

January 28, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

Thank you to all of you who have already participated in our Roberts Annex Connectedness Survey – the survey link was sent home in last week’s newsletter and again this past Wednesday. We know that sometimes it takes a bit of time to get to these things but please do spend the 5 min it takes to let us know your experience. The form will remain open through the weekend and **will close February 1st**. Participate in the survey through this [LINK](https://forms.office.com/r/kETcCR97Eq) (<https://forms.office.com/r/kETcCR97Eq>)

February – Month of Belonging



As part of the [Roberts Annex Code of Conduct](#), we have adopted four Ways of Being from the Circle of Courage, inspired by an indigenous medicine wheel and based on the work of Martin Brokenleg and others. Belonging is one of the ways of being and during the month of February, staff and students will be participating in several activities that focus on and support everyone’s sense of belonging. Keep an eye out for opportunities and learning that is happening that promotes all our sense of connection to one another.

Staff Parking lot

Just a quick reminder to families that the parking lot on the east side of the school is for VSB staff only between 7am and 4pm. If you must drive, we respectfully ask that you plan your trips to school to include parking on one of the side streets that are a short walk from the school.

Walking to School – a gift for your child

Walking to school with your child is a wonderful opportunity that will not last forever. Aside from the obvious health and environmental benefits, walking often creates a chance for parents to catch up with their children without so many distractions. Whether at the end of the day or at the beginning, many families make this a goal and a special time to experience life in this moment, to problem solve, to celebrate the day but ultimately to create wonderful memories together. While it may not be possible every day or even the whole distance – is there a way to work walking to school into your routine somewhere?



Outdoor Education and Sustainability

Staff at Roberts Annex have selected one of our focus areas for 2021-22 School Plan to be Outdoor Education. As one of our actions, we applied for and have been approved for a district \$500 Sustainability grant to support our work in this area. Staff are going to be looking at ways to be outside more, practicing literacy and numeracy in the fresh air as well as exploring ways to make school activities more sustainable. No need to convince students that there is a lot of learning that can happen out of doors with little or no manufactured supplies – this week’s picture is of one of the student “nests”.

CSL Reports

This week, teachers sent home the Mid-year written report for all students at Roberts Annex. If you have any questions about your child's report, please reach out to your child's classroom teachers.

NOTE: Teachers are often unavailable for spontaneous meetings at pick-up and drop off as they are focused on helping students transition to or from school.

Staffing News

Today is our last day with Herman Unso – our amazing school engineer. He has recently accepted a position at Franklin Elementary in Vancouver. We are going to miss his smile and his kindness, but we wish him well at his new school.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other!

Elyssa

Dates of Note:

February 16	PAC meeting (6:30) (Zoom) ** please note corrected date
February 18	Professional Day (no school for students)
February 21	Family Day – Province Wide holiday (no school)