PJ Day. We look forward to hosting our Remembrance Day honouring ceremony this Friday, November 8th; parents are welcome to join us for our 10:45 a.m. assembly.

Run Club and Concert Choir have also started up for our Grade 4/5 children and the playground has opened up for our Kindergarten children to explore safely. Additionally, we look forward to hosting an Indigenous Art Exhibit the week of November 12th through November 22nd. Thank you for Mrs. Cohen for leading this excellent learning opportunity for our children.

Mrs. Lundin is busy prepping our children for our **winter concert** entitled, *Cold Snap*, it is our sincere hope families are able to join us on December 11th for our dress rehearsal and/or our performance during the day; please save the date! Time is to be announced.

Term 1 Learning Updates (formerly called Report Cards) are quickly approaching, December 13th. Families should ensure they have access to their usernames and passwords for the MyEd Parent Portal. Should you not have access, please contact bwalton@sd43.bc.ca for assistance as soon as possible.

Health Self-Assessment – As we head into the flu and cold season it is important we all continue to evaluate our children's health prior to attending school. Should your child exhibit any symptoms of flu, cold, or other gastrointestinal issues, we kindly ask that you keep them home until they no longer have symptoms and feel well enough to come to school with their normal energy level. If you need to give them fever reducing medication, they should not attend school.

Sincerely,

Britt Walton

Principal

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" <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/roystibbs/Pages/default.aspx#/=>), 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. or you can fill out the absence report on the school website.
- 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 come to the office when you arrive to sign your child out of the building, 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 270 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 leaving home! All eating will be done inside (before play time). There is no sharing of 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.**



DROP OFF AND PICK UP INFORMATION

Please obey ALL posted traffic signs and only STOP or PARK where you are allowed to (*in front of the school stairs is no stopping zone*). Many traffic violations were ticketed last year. See the signage below. It is particularly important to stay out of the parking lot between 8:30 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The staff parking lot only has sufficient space for our staff. If you are parking on the side streets – please use the sidewalk or grass areas to walk and do not walk through the parking lot.



PAC MEETING

WE NEED YOU! New members are always welcome.

Our next PAC meeting will be held Thursday, November 21st @ 6:30pm in the School Library.

This is a great way to learn more about your child's school and get involved! If you have any questions regarding PAC, please email pacroystibbs@sd43.bc.ca . We are also moving to a hybrid meeting, including an opportunity for parents to join us virtually. Please email pacroystibbs@sd43.bc.ca to receive the meeting link for November.



PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Personal belongings like sporting equipment, cellphones, Pokémon cards, stuffies and other trinket toys **should remain at home and not be taken to school**. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Trading of such items or "loaning" of such items has the tendency to result in unnecessary and preventable conflict between students. We appreciate your support in ensuring such items do not come to school. Additionally, sporting equipment can inadvertently cause injury on an already busy playground. Should children ride scooters, skateboards or bicycles to school, they must be wearing a helmet on school property.

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.



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.**

SCENT AWARE

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) buildings are scent-aware facilities. To protect those individuals with fragrance sensitivities and to prevent others from developing such sensitivities, SD43 provides this information and asks for your cooperation towards a scent-reduced environment. The district is asking for cooperation towards a



scent-reduced environment. All staff, students and visitors are strongly encouraged to avoid or reduce the use of fragranced products, and to replace them with unscented alternatives. We recognize the personal right of individuals to use scented products. We believe, however, that this must be balanced with the adverse health effects and extreme discomfort that can be suffered by fragrance-sensitive individuals. This is not an issue about an individual disliking the smell of perfume and not getting what he/she wants in the workplace. This is not a ban on scented products. This is a request to refrain from chemical-based scented products.

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.

MABELS LABELS



Our school is fundraising with Mabel's Labels. If you're unfamiliar with them, they are personalized, durable and waterproof labels. They are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe. Label shoes, clothing tags, water bottles, anything you want! Don't like stickers? They also offer name stamps, silicone bracelets and medical alert labels. To support this fundraiser, go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search **Roy Stibbs Elementary PAC**. Your order will be shipped free of charge directly to you!

CARAMEL APPLES FOR SALE AFTERSCHOOL -PAC KITCHEN

The PAC will be doing a Caramel Apple Fundraiser after school at the PAC Kitchen on **Friday, November 8th**.

The cost per caramel apple is: \$5.00 **Please know this is cash only.**



POP-UP STATIONARY FOR SALE AFTERSCHOOL - PAC KITCHEN

The PAC will be doing a Pop-Up Stationary Sale after-school at the PAC Kitchen on **Friday, November 22nd**. Examples: fun gel pens, fun erasers, sharpeners etc. Here are just a few items that are being sold below, there will more! **Please know this is cash only.**



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>

DIVISION 10 OUTSIDE RAINBOW ART



DIVISION 5 ARTWORK



DIVISION 12 ARTWORK



**SAVE
THE DATE**

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE INFO SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025!



DECEMBER

2

7:00PM

**INFO SESSION FOR LATE
FRENCH IMMERSION**

**MONTGOMERY MIDDLE
1900 EDGEWOOD AVE**

DECEMBER

3

6:00PM

**INFO SESSION FOR KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAMS OF CHOICE**

**EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE
1080 WINSLOW AVE**



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