

January 21, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

We have had a special visitor this week in the back field. We think he/she is a Redheaded Sapsucker. There has also been other woodpecker like birds visiting with similar markings. The students have loved it and this particular bird has gone about its business feeding with very little concern for the students close by. It has even come within a couple of feet as it works its way around the trunk of one of the trees. When we do our Land Acknowledgement at assemblies and special meetings, we always share our gratitude for this amazing place we get to live and learn. Seeing birds and wildlife in our school yard is a wonderful reminder that this land is being shared with us.



Kindergarten Registration Closes January 31

If you know anyone in the community with children who will be starting kindergarten in September 2022, please remind them that registration closes on January 31, 2022. Schools in the downtown are very full and we have had more applicants than space for the past several years. Anyone who applies before the deadline will be entered into a draw for spots at their catchment site of choice. Applications received after this date will automatically be waitlisted until spaces can be identified.



Keeping Connected – We need your help!

Connection is an important part of creating a supportive and healthy school community. Healthy school communities in turn have higher potential to positively impact student success. Over the past 2 years, we have had to adjust to new ways of attending school which have included less opportunities to build valuable connections between families in our community. Please help us

to know more about the current state of our connectedness at Roberts Annex by completing this short survey. Many thanks in advance - your voice is important to us. Participate in the survey through this [LINK](https://forms.office.com/r/kETcCR97Eq) (<https://forms.office.com/r/kETcCR97Eq>)

Updated Provincial Guidelines – many changes

As we shared last week, the guidelines the school follows are based on those published and updated regularly on the BCCDC website (<http://www.bccdc.ca/>). The number of days to stay home when you are sick, when to get tested and what to do you if you or someone in your household tests positive have all changed in the last week depending on your age and vaccination status. Please take some time to read through some of these new guidelines by going to the following links to BCCDC pages of interest:

- [If you have COVID](#)
- [Close Contacts and Contact tracing](#)

Also – VCH have just created a handy flow chart to help you to make decisions about when to stay home, get tested and when you can return to activities. – [VCH COVID flowchart](#). As things change, documents and webpages will be updated as soon as possible so please make sure you check the date on the page to ensure you have the latest addition.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other!
Elyssa

Dates of Note:

January 27	CSL mid-year written reports go home
February 18	Professional Day (no school for students)
February 19	PAC meeting (6:30) (Zoom)
February 21	Family Day – Province Wide holiday (no school)