



ÉCOLE ROBB ROAD ÉLÉMENTAIRE / Comox Valley School (SD71)

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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! Today, we look forward to greeting all 60 incoming Kindergarten students for their first full day of school!

Here are a few items for your consideration this week:

1. Non-Instructional Day – Monday, September 21st – No school for students on Monday, September 21st for our first Non-Instructional Day of the school year.

2. From Your PAC: We're excited to welcome you to our first PAC meeting of the school year! We'll meet in the school library on **Tuesday, September 15th, directly following Meet the Teacher Night**. Child care will be provided, so please feel free to bring the kids!

This first meeting will be a chance to reconnect, welcome new faces, and hear from administration and staff about the start of the year. No experience or preparation is needed — just come as you are! We'd love to see you there!

3. Meet the Teacher Night – Teachers will be hosting parents and guardians in their classrooms this Tuesday, September 15th. 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.

4. Terry Fox Run – On Friday, September 25th, 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. School Supplies (K-7) - School supplies have been purchased and centralized through each classroom and cost **\$40** per student. You can pay via cash or cheque, but e-transfer is preferred at robbroad@sd71.bc.ca. Please be sure to write School Supplies 26-27 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.

6. 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 and the Sitka Daycare van.

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. Bounce 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.

7. 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, please stay away from crowded areas.

8. Outdoor Ed Newsletter: Attention families in grades K-4 whose child (ren) have Mme. Louise for Outdoor Ed / Plein Air, please have a look at our fall [Outdoor Ed newsletter](#).

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

10. 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 for field trips, 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 and must be renewed every school year.

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

11. 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](#).

12. Parenting Programs - BGC (formerly Boys and Girls Club) is offering two peer support parent groups:

[Parents Together](#), a free nine-week program starting September 16 from 7pm to 9pm is for caregivers raising youth aged 9–16. Peer support is a major component of this program and helpful for parents to know they are not alone with their challenges.

[Parenting Without Power Struggles](#), a free nine-week program focusing on parenting fundamentals like boundaries, values, communication and self-care. This

free nine-week program starts Thursday October 8 from 7:30 to 9 pm and is for caregivers raising youth 7-12.

If you're navigating challenges or looking for support, you're not alone—Both programs offer a space to connect and learn. Reach out to the program coordinator to get started by emailing parentingprograms@bgccvi.com or call Ted at 250-338-7141

Caregivers can attend in-person or virtually for Parents Together and virtually for Parenting without power struggles

13. Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 15th – Meet the Teacher Night (5:00 – 6:00 pm) + PAC Meeting at 6 pm

September 15th + 16th – C.V. Cycling Coalition Bike Rodeo for grades 4 and 5

Monday, September 21st - Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)

Wednesday, September 23rd – Individual Student Photo Day

Friday, September 25th – Terry Fox Run

Tuesday, September 29th – Truth and Reconciliation + Orange Shirt Day

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

Wednesday, October 21st – Photo Retakes

Have a great week!

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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

