

Good afternoon, Royston El community!

Here is your week ahead for Feb 23 – 27th, 2026.



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

School News

- **Team Canada plays in the gold medal game Sunday morning at 5:00AM. Enjoy!**
- **Basketball news- Last games of the season.**
 - **Feb 23rd** 3:00-4:00pm
 - Boys at home vs Cumberland
 - Girls at NIDES (rides are required)
- **Feb 25th Pink Shirt Day** – Wednesday
- **Feb 25th Resilient Rhythm-** School-wide assembly and drumming workshop

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

- **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

Community News

- BGC (formerly Boys and Girls Club) is facilitating **Parenting Without Power Struggles (PWPS)** starting Thursday, March 5 from 7:30 to 9 pm. PWPS is a free nine-week peer-support parenting program for parents and caregivers of youth under 14 years of age.
 - To Register or for more information contact: parentingprograms@bgccvi.com or call Ted at 250-338-7141

parenting without power struggles

Next Session starts March 5

Navigate the pre-teen years with confidence and connection. Empower yourself to be the best possible parent for your youth!

THURSDAYS from 7:30-9 pm
9-week session starting March 5 to April 30

Virtual Sessions
Accessible wherever you are!

Registration Required
Reserve your space today!

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parentingprograms@bgccvi.com

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opportunity changes everything.

- **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.

Dear Families,

On Wednesday, Feb. 25th, our school is recognizing **Pink Shirt Day**, a day that began in Berwick when two students stood up for a peer who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Their small act of kindness sparked a movement that reminds us that acceptance, belonging, and courage matter every day.

At Royston Elementary, Pink Shirt Day connects deeply to the **British Columbia Core Competencies**, especially **Personal and Social Awareness and Responsibility**.

Social awareness means noticing how others feel. It means understanding that our words and actions affect people around us. It means choosing kindness, even when it is hard. Acceptance means valuing differences and making space for everyone to feel safe and included.

In classrooms, students are learning to:
Recognize feelings in themselves and others.

Use respectful language.
Stand up safely when they see unkind behaviour.
Seek help from trusted adults.

These skills build empathy, strengthen communication, and support positive identity. They help children become caring members of their community.

Pink Shirt Day is not just about wearing pink. It is about building a culture of belonging. It is about teaching students that small acts of kindness make a big difference. It is about reminding every child that they matter.



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



Lee McKillican and Char Siddon 😊

