

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



October Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER

October

Monday, October 9th

Thanksgiving – No School

Thursday, October 14th

Interim Report Card goes home.

Monday, October 16th

PAC Meeting – 6:30p.m. in the library

Friday, October 20th

Pro-D Day – No School

Wednesday, October 25th

Early Dismissal 1:30p.m.

Thursday, October 26th

Early Dismissal 1:30p.m.

Friday, October 27th

Spooktacular – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m. more information will be sent home.

Monday, October 30th

Retake Photo Day

Tuesday, October 31st

Halloween – More information will be sent home.

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MESSAGE FROM MS. SVIATKO

October brings a little chill to the air! A reminder that every day we go outside at Roy Stibbs -no matter what the weather is doing. Everyone needs boots, rain jackets or umbrellas on the rainy days and everyone should have a change of clothes left at school in case of surprises.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Open House last week! Remember that if you have questions regarding your child's learning or day to day interactions in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher directly to discuss.

Hopefully our planners (that were lost in a warehouse fire in August) will be arriving next week. Planners are the ideal way to stay connected to your child's daily work and reminders for upcoming events. Having a set routine of "planner check time" at home reinforces organizational skills as well as a visual/physical symbol of connectedness between families and the school as partners in learning.

Thank you to all students, staff, and families for helping raise over \$1300 in donations for Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope Campaign which has contributed to life-changing research and treatment options for millions of Cancer survivors. On Friday, we held an assembly to commemorate Truth & Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day). Sharing the truth about Canada's history – even the uncomfortable history is the only way to understand the necessity for reconciliation and how we can be better Canadians moving forward.

October brings Interim reports – a very quick snapshot of how things are going early in the year. The following week, there are two early dismissal days – Wed. the 25th and Thurs. the 26th. On both days school will end at 1:30pm. This allows for teachers to meet with parents who have concerns after the interim reports have been shared.

Halloween – I will be sending another email just about Halloween closer to the date; however, a reminder that there is NO food sharing – including Halloween treats from home to school/classmates. We will be wearing costumes on October 31st. Our wonderful PAC is also hosting a Halloween event on Friday Evening in our school gym (6pm – 8pm) called "Spooktacular". More details to come.

I would like to wish all of our families a very Happy and Joyful Thanksgiving weekend! I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work with such an amazing staff in providing a safe, fun, and engaging learning space for your incredible children to discover their passions and skills. Thank you all for your continued support and partnership this year.

In gratitude

Laurie Sviatko

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 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 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.



NUT ALLERGIES

Some of the students in our school have a severe allergy to peanuts. 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. Including after eating (including breakfast), especially if peanut 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.



EARLY DISMISSALS

There is an early dismissal on **Wednesday, October 25th and Thursday, October 26th at 1:30 p.m.** for parent teacher meetings. Please make sure to pick up your child/children at 1:30 p.m. both days.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photo retake day is Monday, October 30th for students who missed having their photo taken, new students or if you wish to replace the photos you received. Please make sure to remind your child the day of that you want them to have their photo retaken.

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.schoolcashonline.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.

Helping to Keep Everyone Safe

On behalf of our school, I want to thank you in advance for helping us implement processes, like paying online, that help keep everyone safe.

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.

Together we can make a difference!

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 medication including Tylenol and Advil must be kept at the office with a Medical Administration form completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian. *If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.*



PAC MEETING

Come and join the PAC Meeting on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:30p.m.

This is a great way to learn more about your child's school and get involved!

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.



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.



PARKING

If you are picking up or dropping off your children, do **NOT** park in the parking lot. We need you to park up on the street and **obey ALL traffic signs**. There are many times when children and families are walking in the parking lot and having parents using the parking lot as a drop off or pick-up area is a safety concern. In addition, if one of our staff members leaves during the day for a meeting, we need to ensure that there is a parking space for them to use when they come back.

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.



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>