

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



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MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON



March

Friday, March 6th
PAC Games Night- 3pm start!

Monday, March 9th
Library Bus- bring your
Coquitlam library cards!

Wednesday, March 11th
Hot Lunch – for those who
pre-ordered

Thursday, March 12th
Skip Rope for Heart Event &
Term 2 Learning Updates
posted to MyEducation Portal

Friday, March 13th
Last Day before Spring Break

**Monday, March 16th – Friday,
March 27th**
Spring Break

Monday, March 30th
First Day back after Break

Over the past several months, our students have shown remarkable growth both in the classroom and on the playground. Academically, they continue to strengthen their skills in critical thinking, collaboration, and perseverance. Their enthusiasm for new learning experiences has brought a positive and vibrant energy to our classrooms. Socially, we are seeing wonderful examples of empathy, responsibility, and teamwork as students navigate daily interactions with growing maturity.

Our continued focus on problem-solving and conflict resolution through restorative practices has supported students in building understanding, respect, and accountability. As we work to cultivate a community rooted in kindness and care, we remain deeply grateful for the partnership of our families. Your ongoing support reinforces the values we hold and strengthens the important connection between home and school.

Spring Break is just around the corner, and we hope our students enjoy time to rest, rejuvenate, and reset for the final term of the school year. To those in our community celebrating Nowruz, we wish you a joyful and meaningful New Year, and we hope families take advantage of the many opportunities to join in the celebrations taking place over the break in our grater community. We also extend warm wishes to our families observing Eid al-Fitr; may this occasion bring peace, gratitude, and a sense of togetherness as you mark the end of Ramadan.

Before we head into the break, we still have a few wonderful activities planned for our students. This Friday, PAC will be hosting a Board Games after-school event, offering a fun opportunity for connection and play. We are also looking forward to our upcoming Jump Rope for Heart event and the exciting "Shark Tank Challenge," where students will showcase creativity, innovation, and teamwork. Families are reminded that our fundraising efforts for the Heart and Stroke Foundation continue, and contributions can be made using the link provided in our Week at a Glance.

Warm wishes to all our families for a wonderful and safe break, filled with meaningful moments. Safe travels to those who will be adventuring during the holiday—we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a strong finish to the school year.

Sincerely,

Britt Walton

Principal

Term 2: Formal Learning Updates



Our Term 2 learning updates (aka report cards) will be available on [MyEd Portal Link](#) for **Thursday, March 12th**. Should you have forgotten your username and password or have not received account information please contact bwalton@sd43.bc.ca as soon as possible. It is important all parents have access prior to March 12th as **Learning Update will no longer be printed at the school** and only accessible on the portal. Be sure to print a copy of your child(ren)'s learning update for your personal files. The viewing window for Learning Updates is between Mar 12th -May 1st, please either save or print for your personal files. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's classroom teachers through email should they have any concerns. Teacher's emails can be found on our school website.

IMPORTANT: We request that all families ensure they have portal access prior to March 12th to avoid unnecessary delay in accessing your child's/children's learning update.

Summer Session Information 2026

Should families be interested in registering their children in a Summer Session Program and await the lottery, it is highly recommended that you create your account ahead of time. Visit <https://ce43.augusoft.net//info/landing/summer-learning> to create your account. **Please note in order to be eligible for the lottery, families must register between April 2nd - 8th**. Please see below for more information. Good luck to all our families!

Public Speaking Contest for Grades 4 & 5 Students

This year our school will again participate in our district's public speaking contest. Our Grade 4/5 teachers have already begun preparations for a variety of speeches including oral storytelling, slam poetry, "pitch it like a dragon" or ted talk styles! We will host both a school level competition as well as be a site for our zone finals. Stay tuned for more information. We have some incredibly talented kids and thank our classroom teachers for providing them with such an opportunity and experience.

Como Lake Relays for Grade 4 & 5 Students

Como Lake practices (AKA Run Club) will commence our first week back from Spring Break. **The Como Lake Relay event for Roy Stibbs will be on Wednesday, April 15th**. Please mark your calendars as it is an incredible event to witness and experience. More details to follow after Spring Break. Go Raptors Go!

Heart & Stroke Fundraiser > Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is proud to take part in **Skip Rope for Heart** again this year, a fun way for students to stay active while learning how to keep their hearts healthy. By joining in, we also support the **Heart & Stroke Foundation**, which funds life-saving research and helps families affected by heart disease and stroke.

Should you wish to make a donation, we appreciate your contributions toward our **school goal of \$1,000.00!** Online donations can be made using the following link:

[Roy Stibbs Elementary - Coquitlam | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart](#)

District Emergency Drill Release Day – Thursday, May 14th, 2026

An emergency release drill date has been planned for SD43. Please note in your calendars, Thursday, May 14th, 2026. It will be an early dismissal at 2pm. More information will be sent by the district and by the school closer to the date. Thank you.

