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Roberts Annex Newsletter

OUR VSB

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Happy Back to School!

Welcome & Welcome Back!

My name is Amber Logie, and I am the new Vice Principal at Roberts Annex. I am so happy to be here. All of the wonderful things that I have heard about Roberts Annex are true! This is such a wonderful, supportive, and welcoming community.

A special welcome to our new students & parents at Roberts Annex. We are very happy to have new faces and look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you! We also welcome some new staff members to Roberts Annex this year. **Ms. Suzanne Buckley** will be teaching grade 3 this year on Thursdays and Fridays in Division 1, and **Ms. Maryam Mehrjoos cresht** will be a member of our Support Staff team. A warm welcome to all of you – parents, students and staff.

With Gratitude

A big, huge thank you to Mr. Jun and Andrea for getting our school ready for the year. The school is sparkling clean and organized for the upcoming school year and for that we are very grateful. Thank you also to the VSB District Staff who came over the summer, upgrading old signs and ensuring that our playground was up to date. What a fantastic team we have!

And

To all our returning students, staff and parents, we are looking forward to teaching, learning, playing and growing alongside you again this school year.



Reporting Student Absences

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance in the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. To assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling 604-713- 5159 Extension 71 for Roberts Annex Elementary. Messages will be picked up between 8:55 am and 9:15 am. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call 604-713-5159 Ext 71 prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. There is a blue 'Early Dismissal' binder on the front counter to sign your child out of school.

If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Extended Absences

We encourage all students to attend school consistently, on time, every day. However, we understand that there will be times where an extended absence is unavoidable. **In the case of an extended absence, please provide written notification to the school office.** All extended absences more than 20 school days should be discussed with Ms. Logie. Enrolment cannot be guaranteed if an absence exceeds 30 consecutive school days.



Safe Arrival Phone Number

604-713-5159 Extension 71

All students at Lord Roberts Annex Elementary School are automatically enrolled in the Safe Arrival Program.

What is the Safe Arrival Program?

Roberts Annex Elementary has always had a Safe Arrival Program. Starting in the 2017/2018 school year, the VSB implemented a District Wide Safe Arrival program. Please help us by calling the Safe Arrival line, NOT the school office.

Safe Arrival Procedures for Parents and Children:

- When your child will be absent or late, please phone the Safe Arrival Line at 604-713-5159 Extension 71 and
 - Report the following information slowly and clearly:
 - Child's name (SPELL SURNAME) and division number
 - Dates/time your child will be absent

Safe Arrival Daily Office Procedure:

- Messages are played and information is recorded.
- Teachers take attendance and post this in the Student Information System by 9:15 am. Office staff cross references this information.
- Children who are unaccounted for are recorded. School staff will:
 - Go to the classroom to check if the child has arrived.
 - Locate siblings to inquire about attendance.
 - Contact parents, using the primary number.
 - Check with school office before contacting police.

NEW for 2024-2025

Bell Schedule

8:40 am	supervision starts
8:55 am	Warning bell – students should be lining up, outside of their classroom exterior door
9:00 am	School starts – students expected to be in their classrooms, ready for the day
10:30 – 10:50 am	Recess *NEW TIME*
12:10 – 12:55 pm	Lunch *NEW TIME*
2:58 pm	Dismissal *NEW TIME*
3:15 pm	Supervision ends – all students must be picked up by this time or report to the office

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

We are noticing that many of our students this week have mentioned that they are still hungry after they eat their lunches. If possible, please pack extra healthy snacks for your rapidly growing child! 😊

To reduce the amount of litter, please consider using:

- reusable plastic containers
- water bottles or reusable drink bottles
- cloth pouches
- reusable lunch bags

Thank you for your support in caring for the environment!



If food security is a concern for your family, please note that the VSB can help:

- The Food4School Program is available to help children who require nutrition services support due to food insecurities at school. The program does not provide for special diets, except for a vegetarian option. If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact us in the office.

***Please also note that the school does not have extra cutlery to lend to students. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate cutlery that they need for their lunch. Thank you!**

****We are an allergy-aware school so please do not send any nut products. Thank you!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:



Thanks to your generosity, last year 339 containers were diverted from the landfill, and \$33.90 has been donated to our school through Return-It Centres. Our account number is our school phone number 604-713-5495.

When dropping off your containers with Express, remember to print labels at the printer kiosk and tag each bag with a label. You can print up to 6 labels per visit. You can keep any extra labels that aren't used for future returns. Express bags can only be credited if they are tagged with a label.

New Classes:

We have been given the go-ahead to move into our assigned classes and we moved today at 1:15pm. Please ask your child who their new teacher will be and please report to that room on Monday morning, September 9th.

We know that there are many feelings and thoughts around classroom placements. Please know that the teaching team at Roberts Annex puts in extensive thought and care to your child's placement. If you have questions about your child's placement, please contact Ms. Logie.

This Year's Teachers	Division	Grade
Ms. Shannon Mills*	Division 7	Room 125
Ms. Hannah Wharton*	Division 6	Room 123
Ms. Ali Howorth	Division 5	Room 119
Mr. Joshua Bae	Division 4	Room 126
Ms. Brenda Boylan	Division 3	Room 113
Ms. Steinwand	Division 2	Room 112
Ms. Alanna Cadwallader (M-W) Ms. Suzanne Buckley (Th/Fr)	Division 1	Room 118

***Kindergarten placements will happen sometime next week**

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8	9	10	11 First full day for new Kindergarten students	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 ProD Day (No school for students)	21
22	23	24	25 Terry Fox Run	26	27	28
29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)	1	2	3 School Supplies Fees due	4	5
6	7 Individual School Photos 9:00	8	9	10	11	12