



March 11, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

We finish the day today with lots of wishes for families for fun and relaxation over the Spring Break. Please make sure you take some time to get out and enjoy the amazing parks and play spaces that are right here in our backyard.

Scavenger Hunt (March 12-27)

We are all **so excited** about this event for families. From the survey that was sent home a few weeks ago we heard from you that outdoor events were one of the ways you were interested in reconnecting with other families. We also learned that most people thought weekends were the best time for you. Here is your opportunity – [watch for the email from PAC today with instructions and how to enter the first ever Robert Annex Scavenger Hunt.](#)

Find other families or go on your own - Lots of amazing prizes are available for those who enter!!

Cubby Clean out

Today we are sending home all the boots and jackets and spare clothes for cleaning and resizing. Please take a couple of minutes to sort through what you think your child will still need at school and repack their bag ready for our return on March 28. The weather will still be wet from time to time so a change of clothes will be appreciated – we just want to make sure it is clean and still fits!



Covid Updates

As you likely know, yesterday Dr. Henry lifted the Provincial Health Order requiring face masks be worn in public indoor spaces. At the same time, the Ministry of Education removed the requirement to wear face masks in K-12 schools. Here in Vancouver, that comes into effect on Monday, March 14, 2022.

When we return to classes on Monday, March 28, 2022, the mandated use of face masks indoors will not be in place in schools. Instead, the decision to wear a face

mask will be a personal choice for staff, students and visitors. Before classes resume in a couple of weeks, we recommend parents and caregivers speak with their children regarding their family's expectations about wearing a mask at school.

The Ministry of Education also updated other guidelines that, for the most part, will be planned and implemented **after** classes resume following March Break. The *District Communicable Disease Prevention Plan* is currently being updated and the revised plan will be posted on the District website when it is available.

I want to acknowledge that we all will see the change of mask requirements differently, based on our personal and family circumstances. For some people, it may be welcomed news. For others, it may cause concern. As we return to school following the break it will be important to move forward patiently and with kindness and understanding. Our school community has done this throughout the pandemic, and I am confident that individual choices staff and students make about mask wearing will be honoured and respected in here at Roberts Annex.

Enjoy the art and creations

This newsletter also contains a bulletin boards, class projects and outdoor creations from students at school. Enjoy!

Have a safe break and enjoy each other,

Elyssa

Upcoming Dates

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| March 11 | Last day of class before Spring Break |
| March 12-27 | Scavenger Hunt |
| March 28 | First day back to school after Spring Break |
| March 30 | School Group/class photos |

