

ÉCOLE ROBB ROAD ÉLÉMENTAIRE / Comox Valley School (SD71)

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Weekly E-Bulletin – September 25th – 29th

Dear Robb Road Families,

A wet, busy and important week of reflection ahead. Here are a few highlights:

- 1. Truth and Reconciliation Week A number of classroom and schoolwide activities will help us reflect on the importance of healing relationships within Canada and honouring Indigenous peoples and their contributions. We will gather for a Reconciliation Week Assembly Thursday morning and encourage students to wear their orange shirt Thursday and Friday (and all week if possible!)
- **2.** Terry Fox Run Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make our annual Terry Fox Run a fun and safe event last Friday. Fundraising efforts so far have raised over \$3000 dollars. Impressively generous RR, Bravo!!
- <u>3. Weather</u> With this week's wild weather forecast, please ensure your child is prepared for the rain (boots, rain jacket). We believe that getting kids outside and encouraging them to be active outdoors is very important. As such, almost all of our recesses will be outside. Only in very extreme weather conditions will students be kept indoors.

4. Messages from your PAC

• HOT LUNCH (Kindergarten-Grade 7)

Ordering is now open for hot lunch this Fall. Closing date is on **Wednesday**, **September 27th** at midnight.

We will not be taking late orders as this makes it challenging for our volunteers and vendors.

Please note that there are no special orders accepted. Any food left because of student absences will be donated. We cannot store food.

There are **no refunds** as the Hot Lunch program is a fundraiser for every students such as field trips, supplies, activities and more.

• HOW TO ORDER HOT LUNCH & SALAD BAR

Please go to: http://robbroad.hotlunches.net

- Everyone start as a new user in new school year. Last year's accounts were deleted.
- Press "click here to register" (under the login boxes).
- Enter the ACCESS CODE: RRHL
- Add students
- Manage Orders

If you have any questions or problems with ordering, please email: robbroadhotlunch@gmail.com

If ordering hot lunch is a strain on your family budget, but you would like your child(ren) to order, please reach out to any teachers, admin or PAC. Orders will be placed anonymously. This is being funded through PAC donations.

• SALAD BAR

What is the Salad Bar Program? This meal will offer a wide array of fresh vegetables and fruit (local when available), protein and whole grains with fresh homemade salad dressings. The day of meal service will be **Tuesday** and will be offered to students in **Grade 1-7**.

In order for this program to run, we need more volunteers! Our former organizer and some volunteers have graduated and moved on to high school. We do not have enough volunteers to run the program at the moment.

Shifts are either on Monday (grocery pick up, prep) or Tuesday (prep, meal service, clean-up) of the week it's offered. Volunteer schedule is built based on your availability. We are happy to welcome parents and grandparents to our volunteer community.

If you can help or would like more information about this very delicious and nutritious program, please email Hiroko <u>robbroadhotlunch@gmail.com</u> as soon as you can so we can determine if we can run the program this Fall. It takes a village to run a salad bar!

• <u>Halloween</u> - New this year, <u>Halloween costume exchange</u>! Starting Monday, September 25th up to October 3rd, drop off your gently used costumes into the tote at or inside the front doors of the school. On October 6th from 2-3 and 5-6, come on back, peruse what we have, pick out a new to you costume, make a donation (optional), and enjoy! Donations will be used to decrease the cost to parents of the grade 7 year end field trip.

- <u>6. Water Bottles</u> –We are going through vast amounts of single use cups and the solution seems pretty easy and simple please ensure your child has a water bottle that can be left at school!
- 7. Cross-Country Running Cross-Country races start this week @ Puntledge. Runners will be invited to practice during morning recess Tuesdays and Fridays. Forms can be returned to the office. Thanks to Mme Gabourie, Mme Kenny, Carlene, Suzanne and Colin for guiding our runners!
- **8. Parenting Without Power Struggles** BGC (formerly Boys and Girls Club) is facilitating Parenting Without Power Struggles (PWPS) starting Thursday, October 5. PWPS is a nine-week peer-support parenting program for caregivers of kids aged 9 to 12. BGC runs PWPS twice per year.

PWPS – virtual - October 5 to November 30 - 7 to 8:30 PM

Register: parentingprograms@bgccvi.com

FMI: <u>Parenting Without Power Struggles - BGC Central Vancouver Island</u> (bgccvi.com)

9. Dates to Remember

Monday, September 25th – Friday, September 29th – Reconciliation Week Wednesday, September 27th – First Cross Country Race @ Puntledge Thursday, September 28th – Orange Shirt Day and Reconciliation Week Assembly @ 11:15 am

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Monday, October 2nd – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – stat. holiday – no school

Wednesday, October 4th – Individual Photo Day

Wednesday, October 4th - Cross Country Race @ Cumberland

Thursday, October 5th – World Teachers Day

Monday, October 9th – Thanksgiving – stat. holiday – no school

Wednesday, October 11th – Cross Country Race @ Huband

Tuesday, October 17th – PAC Meeting in Library @ 6:00 pm

Have a great week!

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