April 8, 2022

Dear Roberts Annex Families,

We are sharing more photos of our bulletin boards with you in this week’s newsletter. It is our hope that in a few weeks, families will be able to come inside and see them in person during our Communicating Student Learning conferences on April 27 and 28. Watch for more information about this special (in-person) event we are planning.

**Visitors**

While restrictions for inside school buildings have lifted and we are now able to welcome drop-in visitors, we still require (as in past) that all visitors during school hours check in at the office. We ask that parents waiting to pick up students for special appointments wait outside the school when the office area is crowded. During school time, large groups in the front hall can be a disruption to the learning spaces and movement of students.

**Book Fair at Roberts Annex**

With the loosening of provincial restrictions, the Scholastic Bookfair is coming to visit Roberts Annex! This is an opportunity to purchase some good books at very reasonable prices and to support our school library (as we receive a percentage of the money raised to purchase more books).

This year, the book fair will be available in person and on-line. It will run in person from April 26-29 and online from April 25-29. This is the week of parent-teacher conferences so there will be early dismissal at 2pm to allow you to shop at the book fair in the gym on the way in or out of school. More details will follow but you can get a preview of the on-line book fair by clicking this link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5182304>

**Being On Time**

We have noticed that a few families are struggling to get students to school on time. Please be considerate - being late for class is disruptive to lessons and the learning of others, and can also be quite upsetting/embarrassing for students. If you are finding yourself arriving late each day, consider starting your day earlier and/or seeking support or alternatives to your current morning routine so your child can arrive on time. If being late is unavoidable, please ensure you have spoken to your child’s teacher and/or the office to see what alternatives there might be. By trying to arrive on time, you are sending a subtle message to your child that this is an important social responsibility.

**Parking reminder**

The school parking lot is for school staff only. The best alternative is to find ways to walk to school. We ask that parents who must drive to find alternative parking spaces in the neighbourhood for dropping off and/or picking up. The No Parking areas in front of the school allow for 5min stopping (you must be loading or unloading). This regulation can be found on the City website: <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/no-stopping-and-no-parking-zones.aspx>.

**Young Actors Project**

This week, classes started working with the Young Actors Project, a great addition to our Fine Arts programming. We have a guest acting instructor who is providing each class 3 sessions over the next couple of weeks - students have been having a great time learning how to express themselves and to be even more dramatic! Thank you to PAC for providing funding for this amazing opportunity for the school.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy each other,

Elyssa

**Upcoming Dates**

April 15/18 Good Friday/Easter Monday – no school
April 20 K/1 Immunization Clinic; PAC meeting (6:30)(Zoom or in-person)
April 25 Professional Day – no school for students
April 27/28 CSL Events – Early Dismissal for students at 2pm