



May 27, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

Some of you may have noticed that our flag has been flying at half mast this week. As you may be aware, flying flags at this position is a sign of respect and mourning for an individual or to mark a special day. This week, our flags were at half-mast in recognition of the anniversary of the discovery of 215 unmarked graves at the site of a former residential school on the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation.

Staff have also been wearing orange – this too has been in recognition of this anniversary and a show of support of those families who have been impacted by this discovery and the legacy of residential schools.

**In your community – Art Gallery steps**

Since the announcement about the discovery in Kamloops one year ago, the steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery have been the site of a vigil and a gathering of children’s shoes and stuffed animals. One of our school parents has shared that the organizers of the vigil are in the process of renewing the now weathered items. The current items have been cleared away and burned in ceremony and the city power washed the steps in preparation for placing new items. The school community has been welcomed to drop off donations of children’s used shoes and stuffies (biased towards shoes!) at the table adjacent to the south side art gallery steps anytime. This weekend, there will also be *Prayers and Ceremony to Honour the Anniversary* on Saturday, May 28 from 12-4pm. All are welcome.

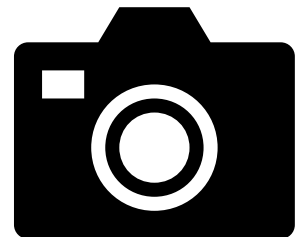


**Amazing Garden**

Have you had a chance to see the work of our student gardeners? Take a look at the wonderful vegetables that are being nurtured next to our playground. These plants which were donated by the [Urban Roots Giving Gardeners Program](#) to the school (and many others in the district) are sure to create some great learning and maybe even a snack or two!

**Panorama Photo**

A few months ago, on class picture day, our photographer also took the large group panorama photo of the whole school. We have the photo framed and ready to be mounted in the school now and students are very excited. If you would be interested in purchasing this photo for your child, go to [www.edgephotos.ca](http://www.edgephotos.ca), to the miscellaneous category, select our school name and enter our group code: FGFM2022RL.



**Grade 3 Transitions - Parent Meeting**

If you have a child in Grade 3 who will be attending Lord Roberts Elementary next fall, you should have received a message from Principal Sean Marlyn inviting you to a parent tour and meeting next week on June 1. If you did not receive this message but think you should have, please contact the office.

### **Go by Bike Week/Car Free Week**

May 30-Jun 3 please plan to walk, roll or ride to school if you can. During this week, we are encouraging the Roberts Annex community to look for ways to keep healthy by building play and exercise into daily routines. We will be checking in with students and staff each day to track statistics on how we are doing. Please note, we have limited secure bike storage and thus will be encouraging and celebrating all forms of car free transportation that keeps us healthy and is good for the environment!

### **Sports Day – June 3 (9-12am)**

We are looking forward to next Friday! A few notes for families,

- The event will occur rain or shine with a number of stations moving indoors in case of rain. Please note if we are inside, spectator space may need to be limited.
- Parent spectators are welcome for the morning events and can enter at our main doors and sign in. Gates will be closed and locked at the usual time and during the events.
- We continue to need a few volunteers to help move students between stations. Please contact the office if you are available. Parent volunteers should expect to be busy with their assigned role so it may not be suitable for those who have other children to mind.

Have a wonderful, safe weekend and enjoy each other,

Elyssa

### **Upcoming Dates of Note**

Go By Bike/Car Free Week (May 30-June 3)

Sports Day (June 3, 9-12)

PAC Meeting (June 15)

CSL Reports go home (June 28)

Last day of School for students (June 29)