

**Good afternoon, Royston EI community!**

Here is your week ahead for Nov 3-7, 2025



Let's go Jays!

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

### **School News**

- Student Learning Updates – Look for these Reports to come with your children towards the end of the week (Nov 6-7).
- Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This is a non-instructional day (no school for kids).
  - Bookings for Parent teacher interviews will open on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – stand by for further information.
- Photo retakes are happening 8:30 – 10:00AM on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.
- If you have not paid the \$25.00 School supplies fee, please do so now. **School fees \$25.00 - cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [royston@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:royston@sd71.bc.ca)**
  - This fee covers the cost of school supplies (already bulk purchased here at the school). Please contact me if you have concerns about this payment as we do have access to some funding support.
- Volleyball this week for grade 4-6 students. We will have 3 teams this year. Teams are still being adjusted to allow for maximum playing time and fun for all players.
  - Experienced grade 6 (Team Apples) -Mr. Fleischer
  - Beginner grades 5-6 (Team Bananas) – Ms. Siddon and Mr. David

- Beginner grades 4-5-6 (Team Coconuts) – Ms. Siddon and Mr. David
- Wed Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Games start at 3:00pm
  - Apples at Royston vs Puntledge
  - Bananas at Aspen
  - Coconuts at Courtenay Elementary

Parent drivers are always needed. To be a parent driver we will need the following in our files:

1. Criminal record Check (every 5 years)
2. Driver's Abstract (yearly) See link below
  - a. <https://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/getting-licensed/Your-driving-record>
3. Copy of your Driver's Licence (yearly)
4. Copy of your insurance policy (yearly)

Please connect with our office for support

**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 9:00am. If you or someone you know is a Veteran and would like to attend and be part of a procession, please contact the office. Thank you.

### **PAC News**

- **GUNTER BROS Fundraiser - October 17 – November 2nd**
  - It's a great opportunity to stock your freezers with high quality local meat. This is an excellent fundraiser for our PAC as we get \$10 for every box of meat and \$5 for every box of pepperoni sold.

- Orders are available online through Hot Lunches at <https://royston.hotlunches.net> **until 5pm on Sunday November 2nd.**
  - **Important Note:** If your order is more than \$500, please email [roystonelhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:roystonelhotlunch@gmail.com) and we will send you payment instructions (there is a maximum in the Hot Lunch system).
  
  - An email with pick up instructions will be sent out when we have a confirmed pick-up date. If you're not able to pick up your order at that date and time, we ask that you make arrangements for someone to pick up the order on your behalf. We are unable to safely store the frozen meat past the set pick up date and time.
- **Don't Forget - PAC Email Signup!**
    - Stay up to date with PAC News, please sign up by clicking on this link: [SIGN UP NOW](#)
  
  - **Next PAC Meeting - Wednesday Nov 12th at 6:30PM**
    - All parents are welcome! We offer free childcare.

## **District News**

A new Non-Instructional Day focused on Indigenous Learning will 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 4, 2025 – Nature-Based Family Activities for Self-Regulation – Jenn Johnson, ECE & Strong Start Facilitator
- 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**”. Our Royston Ravens will be participating in their first whole school character assembly next week and during their C.O.R.E. lessons, they will work together to learn more about kindness. All our students are being encouraged to do “random acts of kindness” throughout the month of November and we are *challenging every student* to bring in one, regular sized, unopened box of cereal that we will donate to our local food bank. Thank you for helping us spread kindness at school, at home and in our community.

Here are some examples of “random acts of kindness” you can do with your child:

1. Make food or baked goods for a neighbour
2. Offer to walk the dog of a neighbour
3. Volunteer at the SPCA or local food bank
4. Shovel a neighbour's driveway when it snows or help them rake their leaves
5. Collect gently used toys/clothes and donate them
6. Write a kind note and leave it on a neighbour's door or car



**Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R)** – In celebration of Canadian School Library Day, Royston students and staff dropped what they were doing and spent 15 minutes reading altogether!



Thanks everyone - have a great weekend,

Lee McKillican and Char Siddon 😊

