

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



May Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

As we welcome the warmer weather this month, children will naturally spend more time outside, which is healthy and encouraged. With increased outdoor play, it's important to remind children to be wildlife aware—bears are more active, and coyotes may be protective of their young. Children should stay alert to their surroundings, remain with friends, make noise while playing, and tell an adult if they see wildlife. Regular check-ins with parents or caregivers and ongoing conversations about personal safety and strangers also helps to build children's awareness, confidence, and independence.

May also marks a time of transition in our school community. We begin preparing to say goodbye to our Grade 5 students as they get ready for middle school, while our Kindergarten students start preparing to become Grade 1 learners. At the same time, we begin welcoming new families and students who will be joining Kindergarten in the coming months.

For educators, times of transition are important periods of change when students move from one stage of learning to another. These moments focus on supporting emotional readiness, celebrating growth, building confidence, and ensuring children feel safe, prepared, and excited about the next step in their learning journey.

We are so proud of the growth our children have made so far and look forward to celebrating their successes together with many year-end events. We are excited to share these special moments with our school community during our school-wide Mundy Park field trip on March 22nd and at the Roy Stibbs PAC Carnival on June 5th. Should you wish to volunteer during our Mundy Park field trip please be in contact with your child's teacher and should you wish to volunteer at our Carnival please contact pacroystibbs@gmail.com

Thank you to our families, staff, and PAC for your ongoing support and partnership. Your involvement helps make our school a strong, caring, and connected community.

Sincerely,
Britt Walton



DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Tuesday, May 5th

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

Wednesday, May 6th

Hot Lunch – for those who have pre-ordered

Thursday, May 7th

PAC Meeting in Library @ 6:30pm
Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: [here](#)

Meeting ID: 212 908 729 580 826

Passcode: uZ6b6AQ6

Thursday, May 14th Emergency

Release Day (dismissal @ 2pm)

Friday, May 15TH

Mic'd Up- Final Speeches @ 9:15am

Monday, May 18th

Victoria Day – No School

Tuesday, May 19th

District Track Meet (All day) @ Percy Perry Stadium

Friday, May 22nd

Mundy Park Field Trip
(School Wide)

Monday, May 25th

Musical Scientist by PAC @ 1:30pm

Thursday, May 28th

Mic'd Up - District Zone Finals

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2026-2027

Grade 1-5 School Supply lists will be emailed home within the next week. 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. **If you order before July 31, 2026 your shipping will only be \$2.50! Order after this date and the shipping cost increases.**



To order, families can go directly to: <https://schoolstart.ca/>, and click on the following:

- Parents Shop Here
 - Purchase School Supply Kits
 - Select Province, then City, then School
 - Click "Here to Purchase"
 - Lastly, click on your child's grade and proceed from there
- If you need any assistance.

- Kindergarten Students starting in September 2026 will be done in bulk and will be charged a fee in September.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN MAY 5TH, 2026

We are pleased to be hosting a *Connecting to Kindergarten* session on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**. All students who have pre-registered to begin Kindergarten at Roy Stibbs in September 2026 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.

There are two additional events planned for incoming K children and their families and will be hosted as drop-in play time on **May 27th & 28th from 3-3:30pm** in the Inner/back courtyard, we hope to see you there.

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 after that time, are not responsible for children's whereabouts and safety. Once children are in the care of their parents, 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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AT SCHOOL

Our students and staff have been working hard in our **communal garden**, a special space where children learn that we all share and have the responsibility to care for the land on which we live, work, and play. Children are taught the importance of reciprocity—when we care for the land, it cares for us in return. We encourage everyone to enjoy the garden as a place of quiet, peace, reflection, and learning. **We respectfully ask that all community members treat the gardens, trees and plants with care, attention, love and respect.** We thank families in advance for reminding children of this.

SPORTING EQUIPMENT AT SCHOOL

Recently there has been an increase in students bringing personal sporting equipment to school. We appreciate families' support in enforcing the need for safe activities at school. We do not have one-to-one coaching at school and therefore, we ask that sports like soccer are played recreationally and in the spirit of fun and not competitively.

- SOCCER CLEATS SHOULD NOT BE WORN TO OR AT SCHOOL.
- Personal soccer balls and basketballs are to be left at home.
- Sports like lacrosse, baseball and gymnastics/cheer are not appropriate for school unless directly under the supervision of a teacher in gym classes.

Please note that there is plenty of sporting equipment at school to entertain the children in a safe way during outside play time. We thank you for your support and understanding.

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 school next week. Thank you.

IMPORTANT GRADE 5 YEAR END EVENTS

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 as being a busy time of year for our families. 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:

April 14th @ 1:00 pm > Banting Middle School Presentation for Grade 5 Students @ Roy Stibbs

April 29th @ 6-7pm @ Banting Middle School > Parent Presentation for Incoming Grade 6 Students

May 7th: Parent & Incoming Grade 6 Student Orientation Night is from 6:00-7:00pm for those going to Port Moody Middle School

June 4th @ 9:00am > Grade 6 for a Morning – All Grade 5 students will go to their assigned Middle Schools. Roy Stibbs students going to Banting Middle School will all walk down to Banting for this event accompanied by classroom teachers. ***Please note that if your child is not attending Banting Middle School, parents are responsible for arranging their child's participation in the event and transportation to the event at their assigned middle school/middle school of choice.*** "Grade 6 for a Morning" is scheduled for the same date and time throughout the district.

June 12th – Cultus Lake Waterpark (All Day) *More details to follow.*

June 24th – School Leaving Ceremony – Start Time: 9:15am in the Gym Doors open no earlier than @ 9:00am. To have our entire Grade 5 class together with their school community, and to maintain a comfortable and safe environment for all, we are respectfully limiting the number of guests per student to two. We encourage our families should they wish to celebrate with extended family, that they make celebratory plans for after-school. Thank you for your understanding and consideration. Should you have special considerations for seating, please contact Ms. Walton at bwalton@sd43.bc.ca before **June 17th, 2026.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST FOR GRADES 4 & 5 STUDENTS > MIC'ED UP CELEBRATIONS

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 on May 15th @ 9:15am as well as be a site for our zone finals (May 28th). Stay tuned for more information. We have some incredibly talented kids and thanks to our classroom teachers for providing them with such an opportunity and experience.

CLASS PLACEMENTS > 2026-2027

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 2026 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 15th, 2026. 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 2026-2027"

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@sd43.bc.ca.

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.

SNACKS, LUNCHES & CUTLERY

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 300 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.**



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.

