



Weekly E-Bulletin – September 11th – 15th

Dear Robb Road Families,

We had a wonderful first week of school! There were lots of smiles, an abundance of energy and an eagerness to learn and grow. All signs point to an exciting year at École Robb Road! Here are a few items for your consideration this week:

1. Allergies / Nuts / Peanuts - Several students and staff at École Robb Road have severe **allergies to tree nuts and peanuts**. Please do not send these to school with your child for snacks or lunch. If your child consumes nuts or nut products before school, please ensure their hands and faces are washed before coming to school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. A few peoples' lives depend on it!

2. Meet the Teacher Night – Teachers will be hosting parents and guardians in their classrooms next Tuesday, September 19th. There will be 2 classroom sessions, one at 5:00 and another at 5:15. This will allow parents to visit 2 different classes. At 5:30, parents will be called into the gym for a brief introduction to all new staff, an overview of the school year and a presentation from your PAC.

3. Terry Fox Run – At the end of next week, students will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. Primary students will run around the back field while intermediate students will run a route through the neighbourhood. Runners will depart school just after 1:30 pm. Parent volunteers are needed to ensure safety along the neighbourhood route. Please e-mail me at stephane.leblanc@sd71.bc.ca if you can be a safety volunteer for the neighbourhood run. Also, please consider making a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation by clicking on the school's fundraising page here: [Link for donation](#)

4. Message from your PAC

Welcome back to another exciting year at the school!

We are excited to learn and grow with the new administration. Welcome M. LeBlanc and Mme.Peddle 😊

At the start of this year, we as your Parent Advisory Council Society (PAC) have a few items to highlight:

- We are looking for more new members! Our first meeting is September 19 in the library at the school at 6pm, right after “Meet the Teacher”! Maybe we planned that, maybe we didn't 😊. We'd love to welcome new faces (and all our returning families!). Child-minding is provided in the gym. Meeting are monthly and sometimes online or in person.

- There are a few positions on the PAC that are open at the start of this year
 - a. PAC chair-person
 - b. DPAC rep

These positions can be jointly held and any interested parties are welcome to reach out to us before the meeting to discuss the work required via chairerrpac@gmail.com. The job titles may sound daunting but are very manageable.

- We are looking forward to planning the 2023-24 year events. In the past, we have held school dances, barbeques and fundraising events – we are always looking for new ideas and parent volunteers. Please reach out with any ideas – or bring them to the meeting.
- Each year, we provide monies to go towards school events and field trips. These amounts are made available through fundraising efforts and grant monies from BC Gaming Grant. Our responsibility is to allot the funds for the best benefit of students – we look forward to considering input from all families.
- There is much more information available on the ERR website under Family Info – general tab – Parent Advisory Council (PAC) [here](#).

That’s all for now!

Your friendly, welcoming PAC

5. School supplies - Kindergarten to Grade 3

School supplies for these grades are \$26.00 per student. Payment can be made by e-transfer, or by cash or cheque at the office. Please send e-transfer payments to robbroad@sd71.bc.ca. *Please clearly indicate in the e-transfer message your child’s first and last name and the grade they will be entering in September (and be sure not to send duplicate payment)*

*** Grade 4 to Grade 7**

School supply lists for these grades are available through the following link:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/ecole-robb-road-elementary/school-supplies/>

This link can be found on our website under “School Info”, “School Supplies”. No payments are accepted at the school for these orders. Please follow the instructions in the link provided. Please note there are no fees for student planners.

6. SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival Communication System – We will continue using the SchoolMessenger tool to communicate students absences. We encourage all families to sign on to this system to facilitate efficient communication of student absences. [Click here for more information.](#)

7. Parent Volunteers and Drivers - Thank you for volunteering at the school. Many of our programs and student experiences wouldn’t happen without the support of parent and community volunteers. All volunteers (classroom, salad bar, coaching, drivers, etc…) must complete a criminal record check before starting. Please review the instructions for [volunteers and drivers on our school’s website](#).

8. Student Information Verification Forms - Please return the completed Student Information Verification Form sent home with your child last week. These forms are important in ensuring we have the correct contact information for parents and guardians.

9. Dogs – Thanks for keeping your dog leashed at all times on school property, especially during the crowded dismissal time. Also, if your dog is a jumper/ biter or barks at people / other dogs, stay away from crowded dismissal areas.

10. Bikes Around School – We've seen a few close calls with both adults and kids riding their bikes around crowded areas at arrival/dismissal time. While we absolutely encourage biking to school, we ask that bikes be walked around the grounds and on the sidewalk at arrival time in the morning and dismissal time in the afternoon.

11. Dates to Remember

Monday, September 18-22 – Consent Week

Tuesday, September 19th Meet the Teacher Night from 5 to 6

Tuesday, September 19th – PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm after Meet the Teacher Night

Friday, September 22nd – Terry Fox Run (1:30 run start)

Monday, September 25th – Friday, September 29th – Reconciliation Week

Wednesday, September 27th – First Cross Country Race @ school tba

Friday, September 29th - Orange Shirt Day

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

Wednesday, October 4th – Individual Photo Day

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

We look forward to our first full week together and to greeting all 71 Kindergarten students Thursday.

Have a great week!

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Stéphane LeBlanc
Directeur/Principal