

May 20, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,



Today at school, students participated in a multi-class assembly for the first time in over 2 years. As part of our gradual return to past practice, we chose to have two separate assemblies with half in attendance for each. This was an opportunity to teach students about expected assembly behaviour and to see how it felt to be together in the space again. Students were amazing, and there was more than enough space for classes to sit with space between them and to easily see and participate.

Today's presentation was Vancouver Opera's Flight of the Hummingbird. This pre-recorded production was funded by an annual ArtStarts grant that is made available to schools for hosting performances by the Arts. The performance was inspired by the book *Flight of The Hummingbird* by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas. To learn more go to <https://www.hummingbird.vancouveropera.ca/>

Summer reading!

It's that time of year when we need to get our school library books back. Our school library will be closed for inventory, but the public library is open. We will be having a children's librarian from the Joe Fortes branch visit us next Friday to explain the Summer Reading Club <https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club-2022-all-together-now> Using the public library over summer will give students a chance to read regularly so they don't lose all the great skills they developed over the school year. They will also be encouraged to participate in weekly activities at each branch so your child will still have access to all the books they want.



As for our school's books, Shelagh will be sending out an email at the end of the month to remind you of any books your child has forgotten. Please return these as soon as possible so there are no fees for missing books. Thanks!

Sports Day



We have started preparations for Sports Day again at school. This year Sports Day will be on Friday, June 3 from 9-12 rain or shine (we have some plans to be undercover for rain). As in previous years, parents are welcome to come and watch. Students will be happy to demonstrate the skills and joy for you on this day. We are also looking for a handful of volunteers to help. If you have some time between 9 and 12 please let Andrea know in the office. Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring our freezy treats on this day!

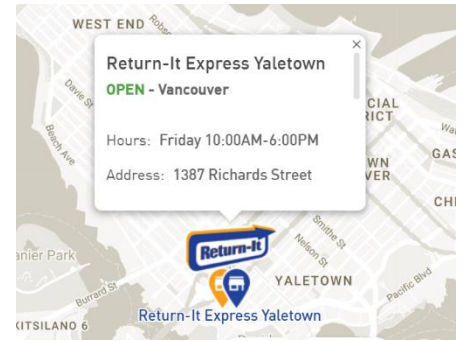
Go By Bike/Car free week

This year, Go By Bike/Car-Free Week is scheduled for May 31-June 3. During this week, students and families are encouraged to plan ahead and make extra efforts to come to school using their own power. Each day, staff will circulate through classes and be taking statistics on how many members of our community are getting extra exercise while saving resources and the environment.

Bottle Return Program

A couple of weeks ago we shared that the school has a recycling program which provides funds for various school expenses and activities. We have now signed up with Encorp to make it easier for us and for you.

1. Package your empty bottles/cans in a clear plastic bag
2. Deliver them to the closest **Return-it Express (1387 Richards Street)**.
3. Print an account label using the school phone number 604-713-5495
4. Stick the label to the bag.
5. Scan the label and leave the bag in the drop off area



**If you don't have a way of bringing your bags to the depot, bring them to the school and we can do that for you. We appreciate your support!

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other,

Elyssa

PS Are you missing a Run Bike – we found one in the playground – it is in the office!!

Upcoming dates:

May 23 – Victoria Day – no school

May 27 – VPL Summer Reading Club here in the afternoon

June 3 – Sports Day 9:00 – 12:00