



ÉCOLE ROBB ROAD ÉLÉMENTAIRE / Comox Valley School (SD71)

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The RR Weekly – September 8th – 12th

Dear Robb Road Families,

We had an exciting first week of school! There were lots of smiles, an abundance of energy and an eagerness to grow and learn. All signs point to another engaging year at École Robb Road!

Here are a few items for your consideration this week:

1. Meet the Teacher Night – Teachers will be hosting parents and guardians in their classrooms next Tuesday, September 16th. There will be 2 classroom sessions, one at 5:00 and another at 5:15. This will allow parents to visit 2 different classrooms. Please note that gr. 6/7 classes will begin at 4:45 pm and there are no classroom sessions for Kindergarten. At 5:30, parents will be called into the gym for a brief introduction to staff, an overview of the school year and a presentation from your PAC.

2. 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!

3. 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.](#)

4. Terry Fox Run – On Friday, September 19th, students will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. K-2 students will run around the back field while gr. 3-7 students will run a route through the neighbourhood. Runners will depart school just after 1:45 pm. Parent volunteers are needed to ensure safety along the neighbourhood route (grades 3-7). 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](#). We'll also have a Twoonies for Terry donation box at the office.

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

6. Student Information Verification via Clevr – Student verification information is now online only via the [Clevr](#) platform. The School District has created a [helpful manual](#) for your use to access [Clevr](#). Please carefully follow the instructions in this manual. If you run into login problems, please contact robbroad@sd71.bc.ca. When you arrive at the [Clevr](#) website, you can use the "Forgot password" to begin the process as outlined in the manual. It is preferable that you use a computer or laptop to complete the form; however, it can be done using your mobile device.

7. Parking Around the School – a few gentle reminders:

please be mindful of not parking in a way that blocks our neighbours from their driveways on Robb Avenue, Sable Crescent and other streets around the school.

the area between Sable Place and the west school parking entrance is a No Stopping zone to prevent cars parking there and creating potentially unsafe conditions as traffic weaves around them. We've noticed ample parking and drop off spots along Robb Avenue, past the school heading west toward Anderton

the orange cones at the front of the school indicate the bus zone and are for the yellow First Student bus.

both parking lots at the rear of the school are for staff only. Student pick up and drop off are at the front of the school on Robb Avenue. Wee Care families may use the east parking lot before 8:15 am and after 3:00 pm.

There are lots of parking spaces available at the front of the school after 2:35 pm and there is supervision from school staff until 2:45 pm.

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

9. 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](#).

10. Understanding Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for Parents & Caregivers:

Join Comox Valley Schools Inclusive Education and SD 71 DPAC for an important session to help parents and caregivers better understand Individual Education Plans (IEPs). This session will provide families with tools and knowledge to support their children's learning journeys. Registration is required. To register or learn more, email: dpac@sd71.bc.ca

Thursday, September 25th @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm

2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

Zoom option available + Free childcare option available

11. Dates to Remember

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

Friday, September 19th – Terry Fox Run (1:45 pm)

Thursday, September 25th – Individual Student Photo Day

Monday, September 29th – Orange Shirt Day

Tuesday, September 30th – No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Wednesday, October 22nd – Photo Retakes

We look forward to our first full week together and to greeting all 60 Kindergarten students Monday.

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Directeur / Principal

École Robb Road Elementary

I respectfully acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Pentlach, 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.