



ÉCOLE ROBB ROAD ÉLÉMENTAIRE / Comox Valley School (SD71)

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## The RR Weekly – September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dear Robb Road Families,

We hope you enjoyed the Labor Day long weekend. All École Robb Road staff will be gathering Tuesday to prepare for an engaging 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 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Non-Instructional Day. NO SCHOOL for students.

**2. New students/families (gr. 1-7)** – New Grade 1-7 students and families are invited to a visit and orientation session on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm. Meet at the school's front doors.

**3. First morning of school** - Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:40 - 11:45 am. Students will go to their new classrooms.

**4. Class placement** - 2025-2026 student/class placement will be communicated to families via email late afternoon/early evening Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that office staff and teachers will not be able to give out class placement information before it is emailed on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be sure to check your email Tuesday evening / Wednesday morning for up-to-date information on class placement and where to meet your child's new teacher.

The determination of which students go into which classes is a complex task that has taken lots of time. Staff consult with one another and class lists are created with the overarching goal of trying to do what is best for each 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 extraordinary circumstances, due to all the factors mentioned above we cannot guarantee a change can or will be made.

**5. Second day of school and beyond** - Thursday, September 4th from 8:40 - 2:30 (regular schedule for everyone - except Kindergarten).

**6. School Supplies (K-7)** - School supplies will be centralized through each classroom and have been subsidized by the Ministry of Education and SD71 through Student Affordability grants. They have provided 8\$, which means parents are asked to pay the remaining **32\$**. You can pay via cash or cheque but e-transfer is preferred at [robbroad@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:robbroad@sd71.bc.ca). Please be sure to write School Supplies 25-26 and your child's name. As always, parents are still expected to provide a backpack, lunch kit and water bottle. Families requiring financial assistance to pay for school supplies may contact any staff member.

**7. 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 during drop-off and pick-up times so please consider parking a few streets away and walking a few extra minutes.

**8. Allergies / Nuts / Peanuts** - Several students and staff at École Robb Road have severe **allergies to tree nuts and peanuts**. Please avoid sending 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 face are washed before coming to school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. A few peoples' lives depend on it!

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

**10. 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 using SchoolMessenger, or emailing [robbroad@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:robbroad@sd71.bc.ca) and your teacher.

**11. Student medication** - If you have medication for your child, please bring it in to the office and complete the required paperwork.

**12. 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.

### **13. 2025-2026 Staff**

Mme Shelly, Mme Chantal	Administrative Assistants (office)
Pauline Mitchell	Indigenous Support Worker
Mme Vicky, Mme Diana, Mme Amber, Mme Kyra, Mme Caroline	Educational Assistants
Raphaël Demont	French Language Monitor
Mr. Noe, Mr. Colin, Mr. William	Custodians
Mme Ellis/Mme Nightingale, Mme Gowie, Mme Floucault	Kindergarten Teachers
Mme Reed, Mme MacGregor, Mme Pittman, Mme Travis, Mme Hartman, Mme Godel, Mme Simard, Mme Bournival, Mme Gabourie	Primary Teachers
M. Douglas, Mme Leith-Mills, Mme Comeau, Mme Rose, Mme Yourchik/Mme Clarke	Intermediate Teachers
Mme Rose, Mme Kenny, Mme Letourneau/Mme Clarke, M. Milani, Mme Lacombe	Upper Intermediate Teachers
M. Sequeira and Mme Mayert	Music Teachers
Mme Louise MacLaughlan	Outdoor Ed. Teacher

Mme Pontus and Mme Sonja	Teacher Librarian and Library Clerk
Mme Eby (primary) and Mme Peatfield (intermediate)	Learning Support Teachers
Mme Verona Griffin	Counsellor
Mme Morgan McDonald	Speech & Language Pathologist
M. LeBlanc and Mme Peddle	Principal and Vice Principal

#### **14. School / Bell / Recess Schedules**

8:40 – Start of school day (bell)

10:40 – Morning recess (bell)

11:10 – End of morning recess (bell)

12:30 – Afternoon recess (bell)

1:00 - End of afternoon recess (bell)

2:30 – End of school day (bell)

**15. School District Calendar** – please click the [following link for the 2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

**16. 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:

- a) **Criminal Record Check:** all volunteers (classroom, salad bar, coaching, drivers, etc...) must complete a criminal record check before starting. If you have done this during the previous 3 school years, your criminal record check is likely still valid. Office staff will contact any expired or expiring CR checks.
- b) **Drivers Abstracts and Insurance Documents:** Please note that all driver abstracts, insurance and driver's licence documents are shredded at the end of every school year.

Please click on the following link for more information: [Volunteers and drivers from our school's website](#).

## **17. Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, September 2nd** – Non-Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS) + New student / family orientation @ 3:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – First Day of School for students (8:40 am – 11:45 am)

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** – First full day of school – regular hours from 8:40 – 2:30 pm

**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Welcome Assembly @ 10:00 am

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Meet the Teacher Night (5:00 – 6:00 pm) + PAC Meeting at 6 pm

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Terry Fox Run (1:45 pm)

**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Individual Student Photo Day

**Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Orange Shirt Day

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Photo Retakes

The fun begins!

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Directeur / Principal

École Robb Road Elementary

*I respectfully acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Pentlatch, Sahtloot, Sasitla and Ieeksun Peoples (K'omoks First Nations) and am thankful for the privilege of living on the land and the gift of working with their children.*