

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



February Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER February

Tuesday, February 4th
Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, February 5th
Kindergarten Registration

Thursday, February 6th
Kindergarten Registration

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

Friday, February 7th
Cross-Catchment opens at 9:00am online (www.sd43.bc.ca)

Wednesday, February 12th
Student Led Conference
Early Dismissal 1:45 pm

Cross-Catchment closes at 4:00pm online

Thursday, February 13th
Student Led Conference
Early Dismissal 1:45 pm

Friday, February 14th
Friendship Day

Monday, February 17th
Family Day – No School

Thursday, February 20th
Donut Day- For those students who have pre-ordered

PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library

Wednesday, February 26th
Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, February 27th
Jump Rope for Heart- More info to be sent home

Friday, February 28th
Pro-D Day – No School

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

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

MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

Kindergarten Registration is from Feb 4th - Feb 6th. We are excited to welcome our new families as they register their child(ren) to begin their school journey in September 2025. If you know of any families in the area who have child(ren) turning 5 this year (born in 2020), please encourage them to register. The link for registration is posted at the end of this newsletter. We submit our Kindergarten registration numbers to the district on Friday, February 7th; this preliminary number count is important to our organization. New Kindergarten families should note the following dates: *Ready, Set, Learn Event* on April 15th and May 7th will be our *Welcome to Kindergarten Event*.

The *Cross Catchment* process begins on February 7th @ 9:00am online on the district's main webpage. The application process closes on February 12th @ 4pm.

Health Self-Assessment – Please continue to review our child's health prior to coming to school. Should they require medication to manage symptoms, they should not come to school. We thank our community for continuing to exercise care for everyone.

Celebrations Observed – The month of February continues to be a time of learning and honoring various celebrations including Black History Month, Real Acts of Caring Week, Valentine's Day/Friendship Day and Pink Shirt Day.

Black History Month – While we should be celebrating such accomplishments every day, February is a month to recognize, honour, and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Thank you to Ms. Singh's class who will be demonstrating leadership through enrichment opportunities for all in this area.

'Real Acts of Caring' Week - February 9th - 14th, 2025

RAC began at Central Community School in Port Coquitlam in 2005. Thirteen 8 and 9 year olds heard about the idea of having a caring and kindness week where people committed kind acts and didn't expect anything back in return except a good feeling inside. We will be continuing to promote kindness throughout the year with our students and within the greater community! Kindness matters. Please help us in promoting that even small acts of helping others, makes us feel a sense of belonging and that everyone is important and matters. Wear a **purple shirt** on Friday, February 14th in support of kindness. **Valentine's Day/Friendship Day** – February 14th, 2025

All classes will be learning how to make candy with friends on February 11th and 14th. Be sure to pay for your child's participation; should families require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to bwalton@sd43.bc.ca

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) – February 26th, 2025

All children are encouraged to wear pink shirt raising awareness about the prevention of bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. We encourage our families to seek out related activities to both learn and enjoy with your children.

Ramadan begins on February 28th should your child(ren) participate in fasting, parents are encouraged to connect with your child(ren) teacher to share how to best support them during this time.

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.



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)

A blue graphic for Cross Catchment Applications. At the top left is a red megaphone icon with the text "COMING SOON". To the right, it says "Cross Catchment Applications School Year 2025-2026". Below this, there are two rows of information: "FEBRUARY 7 Cross Catchment Applications open at 9:00 am" and "FEBRUARY 12 Cross Catchment Applications close at 4:00 pm". To the right of these rows is a signpost with two arrows: one pointing left labeled "OLD SCHOOL" and one pointing right labeled "NEW SCHOOL". At the bottom left, there is a laptop icon with a hand pointing at it, and text: "Cross Catchment application forms will be available on the front page of www.sd43.bc.ca on the dates above." At the bottom right, there is text: "For students who wish to transfer to another school that is not their neighbourhood catchment school".

EARLY DISMISSALS

On Wednesday, February 12th and Thursday, February 13rd students are dismissed at 1:45pm for Early Dismissal Days for Student Led Conferences. A Student-Led Conference is an opportunity for your child to discuss his/her accomplishments. We ask that you support the concept of your child being responsible for managing this task and reporting to you. Your attendance at this conference will show your support for your child's role in his/her education and children are excited to share with parents. During Student Led Conferences, teachers will not be discussing individual learning needs should you have such concerns, you are encouraged to connect with your child's teacher by email to arrange a suitable time. Term Twp Learning Updates will be issued March 13th.



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.

ILLNESS / HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Health Self-Assessment – Please continue to review our child's health prior to coming to school. Should they require medication to manage symptoms, they should not come to school. We thank our community for continuing to exercise care for everyone.

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 on 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



Mitts/Gloves



Winter Jacket



Winter Boots



***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**

DIVISION 10 WORK/CREATIONS





Join the Tri-City Eagles Field Hockey Club

FOLLOW US  @tcefieldhockey

WWW.TCFIELDHOCKEY.COM

Mites / Mini (U10)
EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS FEB 15
[INFORMATION](#)

Junior (U11-U18)
EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS FEB 1
[INFORMATION](#)

Register Now

2025

Early Bird Pricing Open Until:
February 1st for Juniors
February 15th for Mites/Minis



SCOUTS CANADA

OPEN HOUSE



RSVP:





FEB 4TH & FEB 10TH

AT TOWN CENTER PARK

ALL AGES
6PM- 7PM

KidSport

So ALL Kids Can Play!

