

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



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October



DATES TO REMEMBER

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Monday, October 13th
Thanksgiving – No School

Wednesday, October 15th
Hot Lunch Day – For those who have pre-ordered

Thursday, October 16th
Interim Reports sent home

Friday, October 17th
Harvest Hop Event by the PAC – 5-7PM More information to come from the PAC

Tuesday, October 21st
Photo Re-Take Day

Wednesday, October 22nd
Early Dismissal – 1:45 pm
Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, October 23rd
Early Dismissal – 1:45 pm
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, October 24th
Pro- D Day – No School

Wednesday, October 29th
Treat Day – For those students who have pre-ordered

Friday, October 31st
Halloween – more information will come home

MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

As we celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving, it's a special time to reflect on the blessings of family, community, and the changing season. The Harvest Moon, which rises closest to the autumn equinox, reminds us of nature's rhythms and the abundance of the land. Together, these traditions invite us to give thanks and honour the diverse cultures and histories that shape our shared experiences. We wish our entire school community all the best for approaching long weekend. May it be a time of rest, reflection, and connection with loved ones. Happy Thanksgiving!

We continue to be a busy and vibrant school community, and we're delighted to continue to welcome many new families to Roy Stibbs. We are especially grateful for the ongoing care and dedication shown by our Parent Advisory Committee, whose valuable contributions help strengthen our school community. Their support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and staff. **New members are always welcome**, and we encourage families to get involved and share their voices.

We look forward to hosting **Parent-Teacher Interviews** on **October 22nd and 23rd**, where we will welcome our valued parents into the school to discuss their child's progress and set future goals. **Friendly reminder:** To accommodate these interviews, there will be **early dismissal at 1:45 p.m.** on both days to allow time for teachers to meet with families. Please connect with and convey this information to child care providers.

As we head into **flu and cold season**, we kindly remind parents to be diligent and responsible in assessing their child's health each morning before school. While formal health checks are no longer required, it remains important to help curb the spread of communicable illnesses such as the flu, colds, and gastrointestinal viruses. Everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe and healthy school environment. If your child requires fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol, we ask that you err on the side of caution and keep them home until they are feeling well enough to return to school.

Sincerely,

Britt Walton

Principal

INTERIM REPORTS (Informal Reporting) & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim reports will be distributed to families on **October 16th**. Please look in your child's planner to find this important report which assesses their work habits. Additionally, you can request a meeting appointment time with your child's teacher during our scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews which will be hosted **October 22nd and October 23rd**. **Parent-teacher interviews** play a vital role in a child's learning journey by fostering strong communication between home and school. These meetings provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to share insights, set goals, and collaborate on strategies to support the child's academic and personal development. When parents are actively involved and informed, students often feel more supported and motivated, leading to improved engagement and achievement in the classroom.. ***Please note, students will be dismissed one hour early @ 1:45 pm on October 22nd & October 23rd to allow their teacher time to connect with parents as needed.***

WRITING PRACTICE & SUPPORTING OUR APL GOAL!

Building strong vocabulary and the ability to elaborate in writing are essential skills for elementary students, as they lay the foundation for effective communication, critical thinking, and academic success across all subjects. When children can express their ideas clearly and with detail, they become more confident writers and better problem-solvers. Families can support this growth at home by encouraging daily journaling, storytelling activities, and engaging in conversations that prompt children to explain their thoughts and experiences in full sentences. Reading together and discussing new words also helps expand vocabulary and deepen understanding.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is quickly approaching, and many students may want to wear a costume to school. This is just a reminder to choose **school-appropriate costumes**—please avoid masks or replica weapons, and ensure that students can easily put on and remove their costume independently. As we celebrate together, we ask families to be mindful that costumes are **culturally appropriate and respectful of all backgrounds**, helping us maintain an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.

We also encourage families to consider the impact of treats during this festive time. **Little tummies often don't do well with too many sweets**, and we want to ensure all students feel their best throughout the day. As mentioned in previous school communications, if families wish to provide classmates with a special Halloween-themed item, we kindly ask that it be a **non-food alternative**. This helps us keep all children safe, especially those with severe allergies, including **nut allergies that may require the use of an EpiPen**. The safety of our students is paramount, and we appreciate your support—**safety is everyone's responsibility**.

Special activities will be planned throughout the day on October 31st. If your family does not celebrate or observe Halloween, please communicate with your child's classroom teacher—**accommodations will be provided** to ensure all students feel comfortable and included.

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.

SKIP THE DISHES/UBER EATS ETC.

Although we acknowledge lives can get busy and lunches forgotten at home, we prefer in such cases, that families simply drop off a regular lunch for their child(ren) and refrain from using Skip the Dishes, Uber Eats. Skip the Dishes/Uber Eats, although well intentioned, causes great disruption to the daily operations of a school. Often drivers do not know who they are looking for and office staff cannot be expected to deliver food to individual classrooms. Additionally, the drivers have little to no connection to the school and are unfamiliar to both students and staff. Please help us in maintaining smooth daily operations. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in advance. In the rare event that your child has forgotten their lunch, and you are unable to provide one, please just give us a call and we can assist with an alternative plan to ensure your child does not go without lunch.

PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY

Artona will be here on Tuesday, October 21st for re-takes of individual student photos. Please inform your child's teacher as well as your child that they need to have their photo re-taken. In the event that your child's QR code got misplaced, please contact <https://artona.com/orders/find> directly. Thank you.

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.

HARVEST HOP FAMILY FUN DANCE

Roy Stibbs PAC invites you to the Harvest Hop Family Fun Dance on **Friday, October 17th** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Admission is **FREE!** Music will be provided by DJ. Mrs. Lundin. There will be snacks available by CASH purchase only as well as a 50/50! **Parent supervision is required.**



PAC MEETING

WE NEED YOU! New members are always welcome.

Our next PAC meeting will be held Thursday, November 6th in the School Library.

This is a great way to learn more about your child's school and get involved! If you have any questions regarding PAC, please email roystibbspac@gmail.com.

What is a Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

It is a committee made up of a group of volunteer parents who get together for meetings on a regular basis, with the principal and other staff, to discuss ideas and issues, i.e. fundraising events, hot lunch and popcorn days, performing arts, outdoor education and special activities. The PAC helps by contributing monies raised from fundraisers to help subsidize some field trips, audio/visual and gym equipment, musical instruments, and other special events throughout the school year.



Studies have shown that the more involved parents are in their children's lives, the more successful those children are in their schooling. Children are proud of the fact that their parent is the one helping at their Hot lunch days or at a Special event.

This is also a great way to meet new parents and find out what is going on in the school and get to know who the other students are that your child interacts with. With School District budgets being impacted the need for more ideas and support increases. There is no obligation to join the committee, just come and listen. A parent with a student in the school has a right to attend as a voting member.

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.

