

June 10, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

The month of June is always busy for both schools and families. Wrapping up the school year, celebrating our accomplishments, and just getting out to enjoy the weather fill our days and evenings quickly. Remember to take those moments one at a time, be present and enjoy the company of family and friends – it has been a long time since we have been able to get together this much and this often! Our butterflies must know that fun things are happening here because they are already starting to come out and show their colours.



Volunteer Thank you

Thank you to all our parents and community members who helped add to and enrich the opportunities available to Roberts Annex students. Today, staff and students welcomed our school volunteers to a small gathering to share our appreciation. Volunteers are an important part of school – they provide us with increased opportunity to enrich the student’s experiences through field trip support, special events, additional adult support for programs, fundraising and much more. If you are interested in helping, please make sure you approach

your child’s teacher, the office or the Roberts Annex PAC – there is a role for you! (This picture shows Div 1 with their Bird house creations, a craft supported by volunteers).

Good Shoes

It is important that students come to school with appropriate footwear for their many activities during recess/lunch breaks and gym. Sandals, dress shoes and even boots can make it hard for students to run, participate and be safe. Please make sure you child has a good pair of athletic shoes to wear during school. **ALSO if your child has “Heelys”** (shoes with built-in or retractable/removable wheels), please take note that we are asking students to remove, retract and otherwise not use the wheels during school hours as we do not have the safety equipment on hand or the training to ensure their proper use.

Know your community – Pride Month

June is Pride Month and to celebrate, the Vancouver School Board unveiled the newly painted front steps of our main office building on West 10th in full rainbow colours yesterday, June 9th. If you are interested in seeing the unveiling events – please check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru7F3F8Kgz8>



Indigenous Peoples Month

We are looking forward to opportunities this month to further build on students’ knowledge and understanding of Indigenous peoples and their experiences. We will be sharing stories, music, learning and unlearning together at school throughout the month. One highlight will be an assembly on June 20 when we will gather together to enjoy a VSO virtual concert titled [Carnival of Our Animals](#). This concert will connect the music from Carnival of Animals and story-telling in a partnership with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Tuesday, June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange T-shirts. Lord Roberts Elementary is selling special "We Matter at Roberts" shirts at pop-up sales after school on June 15 and 17. Created in consultation with Chad Carpenter, Lord Roberts Elementary’s Indigenous Education Worker, this design represents our strongly-held values of inclusion, respect, truth, and reconciliation. The circle of handprints, collected anonymously from our Indigenous students at the school, celebrates the past, present, and future community at Lord Roberts. All proceeds go to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other,

Elyssa

Dates of Note:

- PAC meeting June 15 6:30pm (Zoom and in-person at school)
- National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21
- CSL Reports home to families June 28
- Last Day of School for students June 29 9:00-3:03 as usual

