

October 8, 2021

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

It truly feels like Fall now that temperatures are dropping below 10 degrees C overnight. Keep doing an inventory of the outerwear that is sent to school in the morning, because it often gets left behind during the day as things warm up. It is also a good time of year to ask/shop around for outerwear for the colder months. People are growing out of gear and ready to pass it along and the stores have a fresh stock of warm boots and coats. Don't leave this to the last minute when the supplies might not be as available.



"I got a Soaker"

Boots are only so high – and when the water goes up and over the top, we say that a child "got a soaker." Multiple pairs of socks at school will help with this but so will a second pair of shoes. The inside of the boot often takes a while to dry and can soak a second pair of socks quickly.

Masks

At the end of our first week of the new Mask Mandate and we have done fairly well. Please continue to ensure your child has the mask to wear plus one more to cover off if the first one gets dirty. The school has a very limited supply to support forgotten masks and once used they are not returned to us, so our inventory just keeps going down. Please help us out by creating a system at your house of cleaning and replacing the masks for school. Also – names inside help a lot in returning masks to their owner.



Head Lice

We've been alerted to some cases of Head Lice in a few divisions this week. This is very common through the school year and often will come in waves. If you haven't received notification from us, it means that your class may not have been affected. If you haven't received an email, the best action you can take at this time is to plan a regular head check (e.g. pick one day on a regular basis). Here is a [Head Lice fact sheet](#), which has useful information, just in case.

Photo Day

Student photos were taken last Monday, and photo proofs will be sent home in the coming weeks. If your child was absent, or forgot their smile, the retake day is scheduled for November 8th.

Thanksgiving



According to The Canadian Encyclopedia, [the first Thanksgiving](#) which is actually a fall harvest event was celebrated by Europeans in 1578, but Indigenous peoples have been celebrating the fall harvest since long before then. I hope you enjoy the extra time with your family, as there is **no school on Monday for this holiday**.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other!

Elyssa

Upcoming Dates of Note:

- Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving – (No School)
- Oct. 20 – PAC meeting @ 6:30 on ZOOM
- Oct. 21 – The Great BC Shakeout
- Oct. 22 – Pro D Day (no school for students)