

October 21, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

This letter is coming one day early because there is **no school on Friday** this week. Staff will be spending a day learning. Please enjoy this time with your children.

The leaves have started to fall in great numbers. Students were thrilled today during our Earthquake practice when little gusts of wind would create a shower of yellow in the school yard. The chestnut just outside the back field has also been dropping one or two of its pretty nuts – which are quickly collected for treasure, art or as currency! We are very grateful for our green spaces.



### **Hallowe'en**

The traditional celebration for Hallowe'en at Roberts Annex includes an invitation for students to come to school in costume if they wish on the last day of class before Oct 31 (Oct 29 this year). On this day there will be a variety of classroom-themed activities and a school-wide costume parade so we can all share and celebrate. Do not feel pressure to purchase a store-bought costume. Costumes can often be easily and cheaply made from household items (here are some good ideas - <https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g1360/halloween-costumes-for-kids/>). Please do not send any weapon-type accessories to school. Please also see the attached reminder that culture is not a costume.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** students are not able to share food at school due to current COVID protocols.

### **You Make the Call**

Every year during the Hallowe'en season and beyond Vancouver Schools are damaged by vandalism. The district currently spends over \$500,000 per year repairing this damage. Damage caused by vandalism can occur to gardens, playground equipment, windows/doors, exterior walls etc. We need your help. If you see any vandalism or suspicious activities at schools, please report it to the police.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

This school year has barely begun, and we are already planning for next September! Kindergarten registration runs from November 1 – January 31 for all children born in 2017. If you have a child or know someone born in 2017, here is the link with all information [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Kindergarten\\_Registration/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Kindergarten_Registration/Pages/default.aspx) There is no rush to apply on the first day.

### **Staffing**

Please welcome our newest staff member Ali Howorth who is joining the Division 5 teaching team. Ms. Ali will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year. Ms Evans has reduced her teaching time and will be teaching Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

### **School Office**

Our Office Admin Assistant Andrea is going on Leave for a few months, to visit her children in New Zealand. We are lucky to have Sofia Chau Kio here while Andrea is away, so feel free to contact Sofia when you need help with anything.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other!

Elyssa

### **Upcoming Dates of Note:**

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

Oct. 29 – Hallowe'en parade

Nov. 1 – Kindergarten registration opens for children born in 2017

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

Nov. 8 - Photo Retakes

Nov. 10 – Remembrance Assembly at school

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day (No School)