

# The Roy Stibbs Reporter



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## MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON



### December

#### **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Winter Concert Dress  
Rehearsal at 9:00am

Winter Concert at 1:30pm

Hot Lunch Day for those who  
have pre-ordered

#### **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Winter Concert at 1:30pm

#### **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Movie Night- Rise of the  
Guardians

Learning Updates posted on  
myed portal by 4pm

Choir Loughheed Mall @ 11am

#### **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Christmas Farmers  
Market 2:00pm

#### **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Headwear Day

Coquitlam Library Bus- Bring  
your library cards

#### **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Sweater Day

#### **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

PJ DAY  
Pancake Breakfast

#### **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Red and Green Day

#### **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Festive Friday  
Last day of school before Winter  
Break

#### **Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> to**

#### **Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Winter Break

#### **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

School Re-Opens

Hello Roy Stibbs Families,

The first term of school has flown by, and we are excited to welcome the holiday season and the New Year! We are incredibly proud of our students, who have shown remarkable growth over the past four months. Families are reminded Term 1 Learning Updates (AKA Report Cards) are posted to the MyEd Portal on Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

As we move into December and January, we look forward to bringing back some beloved traditions while introducing new experiences for our children. These opportunities help create lasting memories and strengthen our sense of community and togetherness. We were also thrilled to have Grade 5 Volleyball return thanks to our coaches Trish, Mrs. McAleenan & Mrs. Kasidoulis. Our Raptors ruled the courts!

We also want to celebrate our fabulous student teachers who have successfully completed their practicums. We wish Ms. Lagan-Lougheed, Ms. Hutton, Ms. Seeman and Ms. Sarunic all the best as they begin their own teaching adventures and careers. We are confident they will make meaningful contributions in the lives of children and inspire future generations.

This time of year, is a season of light, reflection, and renewal. In the spirit of Coast Salish teachings, winter is a time to slow down, rest, and restore our energy—an important part of the cycle that prepares us for growth in the months ahead. We encourage everyone to take time for family, community, and self-care as we honor these rhythms of life.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing PAC for generously funding special activities that highlight the importance of connection, collaboration, and fostering positive relationships within our greater community.

Wishing everyone a joyful and safe holiday season and a bright start to the New Year! See you again in January.

Sincerely,

*Britt Walton*

Principal

## TERM 1 REPORTING > LEARNING UPDATES (aka Report cards)

Our first formal Learning Update (formerly referred to as a Report Card) will be available on [MyEd Portal Link](#) for **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. All parents will require a username and password. If your child is a returning Roy Stibbs student, your username and password has not changed from last year. Should you have forgotten your account OR do not believe to have one generated yet, we kindly ask that you send an email to [bwalton@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bwalton@sd43.bc.ca) request an account or a reset of your existing account prior to the beginning of December to avoid delay in accessing your child(ren)'s Learning Update.

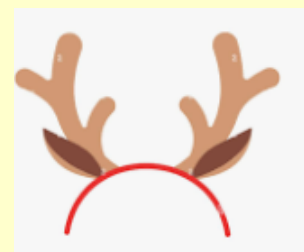
If your child is new to Roy Stibbs and you have not received your username and password to the Myed Portal, kindly check your junk mail first to look for a message from Myed directly. If you have not received anything, contact [bwalton@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bwalton@sd43.bc.ca) to generate a new account.

**IMPORTANT: We request that all families ensure they have portal access prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid unnecessary delay in accessing your child's/children's report cards.**

## CHRISTMAS THEMED SPIRITWEEK

On the last week of school before the Winter Break will be Christmas Themed Spirit Week!

- **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – HOLIDAY HEADWEAR DAY – You can wear Santa Hats, reindeer antlers, elf ears, holiday hats or toques!
- **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** – HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY – Wear your most festive or ugly Xmas sweater!
- **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – PJ DAY – You can wear a clean pair (not what you wore to bed) of your favorite pajamas!
- **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** – RED & GREEN DAY You can wear red and or green pants, shirts, sweaters and /or socks to show your holiday cheer!
- **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** – FESTIVE FRIDAY– You can wear anything you have that is festive! You can repeat any of the days before!



## ANNUAL PANCAKE DAY!

This year the Pancake Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Students are welcome to wear their pajamas and enjoy delicious pancakes. **Please send a plate and fork** in your child's backpack that they can use to have breakfast as we are modeling best practices for our environment by cutting down on disposable waste! **Additionally, please discuss any dietary restrictions and allergies with your child's classroom teacher.**



## WINTER BREAK

The school will be closed from December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The school will re-open on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a regular school day! We hope you all have a wonderful winter break.

## WINTER CONCERT> Lights, Camera, Christmas!

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** @ 9am Dress Rehearsal; **Performance at 1:30pm**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** Performance at 1:30pm

Families will be able to select **one** of the performances to attend; our school has grown, and we need to be mindful of our gym capacity this year.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Please complete the survey found here: [Lights, Camera, Christmas! – Fill out form](#)

## WRITER'S CORNER

One of our **Action Plan for Learning** goals is to strengthen writing skills through elaboration and vocabulary. Want to help us? Here are some fun and practical ideas to encourage your child to write for enjoyment:

- **Pick a word of the day or week** and challenge your child and family to use it in sentences or stories.
- **Write together**—ask your child to help create a grocery list or a family schedule.
- **Movie or TV reviews**—have them write about what they watched and what they liked or didn't like.
- **Creative twist**—ask: *If you could change one thing about a story, what would it be and why?*
- **Story starters**—write about their favorite stuffy or Labubu doll.
- **Descriptive writing**—have them describe your cat, dog, or another animal in detail.

**Remember:** Writing improves through practice, not perfection. Celebrate creativity and effort rather than focusing on mistakes. The more we encourage and make writing fun, the more fearless and expressive children will become!

## COATS

The weather is unpredictable—it can be cold and rainy, or even sunny but still chilly. Please make sure your child/children arrive with proper outerwear—**remember that a hoodie, sweater, sherpa, or zip-up is NOT a coat.**

**To help keep everyone warm and dry, please ensure your child wears:**

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Waterproof boots
- An umbrella or rain hat if possible

While we will not be calling home for a change of clothes, having a spare set of clothes (including socks) kept at school is always a good idea—just in case of puddles, spills, or unexpected weather.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe, warm, and ready to learn!



## 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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**



## 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](mailto: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.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We want to make you aware that this year we have a substantial number of students with severe allergies that require the use of EpiPens. To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, no food items will be permitted for birthday celebrations. Should families wish to honour their child's birthday they can voluntarily choose an alternate item to food like a birthday pencils, small erasers etc. but this is not an expectation and there must be enough for the class. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

## 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 AND PARKING LOT

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 this year already. Please do not park, drive in, drop off, or pick up any students from the parking lot. 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.

## 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](http://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.**

## 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.

## 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](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search **Roy Stibbs Elementary PAC**. Your order will be shipped free of charge directly to you!



## 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.

Umbrella →



Rain Jacket



← Rain Boots

← Hat

