

# The Roy Stibbs Reporter



## May Newsletter



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### May

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Class Photos

**Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Connecting to Kindergarten  
(Times have been sent to the families)

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Hot Lunch – for those who have pre-ordered

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mic'd Up- Final Speeches @ 1:15pm

PAC Meeting at 6:30pm

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Pro- D Day- No School

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Victoria Day – No School

**Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

District Track Meet

**Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mic'd Up - District Zone Finals

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(604) 939-2486

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

### MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

Our children's success at the Como Lake Relays was truly remarkable. They positively represented our school, showcasing not only their athletic abilities but also their commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle. The event was a testament to their hard work and dedication, and it was heartwarming to see them support each other and celebrate their achievements together.

In addition to the relays, our Track Attack activities for Grade 3-5 students have been a fantastic opportunity for young athletes to explore a variety of events. From sprints to long-distance runs, and from jumps to throws, these activities have allowed our students to discover their strengths and develop new skills. The enthusiasm and energy they bring to each session are inspiring, and it's wonderful to see them enjoying the process of learning and growing.

We are incredibly grateful to our SD43 maintenance department for their swift action in rebuilding our long jump pit. Their efforts have ensured that our children have a safe and functional space to practice and play during their outdoor activities. This improvement has been greatly appreciated by both students and staff, and it has already made a positive impact on our athletic programs.

Our successful fundraising initiative supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation was another highlight of the year. By raising over \$1400, our children demonstrated excellent commitment and teamwork. They learned to skip and choreographed their routines for the school celebration, showcasing their creativity and dedication. What a gift it is to witness such talented and committed students!

Our music program continues to showcase our talented students as we recently hosted a Guitar and Ukulele Jamboree. It was so much fun listening to all of their songs. Music matters and brings so much joy to everyone participating and listening. The event highlighted the importance of music in our school community, and it was a delight to see the students' passion and talent shine through.

As we look forward to the District Track and Field Meet in late May, we are excited to see our children compete and showcase their talents. Their participation in these events not only highlights their athletic abilities but also fosters a sense of community and school spirit. We are proud of their achievements and eager to support them as they continue to strive for excellence.

Our younger children have been exercising their green thumb and spent a lot of time prepping the soil, planting potatoes, weeding the beds, and creating new spaces for outdoor activities. We are definitely a busy school as we head into the homestretch towards summer vacation!

Our Term 3 Summaries of Learning (formerly known as Term 3 Report Cards) will be published to the parent portal on June 25th after 4pm. Families are reminded to ensure they have access to the MyEd Portal. Should you require your account, please reach out to our office for assistance.

Sincerely,  
Britt Walton  
Principal

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2025-2026

Grade 1-5 School Supply lists will be emailed home in a few short weeks. As always you can shop for your supplies, but it is highly recommended to purchase through School Start. The school supplies will be delivered in August and distributed to the students in September.

If you would like to place an order through School Start, it must be done online, no cash orders will be accepted. **ORDERS ARE DUE JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>.**



Any orders after July 31<sup>st</sup> will be delivered to your home with a \$7.50 shipping charge no exceptions.

- Kindergarten Students starting in September 2025 will be done in bulk and will be charged a fee in September.

## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN MAY 7TH, 2025

We are pleased to be hosting a *Connecting to Kindergarten* session on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. All students who have pre-registered to begin Kindergarten at Roy Stibbs in September 2025 are invited to attend the session with their parents. **Parents were emailed with their allotted time.**

To facilitate this interactive welcoming event, students will be assigned to smaller groups that will attend for a 45-minute time slot on that morning. Students and their parents will participate in a variety of activities and learn about ways to prepare for the beginning of their school journey.

## IMPORTANT GRADE 5 DATES

### Save the Dates!

What an exciting time for our Grade 5 children! The transition to middle school can evoke both feelings of nervousness and excitement in our children. We also recognize June to be a busy time of year for our families. In an effort to be helpful and avoid unnecessary disappointment, below is a detailed list of the events for Grade 5 children. Please ensure you pay attention to all school communications moving forward; detailed information will be sent out closer to the event dates:

**June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am > Grade 6 for a Morning** – All Grade 5 students will go to their assigned Middle Schools.

**June 13<sup>th</sup> – Cultus Lake Waterpark (All Day)**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – School Leaving Ceremony – Start Time: 9:15am in the Gym**

Thank you everyone. More detailed information will follow closer to the event dates.

