



## **Weekly E-Bulletin – September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Robb Road Families,

We hope you are enjoying the Labor Day long weekend. École Robb Road staff will be gathering Tuesday to prepare for an exciting school year for your children. We eagerly await students' return to school Wednesday morning. Here are information items for the first week of school.

**1. Non-Instructional Day** – Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is a Non-Instructional Day. NO SCHOOL for students.

**2. First morning of school** - Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8:40 - 12:00. Returning students meet outside at their designated meeting point from last year and spend the morning with their class from last year. New students to ERR enter the front doors, turn right and go to the library for an ERR orientation.

**3. Class placement** - 2023-2024 student/class placement will be finalized by staff in the afternoon of September 6<sup>th</sup> and will be communicated to families via email in the evening of September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please note that office staff and teachers will not be able to give out class placement information before it is emailed on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check your email Wednesday evening / Thursday morning for up-to-date information on class placement for the second day of school.

The determination of which students go into which classes is a somewhat complex task. Staff consult with one another and class lists are created with the overarching goal of trying to do what is best for each and every learner. Some of the factors that go into making a class list include; social emotional needs, learning needs, classroom support opportunities, gender and age balance, number of students and group dynamics. As such, we ask that if you have a concern about your child's classroom placement, please be patient and allow for an adjustment to the new learning environment. Many times, initial disappointment dissipates, problems iron themselves out and students adapt quite well to their new classroom environment. Although we may consider making a classroom change if there are previously unknown extraordinary circumstances, due to all the factors mentioned above we cannot guarantee a change can or will be made.

**4. Second day of school and beyond** - Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:40 - 2:30 (regular schedule for everyone except Kindergarten). Students will meet at new designated spot and start in their new classes as emailed to families the previous evening.

### **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](mailto: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.

**6. Care on the roads** - Wednesday is back to school in all Comox Valley neighborhoods and as such, please take care while driving. It will be very busy around École Robb Road around drop-off and pick-up times so please consider parking a few streets away and walking a few extra minutes.

**7. New Administrative Assistant** - Please welcome Chantal Stagg as our new administrative assistant. Chantal will be at the front desk in the office, ready to greet students and parents throughout the day.

**8. Indigenous Education** – Please click [here for a message](#) from the Indigenous Education Department

**9. 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.](#)

**10. Safe and Healthy Schools** - We continue to ask that all families complete a daily health check for their child. Students and adults should not come to school if they are sick. Please stay home.

**11. Early pick ups** - To pick up your child who is leaving early, enter at the main door and sign in / out your child through the office. Please arrange for this through the teacher and office in advance by emailing [robbroad@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:robbroad@sd71.bc.ca) and your teacher.

**12. Student medications** - If you have medication for your child, please contact the office to fill out the appropriate paperwork and have it available through the office.

**13. Drop off and pick up at ERR** - Our school is a buzzing, friendly place! We ask that you have a family meeting spot to find one another easily. Please make sure you go over safe travel plans with your child that include road and crosswalk safety, as well as walking around (rather than through) school parking lots. Kindergarten parents will be asked to drop off and pick up directly from the teacher.

#### **14. Dates to Remember**

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Terry Fox Run (pm – time to be confirmed)

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Reconciliation Week

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – First Cross Country Race @ school tba

**Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** - Orange Shirt Day

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – stat. holiday – no school

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving – stat. holiday – no school

I look forward to meeting students and families over the next few weeks. Feel free to email me directly at [stephane.leblanc@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:stephane.leblanc@sd71.bc.ca) if you have questions or concerns.

The fun begins!

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