

June 17, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

Our butterflies were released early this week. Thank you to our PAC for funding this school-wide project. Students were so excited to see the butterflies take flight and have been seeing them visiting the park and green spaces near the school all week. We are very privileged to live adjacent to Nelson Park and the community garden. Despite being surrounded by buildings, our little green oasis provides a surprisingly rich environment for wildlife which our students love to observe.



We also had some excitement on Wednesday with the visit of both the incoming principal for Lord Roberts schools, Ms. Cathy Thomas in the morning and our new incoming vice-principal Mr. Doug Park in the afternoon. Students were able to meet and ask questions of Mr. Park – they were quite excited! He also stayed on to join in on our year end PAC meeting and Ms. Thomas joined us remotely. Both are very excited to be joining the school community and felt very welcomed!

Summer Reading Club at the Vancouver Public Library

Summer Reading Club is back at the Vancouver Public Library! This fun and free program for school-aged children launched on June 13th and registration details have been added to the VPL Kid's Website. Also, check out the [SRC Video](#). This year's theme is All Together Now! To participate, all you need to do is set a goal and try out different library challenges - like listen to a story, attend a virtual library program, or of course... read something! Once your challenges are complete, visit your local library to pick up a medal.

Burnaby Education Assistant Program information

Roberts Annex is blessed with an amazing group of SSSWs (School and Student Support Workers) also called Educational Assistants (EA) in some districts. The district is always looking for talented people who want to make a difference for students and one way is to become a SSSW (or EA). Burnaby Continuing Education is still accepting applications for the next EA cohort starting in July 2022. Classes will be held at Garibaldi Annex. The program is 6 months in duration and includes 2 practicums in Vancouver schools.

<http://www.burnabyce.ca/courses/education-assistant-diploma/>

Bottle Return Program update

We are pleased to share that families and community members have already returned 953 containers (approx. \$95) which will directly benefit Roberts Annex students. If you have returnable containers and want to help the school – all you need is the school phone number 604-713-5495. The Express Return-It centers and other Encorp Return-It centers have an express drop off. Simply package the containers in a clear plastic bag, bring them to the depot, type in the school number to the label printer, attach the label then scan it – the school will get an email alert that there has been a deposit to our account. So simple. All funds will be used to enrich the educational opportunities for Roberts Annex students.

LOST AND FOUND – it is growing. Take a look at the photo to see if anything looks familiar and call the office. We will try to get the trolley out for parents a few times next week.



Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other,

Elyssa

PS – Stanley Park EcoCamps are running again

<https://stanleyparkecology.ca/ecocamps/>

Important Dates:

June 21 – National Indigenous People's Day – please wear an orange shirt

June 22 – Div. 4 to Nootka and Renfrew Park

June 28 – Divs. 1 & 4 to Sunset Beach; CSL Reports go home

June 29 – last day of classes