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!

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.

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.

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 of “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. Finally, parents are reminded that smart watches and similar devices that allow children to access games at school are **not permitted**, as they are highly disruptive during both instructional time and during designated “play” and natural socialization time on the playground. We thank you for your support.

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!



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.





Summer Learning 2026 Registration

NEW for 2026: Registration Will Use a Lottery System

To ensure fair access for all students, SD43 Summer Learning will be using a **lottery system** for class placement.

Important Dates

Elementary/Middle

Lottery Registration **April 2 - 8, 2026**
Lottery Draw **Thursday, April 16, 2026**

Secondary – Skill Building and High School Credit

Lottery Registration **April 28 - May 4, 2026**
Lottery Draw **Friday, May 8, 2026**

Before Lottery Registration

Ensure the student has a [Coquitlam Continuing Education profile](#).

How Lottery Registration Works

During the Lottery Registration Window

- Login into your student or household profile and request **up to 5 courses**. Requests beyond the first five will be removed before the lottery.
- If you select multiple courses, **prioritize your choices**.

Important:

For households with more than one child, be careful not to request multiple sites unless you are able to have your children attend different sites.

Elementary & Middle Lottery Results

Scenario A: Student Receives a Seat in a Requested Course

- No fee - you will receive a confirmation-of-registration email; no further action is needed.
- If there is a material fee - you will receive an email notifying that the student has been selected. You will need to login and "Pay Now" to complete the registration.

Scenario B: Student Does Not Receive a Seat in Requested Course(s)

- You will receive an email indicating the student has been **temporarily placed on the waiting list** for all courses for which they were not selected.

- These lists will be **automatically cleared shortly after the lottery has run. Summer Learning does not keep ongoing waitlists.**

Public Registration opens after the lottery concludes, beginning April 20, 2026.

Families/students can continue checking for newly available seats up until the start of Summer Learning.

Secondary Lottery Results (DIFFERENT FROM ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE)

Scenario A: Student Receives a Seat in a Requested Course

- The student will receive an email notifying that they have been selected for a course.
- **The email will instruct students to login and complete the registration for the course(s) by midnight on Monday, May 11.** It is possible that a student will receive both a morning and afternoon class if more than one class is selected. If the student only wants one of the classes, they only need to register in the one they want and remove the other.
- Seats not claimed/registered for by the deadline (May 11) will be assigned to students on the waiting list.

Scenario B: Student Does Not Receive a Seat in Requested Course(s)

- Students will receive an email indicating they have been **temporarily placed on the waiting list** for all courses for which they were not selected.
- **Any seats not claimed in Scenario A by Monday, May 11 will be given to waitlisted students in chronological order.** This process will be completed between Tuesday, May 12 – Thursday, May 14.
- After classes fill, **all waitlists are cleared at the end of day on May 14.**
Summer Learning does not keep ongoing waitlists.

ALL COMMUNICATION IS BY EMAIL FROM:

Coquitlam Continuing Education, ceaccounts@sd43.bc.ca

Be sure to check your email between May 8 - May 14th

Public Registration opens after the lottery concludes, beginning May 15, 2026.

Families/students can continue checking for newly available seats up until the start of Summer Learning.

Registration Tips

- Use a desktop or laptop computer, not a mobile phone.
- For best performance, use **Google Chrome** or **Firefox**.

For detailed information about Summer Learning and Registration please refer to the [SD43 Summer Learning website](#).



NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Summer Learning registration will be by lottery to ensure fair access for all students. Visit the SD43SummerLearning.ca for more information about the lottery, registration, courses and locations.

ELEMENTARY

July 7 - July 24, 9:00am - 12:00pm, 8 locations

K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!

Lottery Registration: April 2 - 8, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Thursday, April 16, 2026)

MIDDLE

July 7 - July 24, 8:45am - 11:45am, 3 locations

Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec Culinary, Integrated Studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more!

Lottery Registration: April 2 - 8, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Thursday, April 16, 2026)

SECONDARY SKILL BUILDING

July 7 - July 24, 8:30am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:00pm, 2 locations

Non-Credit Face-to-Face classes: English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal & Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content or preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 for Science & Math is only available by school referral.

Lottery Registration: April 28 - May 4, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Friday, May 8, 2026)

SECONDARY FULL CREDIT

July 2 - August 6, 8:00am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:30pm, 2 locations

Face-to-Face or Online Blended Fast Track: Life Science 11, Anatomy & Physiology 12, Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11, 12; EAL 10, 11; English 10, 11, 12; English First Peoples 11, 12; Mathematics 10, 11, 12; Physics 11, 12; PHE 10; Socials 10, 11, Science 10.

Lottery Registration: April 28 - May 4, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Friday, May 8, 2026)



SD43SummerLearning.ca / 604-936-4261 / summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca

Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply. Courses and locations are subject to change.

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