

June 25, 2021

Dear Robert Annex Families,

With this being the last Friday of our school year, it seems fitting that this also be the last letter to families for the 2020-2021 school year. While there are still a few days to go and many more things to be done, I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation to everyone. Please also find attached to this newsletter email a letter of appreciation to families from Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside.

- Staff have worked incredibly hard this year to provide students with opportunities to learn and play with friends at school in a way that is as like previous years as possible - we are very grateful for all their hard work, caring and creativity!
- For students and families – thank you too! We are very grateful for all you have done to help keep our schools open. Whether it was reading the reams of letters and notices as we started school, respectfully following our requests around COVID-19 safety protocols or just your support through kind words and compassion, we appreciate all you have done so much!

Good luck and best wishes

Our last few days of this school year are always emotional but for some staff and students we are saying good-bye as they move to new schools and new opportunities.

- **Grade 3's and their families.** We have 20 Grade 3 students who are moving on to Grade 4 at new schools. We will miss you all and hope that you come back to visit soon. Good luck on your next adventures. Thank you families of Grade 3s for all you have brought to our little school.
- **Families who are moving.** There are several families who will be moving to new schools and new locations for the 2021 – 2022 school year. You too will be missed! Best wishes on your next adventure together!
- **Staff** – There are several staff who have been with us for the last part of the school year who are finishing up their work at Roberts Annex. Please take a moment in acknowledging their hard work this year and wish them luck on their future opportunities. Ms Pavelick (Div 6 – teacher), Ms Zoe (Div 1 – teacher), Ms Palmer (Div 1 – teacher), Pablo (Div 1/5 -SSA), Michelle (Div 6 - SSA), Anna (Div 4 – SSA), and Melanie (Wednesday office).



Beat the heat

It was warm today, but we are anticipating it being even warmer next week for the last days of school. Teachers will be planning for activities to keep us all cool and calm, and we have discussed strategies to stay healthy when it is hot with students. Please ensure you are sending your child to school prepared for the sun and heat (hat, water bottle, sunscreen, light clothes). Here is a great link from the City of Vancouver with information for your reference:

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/hot-weather.aspx>

Orange T-shirts

You will have received a notice about Orange T-shirts for sale for \$10. These T-shirts are being offered through our Indigenous Education department for the benefit of our district community. As you may already know, September 30 is Orange Shirt Day; a day when we wear orange shirts to recognize children and families who endured residential schools. It is not necessary to purchase a specially designed shirt from the district however, many of you had been asking about the shirts we wear. If you would like to purchase one through the school district, please make sure you place your order through the school on-line system by Monday evening. **The orders will be sent to school in September for distribution.** Proceeds will be donated to the Indian Residential School Survivors Fund.



Last days of school – CSL reports

Our last day of instruction is Tuesday June 29. On Monday, June 28, teachers will be sending reports home with students. If your child will not be in attendance on June 28 or 29, please make sure you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to school for us to mail it to you. Any report cards that are left at school can be picked up in September.

Please continue to let us know if you have had a change of plans for September and enrollment. Please find the Notice of Late Return attached to this email if you need it. If you are planning a last-minute move, please contact the office. We will be monitoring emails throughout the summer, and it saves any surprises in September.

Stronger Together Survey – there is still time

We wanted to pass on that the **surveys have been extended!** They are all open until July 5th. Please take some time to share your experiences here if you have not already. [survey](#) – closes July 5th

Planning for September

There are a few reminders looking forward to the September return to school. The first day of classes for students in grades 1-3 will be September 8, 2021 from 9am – 10am (1hr only). Kindergarten students will be given a notice with details of the gradual entry to school beginning September 9 in an email next week. Please refer to the [School Calendar for 2021-2022](#) available on our website for more details about the year.

Lost and Found and Donations

The pile is shrinking but may grow again once we finish our Cubby Clean-Out. There are still lots of hoodies and hats waiting to be claimed. All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity on Wednesday.

If you would like to do a purge at home, we will be accepting donations of clean and usable items on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact Andrea to arrange.



Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other!

Elyssa

Upcoming Dates: June 28 (Reports home), June 29 (Last day of school for students)