

Good afternoon, Royston El community!

Here is your week ahead for March 16-20, 2026.



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

School News

- Spring Break is one week away. March 20th is the last day of school.
- School resumes on April 7th. Have a great break!
- Report Cards come home on March 20th.

Grade 3 Science Fair Inquiry Project



Ms. Borden's class put a great deal of effort into their inquiry projects! Congratulations to the students for a job well done!

PAC News

- **Next PAC Meeting is April 15th at 630PM - All welcome! Free childcare.**
- **Fundraising**

Erin's Gut Feelings Sourdough

- Order freshly made delicious sourdough bread for only \$10, with 30% going back to our school. Order by Wednesday. Pick up is on Fridays! More details and preorder on the PAC site:
- Now offering Pizza Dough!
- <https://royston-elementary-pac.square.site/>

Roe's Bouquet Subscription - Pre-order for Mother's Day Gifts!

- Partners and friends- plan ahead and spoil your loved ones by purchasing a beautiful flower arrangement subscription from Roe's Garden!
- Pick up will be just before spring break at the school.
- <https://www.theroesgarden.ca/shop/p/royston-elementary-fundraiser-flower-subscriptions>

Community News



Concerts for the Common Good presents:

Georgia Strait Big Band

at St. George's United in Courtenay

\$20 in advance
(Eventbrite & Laughing Oyster)
\$25 at door

Saturday, April 11 @ 2pm

Proceeds to benefit
St. George's United Church &
L'Arche Comox Valley
www.stgeorgesunited.com



• **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/>

Social Emotional Learning



On March 13th we celebrated our first Multi-age Play Time at Royston!

Students from different ages chose from a variety of play opportunities such as games, karaoke, Lego, gardening, and even fort building! It was wonderful to see the students learning and playing together. Students showed teamwork and creativity with peers they might not normally spend time with during the day.

Play is more than just fun--it is an important part of how children learn. Research shows that play-based learning helps students develop problem-solving skills, creativity, and social understanding. When playing together, children practice communication, cooperation, and empathy. Multi-age experiences are especially powerful because older students have opportunities to model leadership and kindness, while younger students gain confidence and learn new skills by observing and interacting with their peers.

This approach connects directly to the **BC Core Competencies**, which focus on helping students develop the skills they need for school and life.

Communication – students practiced sharing ideas, explaining rules, and listening to others.

Personal and Social Responsibility – students were inclusive, supportive of younger students and showed kindness and respect.

Creative and Critical Thinking – students solved problems during games, invented new ways to play, and worked together to overcome challenges.

Most importantly, this multi-age unstructured play time helped strengthen our sense of school community and belonging. When students build relationships across grade levels, it creates a culture where everyone feels valued, supported, and connected.

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



Lee McKillican and Char Siddon 😊

