

***Good afternoon, Royston El community!***

Here is your week ahead for Nov 10-14, 2025



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

### **School News**

- Student Learning Updates – These were sent home with all students today (November 7<sup>th</sup>). Please check the backpacks.
- **Remembrance Day Assembly** – Our assembly will begin in the gym at 9:00 am Monday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome - This assembly is of a serious tone, and we ask that you arrive and find your seat before 8:55am.
  
- Parent – Teacher meetings will take place outside of school hours during the week of Monday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that there will be no classes on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Please sign up, via this link, to book a 10-minute meeting with your child's teacher. Your child should attend the meeting with you so they can present to you what they've been working on.
- If you have trouble re-activating a previous account in the Parent Interviews software, feel free to make a new account.
  - Bookings for Parent teacher interviews will open on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – <https://secure.parentinterviews.com/royston>

- Volleyball - Wed Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Games start at 3:00pm
  - Apples at Royston vs Cumberland
  - Bananas at Miracle Beach
- Volleyball - Team Coconuts play at home on Thursday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - Games start at 3:00pm
  - Coconuts at Royston

## **PAC News**

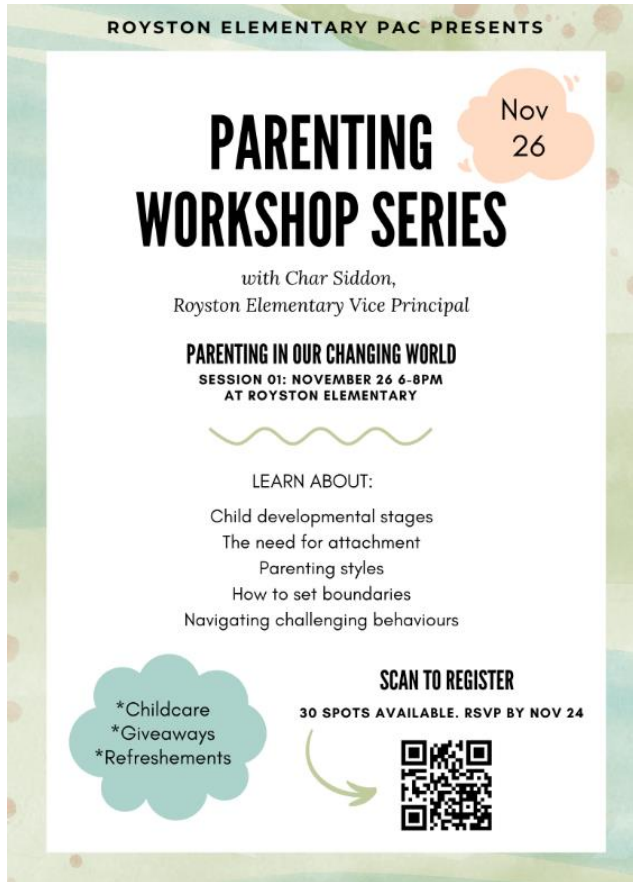
- **Next PAC Meeting - Wednesday Nov 12th at 6:30PM**
  - All parents are welcome! We offer free childcare.
- **Shop Local While Supporting our PAC!**

We're excited to announce that the Royston EI PAC [Online Store](#) is now open! This year, we're featuring some amazing local goodies, including: Royston Roasting Coffee, Hot Chocolates, Yumm Numm's Freeze Dried Candy and Royston Apparel. Pick up will be before Winter Break.

<https://royston-elementary-pac.square.site/>

## **Join our first Parenting Workshop led by Char Siddon on November 26th**

- Learn practical strategies to support our children's emotional growth and well-being. Door prizes, refreshments and free childcare! 30 spots available so register ASAP:  
<https://tinyurl.com/257psy5f>



- **Save the Date: Royston's 2nd Annual Winter Market is on November 30th**  
Santa photos, ear piercing and a huge variety of gift items. We still have a few tables left (\$35 each). Volunteers needed for baking and to work in the concession. If you can help or want to reserve a table email: [roystonelpac@gmail.com](mailto:roystonelpac@gmail.com)

## **District News**

A new Non-Instructional Day focused on Indigenous Learning has been proposed to take place on Friday, May 15, 2026. On this day, teachers and staff will engage in professional learning centred on Indigenous histories, cultures, and ways of knowing.

This initiative reflects the district's Truth and Reconciliation Commitment and aligns with Design Principles in our Strategic Plan.

The addition follows a change to the provincial school calendar regulations, which now require all school districts to dedicate one professional learning day each year to advancing Indigenous student success and strengthening understanding of Indigenous perspectives.

Read more and provide feedback here: [Introducing a New Non-Instructional Day Focused on Indigenous Learning - Comox Valley Schools](#)

## **Parent Workshops**

Everyone is welcome! Sessions take place in the Multipurpose Hall and include a complimentary family dinner and supervised children's activities. This program is aimed towards families & children ages 0-8 years.

Drop in to our free, one-hour parenting sessions where local experts share practical knowledge and tools to help parents build confidence and connection. Dinner includes gluten-free and vegan options prepared by LUSH Valley (not guaranteed celiac friendly).

The Parent Speaker Series is made possible thanks to the PlanH Grant and BC Healthy Communities - a non-profit committed to enhancing community health.

Schedule:

- Dinner: 5:00 pm
- Speaker: 5:30–6:30 pm
- Location: Comox Community Centre – Multipurpose Hall
- No session: Nov 11
- Optional registration for updates and resources: [Parent Speaker Series](#)

## Upcoming Sessions:

- Nov 18, 2025 – Adjusting to Parenthood – Support for New and Expecting Parents – Rosalie (RN), Public Health
- Nov 25, 2025 – Become the Parent You Always Wanted to Be Using the Positive Intelligence® Framework – Linda, Be Thriving Moms <https://bethrivingmomstoday.com/Dec 2, 2025> – Growing Up Safely: Practical Tips to Prevent Injuries in Children – Olivia Aguiar (PhD), Public Health

## Social Emotional Learning



“We rise by lifting others” *Robert Ingersoll*

Respect, empathy, and cooperation are character traits of kind people. Kindness is, “**the choice to act with words, gifts, or actions to bring appreciation, positivity, and encouragement to ourselves and others**”. Today, our Royston Ravens participated in their first whole school character assembly all about **Kindness**. They worked together in their multi-aged groups with grade 6 leaders to gain a deeper understanding of kindness and how one act of kindness causes another. We have challenged our students to do a random act of kindness sometime during the month of November so If your child does something for someone else without being asked or being prompted, please and let us know! We want to celebrate students

who act kindly when no one is watching! Thank you for helping us spread kindness at school, at home and in our community.

Thanks everyone - have a great weekend,

Lee McKillican and Char Siddon 😊

