

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



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September Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Tuesday, September 2nd
First Day Back – 8:50-9:15am

Wednesday, September 3rd
First full Day for grades 1-5 students

Thursday, September 11th
Kindergarten Tea

Thursday, September 18th
Community BBQ
Book Fair
Meet the Teacher

Friday, September 19th
Pro-D Day No School

Wednesday, September 24th

Terry Fox Run 1:00pm

Thursday, September 25th
Photo Day

Tuesday, September 30th
Truth and Reconciliation Day
– No School

MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

Hello Roy Stibbs Families,

We hope your children are settling comfortably into their classrooms and beginning to rekindle old friendships while forming new ones. It's been a joy to see the energy and excitement throughout the school as we kick off another wonderful year.

A warm welcome to our **Kindergarten families** and to those joining us for the first time with older children. We're thrilled to have you as part of our school community and our children will begin their full day program on Sept 15th. We'd like to extend a special invitation to Kindergarten parents to join us for our **Kindergarten Parent Tea on Wednesday, September 11th from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM in the Library**. This is a lovely opportunity to meet other Kindergarten families, share experiences, and exchange contact information for future playdates and community connections.

Mark your calendars for our **Welcome Back BBQ, Open House, and Book Sale on Thursday, September 18th**. This event is a great way to meet staff, connect with other families, and enjoy some fun and a hot dog together. We hope to see you there!

If you're looking to get involved, our **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)** is a fantastic way to stay connected and contribute to our vibrant school community. Your voice and participation are always welcome.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or our office staff. We're here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Wishing everyone a joyful, successful, and inspiring school year ahead!

Sincerely,

Britt Walton
Principal

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.** Additionally, having just had summer break, many of our children are used to grazing throughout the day at home and this is no longer possible. **Please pack additional snacks for them until they have gotten on their school routine. Thank you.**



DROP OFF AND PICK UP INFORMATION

Please obey ALL posted traffic signs and only STOP or PARK where you are allowed to (*in front of the school stairs is a no stopping zone*). Many traffic violations were ticketed last year.

PARKING LOT

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. **We have this year introduced staff parking passes to assist us with the parking issues. Vehicles without passes, will run the risk of being towed.**

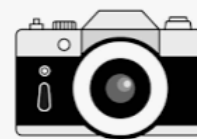
MEDICAL ALERT/MEDICATION

If your child has a medical alert that you would like the school to be aware of, please email Mrs. Tipper (stipper@sd43.bc.ca) to fill out a Medical Alert Form. Please remember that all medications, including Tylenol and Advil must be kept at the office with a Medical Administration form completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian as well as a doctor. *If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office*



PHOTO DAY

On Thursday, September 25th are our individual photos. Ordering information will be sent home with your child later.



IMPORTANT FORMS

Student Verification and Emergency Release form will be sent home tomorrow. Please complete/verify and return **ALL these forms by Thursday, September 18th**. This information is needed to keep your child safe and to ensure that we have updated information to contact you especially in the case of an emergency.



School Policies and Procedure forms will be online through School Cash Online and need to be completed **by Thursday, September 18th**. Please make sure to go and sign online to complete that form.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce once again our school is participating in the fruit and vegetable program. Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh B.C. Fruits and Vegetable to the students during classroom time. The students will receive picked, washed and ready to enjoy produce for 13 weeks at no charge. If for any reason your child is unable to participate, please inform the office.



PAC MEETING

WE NEED YOU! New members are always welcome.

Our next PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 6:30pm 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.

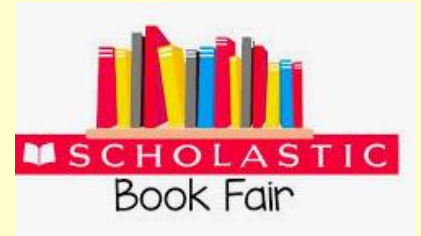
This is also a great way to meet new parents and find out what is going on in the school and get to know who the other students are that your child interacts with. With School District budgets being impacted the need for more ideas and support increases. There is no obligation to join the committee,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

BOOKFAIR

The first exciting event will be our book fair with the grand finale taking place on our Open House day! Check out the link below and the posters that have been placed around the school's entry/exit points for more details:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/roystibbselementary2>

The Book Fair Event will run from September 15th – 17th 2:50pm – 3:30pm and the 18th from 5-6pm during our Welcome Back Meet BBQ and the Meet the Teacher event.



