Dear Roberts Annex Families,

Well, it was a very wet lunch hour – please expect wet clothes in the backpacks today! As an adult, it amazes me the joy that our students take from playing in the rain – thank goodness for all the waterproof clothing. At one point I saw (and discouraged) a group of Grade 3 boys from sitting in a puddle testing the waterproofness of their pants. I say testing because I knew (and you know) that there are many ways that water can make its way around the edge of a layer, but in the end....no one felt the need to call home which means they managed themselves and their clothing well. Thank you for making sure your child has warm underlayers and a complete set of dry clothes kept in their cubby at school. MORE SOCKS PLEASE!



Daily Health Checks

We wanted to thank you once again for your on-going diligence in completing the <u>Daily Health Check</u> for your family every day before attending school. As is natural at this time of year, we have noticed an increase in the number of absences with a few little colds going around. The Daily Health Check website and app are the best way to navigate when it is time to stay home, as well as when family members should go for a COVID test.

Earthquake Drill

On October 21, the school will be participating in a province-wide earthquake drill. Students and staff will practice responding to ground shaking, exiting the building, and setting up emergency equipment, as well as a small-scale practice of release procedures. This is often the time when some students will have questions



about the possibility of an actual earthquake. This is a discussion that you should have as a family for two reasons – the first to discuss your own family plan and second to help your child understand why we practice. Remember to share that the adults are there to keep them safe and which means we need to practice to know what to do. For more information about how to prepare your family go to https://www.shakeoutbc.ca/

Know your community – Happy Islamic Heritage Month

October is <u>National Islamic Heritage Month</u> in Canada. This is a time for us to reflect on the contributions of Muslim Canadians to our society and to the world, and to learn more about the members of our community who are also Muslim. Here is a great resource that I found from Ontario that has some information to start off titled <u>Did you know</u>?

Have a safe (and dry) weekend and enjoy each other!

Elyssa

Upcoming Dates of Note:

Oct. 18-24 - Waste Reduction Week in Canada

Oct. 20 - PAC meeting @ 6:30 on ZOOM

Oct. 21 – The Great BC Shakeout

Oct. 22 – Pro D Day (no school for students)

Nov. 3 & 4 – Communicating Student Learning events – students dismissed at 2pm