



ÉCOLE ROBB ROAD ÉLÉMENTAIRE / Comox Valley School (SD71)

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Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year

Dear Robb Road Families,

Another exciting school year is just around the corner at École Robb Road. We hope summer has been restful and leisurely for everyone. Our awesome team of teachers and staff is busily preparing for the school year and we are excited to see students and families return next week.

Here are a few key items and friendly reminders as summer wanes:

1. First morning of school - Tuesday, September 8th from 8:40 - 11:45 am (new Kindergarten students do not attend). Students will go to their new classrooms.

2. Class placement – 2026-2027 student/class placement will be communicated to families via email late afternoon/early evening on Monday, September 7th. Please note that office staff and teachers will not be able to give out class placement information before it is emailed on the 7th. Be sure to check your email Monday evening / Tuesday morning for up-to-date information on class placement and where to meet your child's new teacher.

3. Second day of school and beyond - Wednesday, September 9th from 8:40 - 2:30 (regular schedule for everyone - except Kindergarten).

4. New students/families (gr. 1-7) – New Grade 1-7 students and families are invited to a visit and orientation session on Friday, September 4th, at 2:00 pm. Meet at the school's front doors.

5. New Kindergarten Students – We will be welcoming 60 new kindergarten students this year in 3 different K classes. The Kindergarten gradual entry process and schedules were emailed to K families in July. Please let us know if you need more information or didn't receive the July email.

6. School Supplies (K-7) - School supplies will be purchased and centralized through each classroom and will 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.

7. School / Bell / Recess Schedules

8:40 – Start of school day (bell)

10:40 – Morning recess (bell)

11:05 – End of morning recess (bell)

12:30 – Afternoon recess (bell)

1:00 - End of afternoon recess (bell)

2:30 – End of school day (bell)

8. School District Calendar – please click the [following link for the 2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

9. Playground and School Yard Updates – Site preparation continues for the installation of the new playground. Work will continue into the Fall and we anticipate minimal disruption to regular school operations beyond the fenced off safety zones. At the back of the field, the area around the eagle tree will remain fenced off for the foreseeable future. School District contracted arborists and Town of Comox staff are working together on this matter to ensure public/student safety and habitat protection.

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. School Office Hours - The school office is open every day the week of August 31st from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm, and regular hours (8:00 – 3:00) resume on September 8th.

12. Communication – Families will receive a weekly update from the Principal every Monday morning before 7:00 am. Your child's teacher will also be in regular communication. Never hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns and celebrations!

13. 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.](#)

14. District Strategic Plan & Robb Road School Goals - We will begin the 2026-2027 will be the third school year under our updated District Strategic Plan which will guide our areas of growth in future years as we continue to provide inclusive, wholistic and personalized learning environments to develop students' core competencies: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/our-strategic-plan/>
At ÉRR, the upcoming school year will be our second under our revamped school goals:

Vision: A bilingual community that engages all learners in achieving their unique learning potentials in a safe, supportive, and respectful environment

Goal: At École Robb Road, we will create inclusive classroom cultures where we will see students who have:

- Different tools to meet their needs
- Access to work at their level (and their level +1)
- Choices in how they show their learning

15. Inclusion BC - Below is a link to the Parents Handbook on Inclusive Education which provides some valuable information and resources for parents.

<https://inclusionbc.org/resource/parents-handbook-on-inclusive-education/>

16. ERASE BC - ERASE is an online tool to aid students, adults and school staff to build safe, caring and inclusive school communities. Please click on the link below for more information:

www.Erase.gov.bc.ca

17. Emergency Preparedness - Throughout the school year students and staff will participate in fire, earthquake and lockdown drills as part of our emergency preparedness program. For more information please visit the link below:
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/emergency-preparedness/>

18. Dates to Remember

Friday, September 4th – New Student Orientation (grades 1-7) – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, September 8th – First Day of School for students (8:40 am – 11:45 am)

Wednesday, September 9th – First full day of school – regular hours from 8:40 – 2:30 pm

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

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

We look forward to reconnecting with everyone over the next few weeks. Feel free to email me directly at stephane.leblanc@sd71.bc.ca if you have questions or concerns.

Enjoy the last week of summer!

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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