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 alternate plan to ensure your child does not go without lunch.

CASHONLINE- DISTRICT INFO

Please Pay School Fees Online

We ask you to use our online payment system to purchase school items when you can. Cash can play a significant role in virus transmission, and we are working toward following the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations to use contactless payments to mitigate virus spread.

Paying Online is Fast and Easy

Paying school fees online is fast and easy and can be done from any computer or smartphone. Getting setup up is three simple steps:

1. **Create Your Profile:** Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".
2. **Confirm Your Email:** Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
3. **Add a student:** Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

A cash online brochure that included the instructions on how to sign up was included with the lunch program order email sent out last week. If you missed it and need a copy, please let the school office know and we can email it to you.

EMAILS

All communications will be sent home via email. Please note that there is an issue with Hotmail accounts on Hotmail's side of things and communication with Hotmail seems to be delayed by a few days or does not even deliver. Hotmail is aware of this issue, but we are unsure of the timeframe that this will be corrected. If you have an alternate email, we suggest using that email.

Please know that any communication (ie. Notices, newsletters) from the office can be found on the school website.

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

Additionally, when you are emailing staff be sure not to respond to myeducation emails directly but rather use the staff members direct email instead; This way, you know it will be received by the staff member. If you wish

to email Britt Walton use, bwalton@sd43.bc.ca instead of sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca which will go to cyberspace. All staff emails can be found in the staff directory on our webpage.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For Grades 1-5 If you have yet to order school supplies please go to [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/roystibbs/Parents/SchoolSupplies/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/roystibbs/Parents/SchoolSupplies/Pages/default.aspx#/=) for the school supply lists and either order ASAP or purchase at a store.

Kindergarten students will be charged a fee over the next two weeks.

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.

NUT ALLERGIES

Some of the students in our school have a severe allergy to peanuts/nuts. Because of this health concern we ask you to avoid sending snacks containing peanuts and peanut butter to school. Please remind your child never to share their food and drinks with other students so that you know what your child is eating at school. Washing hands after eating (including breakfast), especially if peanut/nut products are eaten, is a healthy routine for all of us to establish and practice. Your cooperation in this situation will help to ensure the safety of all students in the 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.



TERRY FOX

In 1980, Terry had a dream of a world without cancer. Forty-five years later, Terry's Marathon of Hope lives on. If we work together, we can make such a difference in the lives of so many. Please help fund critical cancer research in Canada by supporting our participation in the 2025 Terry Fox School Run.

Crossing the finish line means hope for everyone with cancer. Together, we can Finish It.

link <https://schools.terryfox.ca/100435>

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

We believe it is important for us to communicate with you consistently and regularly for you to be aware of what is going on at school and to keep you involved. To keep up to date be sure to read our newsletter or check the school website at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/roystibbs/Pages/default.aspx>

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!



LEARN TO SKATE WITH



What is CanSkate?

- *Skate Canada's flagship learn-to-skate program
- *Designed for beginners of all ages.
- *Focuses on fun, participation, and basic skill development.
- *Is the feeder program to all other Skate Canada Skating Programs.



Classes start September 8th



CanSkate

Register now!



INLETSKATINGCLUB.COM/REGISTRATION

For questions email: canskateinletskatingclub@gmail.com





CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS



Sept-Dec Fall Programs

Discover a season of creativity, movement, and fun with Douglas College's weekend programs for kids 6-9 & 10-14

With sports, art, and computer options, there's something for everyone!



Register now!

Saturdays in Coquitlam, and Sundays in New West !



Questions? Email youthcamps@douglascollege.ca or call 604-527-5680