## CLASS PLACEMENTS > 2025-2026

In May and June of each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year. Plans are tentative, as enrolment can change over the next few months which necessitates the need for flexibility in our planning. The process of assigning students to classes will be happening over the next few months, however, is not finalized until September 2025 for the upcoming school year.

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional, and academic needs is aligned with the creation of balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided as a team, including the School Based Resource Team, a child's current teacher, non-enrolling teachers, support staff, and administration. This professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways.

In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process include but is not limited to:

1. Workable instructional groups considering:

- the child's academic needs and strengths;
- teaching and learning styles;
- the child's work habits.

2. Positive social groups considering:

- placements where a child can work positively and productively with other children in the class;
- peer support or conflicts;
- establishing the presence of positive leaders in each class;

3. Balanced classes considering:

- students with exceptionalities
- English acquisition learners
- social, emotional and academic needs and abilities
- leadership abilities

4. Other Information considered:

- School-Based Resource Team recommendations

**If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or the principal, does not have and you wish for the team to consider when placing your child, parents are encouraged to *email the Principal directly outlining those considerations BEFORE May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. It is important that all communications be in written form. Emails received after May 15th will not be considered for student placement for the next school year. Please make subject line read "Class Placement Consideration for 2025-2026"***

Please note: Teacher preference will not be considered for student placement.

Please consider the placement criteria referenced above when describing your child's needs. Please describe a learning environment that may suit your child's learning style/needs (social, emotional and/or academic). If you are requesting placements that involve other students (one or two at most) please think carefully before making your request and provide an explanation for that request. Please focus on the needs of your child. The information that you provide in your email will be given to the team of professionals described above, to be used along with the criteria listed above in the placement of your child. ***Please note that it may not be possible to meet all requests as classes are determined. Teacher assignments are tentative and subject to change, along with enrolment and school organization changes.***

## **AFTERSCHOOL PLAY**

We recognize that the weather is getting better and that older children are gaining their independence as they prepare to transition to middle school. It is our expectation that when school ends, if unaccompanied by an adult, older children leave the school grounds and report home first and return to the playground with parent permission. Although staff are still in the building after dismissal, teacher supervision ends at 2:45pm and we after that time, are not responsible for children's whereabouts and safety. Once children are in the care of their parent, parents are to be supervising their children. Should your child have extenuating circumstances in this regard, please contact Ms. Walton as you normally would for all children. Please ensure children do not climb trees on school property. Additionally, when children are riding scooters, bikes, rollerblades etc, they must be wearing a helmet.

## MOVING? NEW NEIGHBORS?

It is very important that we have an accurate picture of the families that will be attending Roy Stibbs next year. **If you are planning on moving in the summer or not returning to Roy Stibbs in September**, we would ask that you call the office (604-939-2486) or e-mail (roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca) to let us know.

If you are aware of families that have recently moved into the neighborhood who would like to attend Roy Stibbs next year, please ask them to call or email the office as soon as possible.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP! – ROY STIBBS PAC

The Roy Stibbs PAC (Parent Advisory Council) welcomes and invites you to participate!

**We need more parents/guardians to join our PAC.**

Without a functioning Parent Advisory Council (PAC), schools in British Columbia lose out on several benefits. PACs play a crucial role in advising the school principal and staff on parent perspectives, organizing activities and events, promoting parent involvement, and advocating for parents and students. They also help secure additional funding for the school and provide valuable communication between the school and the community.



If you are interested and/or have some questions, please [pacroystibbs@gmail.com](mailto:pacroystibbs@gmail.com).

## 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](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.
- 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.

## 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.**

## BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS and OTHER WHEELS



As the weather gets nicer, students may decide to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard to school. Although we support “green methods” of transportation, students must be wearing appropriate safety protection and have a suitable lock for the outdoor racks. Please note that we will not be able to store any skateboards or other “wheeled” vehicles in the school as we do not have safe and appropriate storage space to accommodate all students. “Wheely” Shoes are also NOT permitted at school.

Also, students are reminded that they are not permitted to “ride” these items on the school grounds between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm as there are too many pedestrians on our property at that time. Parents are responsible for ensuring that students are properly trained in road safety and wearing appropriate safety gear if students are choosing to ride to school.

## 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.