Saturday March 8
10am – 1pm

USED EQUIPMENT SALE

RIVERSIDE SECONDARY Admission by
2215 REEVE STREET donation or non-perishable
PORT COQUITLAM item to the **SHARE Food Bank**

SAVE on your family's sports equipment!

The KidSport Used Equipment Sale has everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment, wetsuits, and more!

equipment for **ALL** kids and adults!

Outfit a child for lacrosse or hockey, including helmet, stick, and/or skates for approximately \$100!

GIVE back! Donate your gently used* equipment

From February 22 – March 7, donate your used equipment at the following locations:

- Port Moody Recreation Complex (main lobby)
- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex (main lobby)
- Port Coquitlam Community Centre (lower arena lobby) www.kidsporttricity.ca

***gently used equipment is:**

- less than 6 years old
- in good condition
- wearable for league sports



SD 43 FAMILY & COMMUNITY LEARNING SERIES

"Building Safer Screen Time Habits"

A VIRTUAL INFORMATION EVENING (on Microsoft TEAMS)

for families who are Apple IOS users who are looking for practical ways to support their children with safe and healthy uses of technology.



 Apple Canada Employees will be facilitating this event

 **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

 **6:30 – 8:00 pm (on TEAMS)**

 [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)
Viewing link will be sent 2 days before virtual session on TEAMS. Make sure to check your SPAM FOLDER for the email link.

WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS ABOUT OTHER TECH PLATFORMS!

TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS SESSION ...

www.sd43.bc.ca/familyseries

REGISTER NOW!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

ATTENTION PARENTS!

For just **\$60 per week**, your child can enjoy a different hot lunch each day during Spring Break.

Meat & vegetarian options available.

For more information or to see the weekly menu, use click the QR code or email us.



youthcamps@douglascollege.ca



SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Active and educational programs for children & youth 6-14

Choose from writing, acting, art, coding & computers, basketball, outdoor soccer & more!

Programs run from
March 17-28

Use the QR code to register on Feb 10 at 12pm

✉ youthcamps@douglascollege.ca



JOIN COQUITLAM MINOR ADANACS BOX LACROSSE!

WHAT IS BOX LACROSSE?

Box lacrosse is a **fast-paced, exciting indoor team sport** played in an arena with **six players per team** on the floor at a time. It combines the **speed of hockey**, and the **strategy of basketball**, making it an exhilarating and dynamic game!

The **Coquitlam Minor Adanacs** are a celebrated lacrosse club with a **rich history** in the community, dedicated to fostering skill development, teamwork, and a love for the game in **boys and girls of all ages and skill levels**.

WHY CHOOSE ADANAC LACROSSE?

- FUN & EXCITING:** Fast-paced gameplay keeps players engaged.
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT:** Improve coordination, teamwork, & strategic thinking.
- COMMUNITY & CAMRADARIE:** Become part of a supportive lacrosse family.
- GREAT OPPORTUNITIES:** Compete in tournaments and develop towards higher levels of play.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Coquitlam Minor Adanacs offers programs for **boys and girls from ages 5-16**. Whether your child is new to lacrosse or has experience, we have a program for everyone!

AGE GROUPS FOR 2025 SEASON:

- U7 (Mini-Tyke): Born in 2019 or 2020
- U9 (Tyke): Born in 2017 or 2018
- U11 (Novice): Born in 2015 or 2016
- U13 (Peewee): Born in 2013 or 2014
- U15 (Bantam): Born in 2011 or 2012
- U17 (Midget): Born in 2009 or 2010

VISIT: www.coquitlamlacrosse.com EMAIL: registrar@coquitlamlacrosse.com

#ONETEAMONEDREAM



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

- Season Starts: April 2025
- Register: www.coquitlamlacrosse.com
- Email: registrar@coquitlamlacrosse.com
- Follow Us: @CoquitlamAdanacs

Give your child the opportunity to learn, play, and grow in a fun and competitive environment. **REGISTER TODAY!**



Don't wait – sign up today and join the Adanacs Lacrosse family!

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

To participate in box lacrosse, players require the following equipment:

- **Helmet with Face Shield** (both items CSA or NOCSAE approved)
- Mouth Guard
- Shoulder Pads
- Elbow Pads
- Lacrosse Gloves (hockey gloves are okay)
- Athletic Support (boys must wear a "jock" with plastic cup and girls must wear a "jill")
- Basketball-Type Court Shoes (a pair reserved for indoor use only recommended)
- Lacrosse Stick (minimum of 3'4" in length)

- **TYKE (Ages 7-9, add to list on left)**
- Back/knee pads
- Upper arm pads and slash guards (optional)
- **NOVICE (Ages 9-12, add to list on left)**
- Upper arm pads and slash guards (mandatory)
- **BANTAM & JUNI (Ages 13-16, add to list on left)**
- Lacrosse Stick (Minimum of 40" in length)

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Game jersey (loaned to players), Game shorts (yours to keep) & Goalie equipment, including stick, (with the exception of helmet, gloves or mouth guard)

VISIT: www.coquitlamlacrosse.com EMAIL: registrar@coquitlamlacrosse.com