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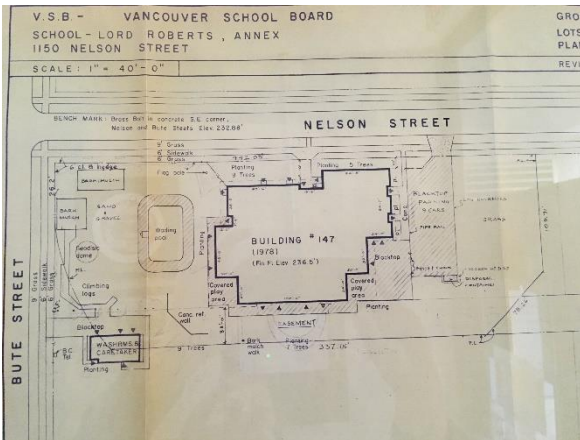
Dear Roberts Annex Families,

Welcome to Autumn! The weather has changed, and the students are all enjoying the crisper days and playing in the leaves. I hope you get out in the sunshine with your family this weekend. Keep an eye out at the end of the day for those sweatshirts and jackets that might get left behind...so necessary in the morning but easily left at school after the afternoon has warmed things up.



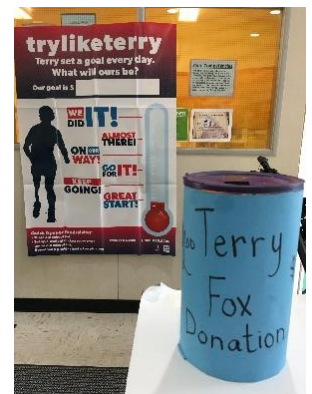
Know your community – a sweet story

In the first week of school, I observed an older member of our community sitting inside the gates during one of the pick-up times for kindergarten gradual entry. Once all our students had been collected, it was time to relock our gates so I asked if I could help her with anything. With a huge smile on her face, she shared that she was there to recall how she felt as a parent of a Roberts Annex student. Her children (now in their 40s) were in the first classes that started at the newly built school in the 70s. She confirmed with me that there really was a pool ([see photo](#)) and it really did offer a place to cool off in summer. She also shared that when her children started, she felt the need to promote the school with her friends who were resistant to going somewhere other than Lord Roberts. She was so excited to have something so close to her home! Can you imagine? She happily shared her story as we walked through the gate, then she asked when the gates would be open again for her to come back – she said her visit had brought her such joy.



Terry Fox Run

Yesterday was a busy day with all classes participating (separately) in running for Terry Fox. We began the day learning a little more about Terry's perseverance and his legacy to find the cure for cancer. Terry never gave up, and we're all inspired to [Try Like Terry](#). Ms. Steinwand's class circulated the Toonies for Terry tin, and collected \$171.05 in cash. The online donations from our school were another \$310, for a **total of \$481.05!** Thank you to all for your generosity, and if you would still like to donate <http://www.terryfox.ca/LordRobertsAnnex>



Forms

Thank you for returning the colourful forms. If you need any help completing them, please reach out – it is important to read the forms carefully. Due to some confusion, we sent a new purple one home this week for the BC School Fruit and Nutrition Program. It is important these are returned promptly, as we've already received our first delivery of apples and milks (soy and dairy). We will only serve your child when we have their permission slip signed by you.

Lost and Found

The new collection of found articles is already beginning to grow. Please ensure that *everything* your child brings to school has their name on it. And a reminder to send a bag of extra clothes for your child to keep in their cubby at school. Wet days are ahead, and dry socks, pants, etc. are always needed.



School Website

The [Roberts Annex School website](#) is a great source for both school and district information. Please take the time to read and explore this site for information such as student sign-out, attendance, allergy awareness, calendar dates, school code of conduct and more.

Orange Shirt Day (Wednesday, Sept 29)

Everyone is encouraged to wear orange on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, in support of [Orange Shirt Day](#) and [The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). We will have a virtual assembly on Wednesday, and please remember that Thursday is a public day of observance, and school is not in session.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy each other!

Elyssa

Upcoming Dates of Note:

Sept. 29 – Orange Shirt Day at school

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School); School Supplies Fees due

Oct. 4 – Photo Day

Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving – (No School)