

Good afternoon, Royston EI community!

Here is your week ahead for Feb 16th – 20th,2026.



And for those wanting the "quick hits" for the upcoming week:

School News

- **No School Monday Feb 16th - Happy Family Day!**
- **No School Tuesday Feb 17th – Professional Development Day for all educators.**
- **Let's show off that Canadian pride! All Royston staff and students are encouraged to wear Red on Fridays until the Olympics are over. Let's go Team Canada!**



- **Basketball news- All games are 3:00-4:00pm.**
 - **Upcoming games**
 - **No Games this week.**
 - **Next games are Feb 23rd**
 - Boys at home vs Cumberland
 - Girls at NIDES (rides are required)
- **Special Events:** follow this link from our public libraries. [Events - Vancouver Island Regional Library](#)
- **Kindergarten Registration:** Kindergarten registration is now open. To be eligible for enrolment in September 2026, a student MUST turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2026.

To ensure you live in the Royston Elementary catchment area, check here: [School Locator](#)

- Please complete the form at this link: [School Registration](#)

Note: You must use a computer to register. It will not work on either a phone or tablet.

If you would like more information on other programs offered by the school district, you will find it here: [Kindergarten Registration](#)

To register for the school bus, the information can be found here: [Student Transportation](#)

PAC News

- **Next PAC Meeting - Wednesday Mar 11 at 6:30PM**
 - All parents are welcome! We offer free childcare.
- **PAC Fundraisers:**
 - - Purdy's Chocolate. Last day to order is Feb 26th:
 - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000021437>
 - Erin's "Gut Feelings" Sourdough subscription! Order freshly made delicious sourdough bread for only \$10, with 30% going back to our school. First order delivery is February 27th. More details and preorder on the PAC site:
 - <https://royston-elementary-pac.square.site/>
 - Roe's Garden, which is very local to our school, is doing a Mother's Day flower bouquet subscription! Partners and friends-plan ahead and spoil your loved ones by purchasing a beautiful flower arrangement subscription from Roe's Garden!
 - Details and preorders done directly through their site:
 - <https://www.theroesgarden.ca/shop/p/royston-elementary-fundraiser-flower-subscriptions>
 - West Coast Seeds Fundraiser is also live! Order from February 8- March 1st.
 - <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/pages/organizations/royston-elementary-school>

District News

- **School Board Office Closed Tuesday, February 17**
 - The school board office will be closed on February 17 to allow staff to participate in professional development opportunities. Staff will still be in the building, but the front doors will be locked that day.

- **Cross Boundary Request Information**
 - The cross-boundary transfer request process for Comox Valley Schools is open Feb. 1-28. Students registered with Comox Valley Schools may request a transfer to a school outside their catchment area for the 2026-2027 school year. The request window opens February 1, 2026, until February 28, 2026. [Cross Boundary Requests Open Feb.1-28 - Comox Valley Schools](#)

- **Budget Survey for parents, staff and all school community members:**
 - Comox Valley Schools is inviting everyone in our school community to help shape priorities for the district's 2026-2027 preliminary budget through a public survey - now open until February 20, 2026.
 - The public survey invites participants to share their perspectives on which strategic design principles should receive particular focus in the coming year and provides space for suggestions for the board to consider as it examines budget priorities.
 - **Public Survey Link:** www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/budget-input-survey-public/ **Survey Closes: February 20, 2026 (end of day)**

- **Non-Instructional Day Scheduled for Friday, May 15**

Community News

- **Community Basketball Opportunities**
 - **Thunderball Basketball:** April 10-May 29 on Fridays at Isfeld for grade 3-5 and at Vanier for grades 6-7. The two leagues will have separate boys and girl's teams. There's 30 minutes of skills then a 45 min game each week. Only \$80 for 8 weeks including a T-shirt.

- For grade 3-5 register here: [2026 Grade 3-5 Thunderball Basketball Registration – Fill out form](#)
- For grade 6-7, see the attachment or email larrystreetcar@gmail.com
- **Dime Valley Basketball:**
 - Dime Valley Spring registration is open for the Club Travel Team and Spring Academy <https://www.dimevalleybasketball.ca/>
- **BECOME A BASEBALL UMPIRE IN 2026.** Make some money on evenings and weekends. Be in charge. Learn the game of Baseball. We are looking for responsible, eager grade 6-12 students (and adults) to become umpires.
 - Registration is now open for the 2026 season ([BCBUA Registration | BC BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION](#)). Contact Nick Moore at ncmoore4@shaw.ca for more information. He will forward you all the information you need to get started.

A Choral Mosaic

2026: Feb 28



St. George's United Church Presents

A Choral Mosaic 2026

A Choral Extravaganza:
6 Choirs & 100+ Voices

Saturday, February 28 @ 7pm

Adults: \$20 | Ages 13-17: \$10
Ages 12 & Under: Free

(Tickets on Eventbrite -->
& at Laughing Oyster)



Proceeds to benefit
St. George's United Church & Music Heals
www.stgeorgesunited.com

Social Emotional Learning

A Note to Families: The information shared in this Social Emotional Learning Newsletter is offered in the spirit of support and care and is part of our Royston commitment to student well-being. While we aim to share helpful ideas and general strategies, this content is not intended to replace professional mental health care or individualized support. Our school team remains committed to supporting students within the school setting, and we value working in partnership with families to ensure children feel safe, supported, and cared for.

Social Emotional Learning

At Royston

Connection

When the world feels uncertain—whether due to community events, global news, or changes in daily routines—children often look to the adults around them for reassurance. Even when they cannot fully understand what is happening, they can sense stress and disruption. During these times, one of the most powerful protective factors for children is connection.

From a trauma-informed perspective, we know that children thrive when they feel safe, seen, and supported. Connection helps regulate the nervous system, lowers stress, and builds resilience. It does not require perfect words or big gestures—just consistent, caring presence.

At school, we intentionally nurture connection through the **BC Core Competencies**, which support students in developing the skills they need to navigate uncertainty with confidence and care.

Personal & Social Competency – Building Belonging and Resilience

Children who feel they belong are better able to cope with challenges. When adults listen calmly, validate feelings, and maintain predictable routines, children learn that difficult moments can be managed. Simple messages such as “I’m here with you” or “You’re safe” go a long way. At school, we continue to prioritize relationship-building, classroom community, and inclusive spaces where every child feels valued.

Communication Competency – Expressing Feelings Safely

Connection grows when children are invited to share their thoughts and emotions. Some children will talk openly; others may draw, play, or ask questions in small ways. Creating space for expression helps children process their experiences. Listening without immediately solving builds trust and emotional safety.

When children feel connected, they are more able to learn, problem-solve, and show empathy for others. Together, as families and educators, we can continue to create a community where every child feels safe, supported, and strong—even during uncertain times.

Thank you for partnering with us to support your child’s social and emotional growth.



Lee McKillican and Char Siddon 😊

