

November 25, 2021

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

We are sending home our letter to families a day early this week because of our Professional Day for staff tomorrow – there is **no school for students November 26, 2021.**



This week at school, many classes are turning their minds and actions towards the coming holiday season. red, green, blue and white paper chains have started to appear in the hallways and there have even been a few wintery tunes being played in classrooms. There are so many ways that families celebrate the next couple of



dark and cold months. One of the best ways for students to learn about their community and the diversity that surrounds us is by sharing. If your family has a special cultural holiday tradition that you might like to share or help your child to share, please reach out to the school or your child's teacher.

PAC email and hot lunch

We regular include a reminder to families about our amazing PAC (parent advisory committee) so that you can connect with other families and engage in community events or fundraisers. This week, you should have received a few emails including some about the newly revived Hot Lunch program. If you are not receiving the emails and/or have not signed up for them this school year, please send a note to LordRobertsAnnexPac@gmail.com

Allergy Awareness

In accordance with the VSB's Administrative Procedures regarding anaphylaxis, Roberts Annex Elementary is an 'allergy aware' school. The school community is encouraged to be mindful of students', family members' or staff members' potentially life-threatening allergies when sending food items to school. **Please take the time to increase your awareness by reading packages of prepared foods such as snack bars, nut or chocolate spreads (such as Nutella).**

Snow School Closures

During the winter season, there are times when schools may need to be closed due to a heavy snowfall. If there is a heavy snowfall on a day when school is scheduled to be in-session, **by 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations including:**

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)



****please do not call** the school, the VSB or the local media stations as this could result in delays in access to the information.

Donations to the School – Thank you!

From time to time, community members donate money directly to the school. Sometimes it is targeted to a specific interest area (e.g. sports, technology) but most of the time it is to offer general support for students at the school. This week, we were able to use some donation funds to refresh our games cupboard. Good quality group games are used when one or more of the school day breaks occur inside. Students will now enjoy access to some new card games, Connect 4, Guess Who and more.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other!

Elyssa

Upcoming Dates of Note:

Nov. 26 – District Indigenous Focus Day (No School for students)

Dec 2 – next Hot Lunch (see PAC email)

Dec 17 – Last day of school before Winter Break