The Roy Stibbs Reporter

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November

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Monday, November 2nd
Photo Retake Day

Wednesday, November 4th
Treat Day
(for those who pre-ordered)

Tuesday, November 10th
Remembrance Day Assembly
10:50am.

Wednesday, November 18th
Hot Lunch Day
(for those who pre-ordered)

Grade 5 Volleyball Game at Stibbs (permissions required)

Friday, November 20th
Talent Show – Gr 1-5
By audition only.

PAC Family Photo Night
(more information to come)

Thursday, November 26th
Les Petit Chef Learning Experience
For Divisions 4- 7
@ 10:30 – noon.

Friday, November 27th
PAC's Magician Presentation 9:15am

PAC Family Photo Night
(more information to come)

Hello Roy Stibbs Families,

As we move through the beautiful season of fall, nature offers us an important reminder: growth often happens during periods of rest. The changing colours, falling leaves, and quieter days show us that taking time to slow down, reflect, and recharge is a natural and necessary part of life and learning. Spending time outdoors helps children develop curiosity, appreciation for the world around them, and a sense of connection to the land. This season, we encourage our students to notice the wonders of nature and limit their screen time.

According to the Canadian Paediatric Society, children learn best through interactions with family members, caregivers, play, conversation, and hands-on experiences, while screen use can displace important opportunities for learning, language development, and social growth. While boredom is often seen as something to avoid, research suggests it is beneficial for children. For children aged 5 to 11, unstructured time and moments of boredom can encourage creativity, problem-solving, imagination, and independent thinking. When children are not entertained by screens or scheduled activities, they have opportunities to invent games, explore their interests, build resilience, and learn how to manage their own time. These valuable experiences help foster curiosity, self-regulation, and confidence, all of which support lifelong learning and well-being. Soin our times as rest, cultivate boredom!

We look forward to several upcoming activities at school for our children including Grade 5 Volleyball, Run Club, and a number of Fine Arts offerings. Should families have any questions, families are encouraged to reach out to their child's classroom teacher for information.

As we head into **flu and cold season**, we kindly remind parents to be diligent and responsible in assessing their child's health each morning before school. While formal health checks are no longer required, it remains important to help curb the spread of communicable illnesses such as the flu, colds, and gastrointestinal viruses. Everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe and healthy school environment. If your child requires fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol, we ask that you exercise caution and keep them home until they are feeling well enough to return to school.

PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY



Artona will be here on **Monday, November 2nd** for **re-takes** of individual student photos. Please inform your child's teacher as well as your child that they need to have their photo re-taken.

If your child's QR code got misplaced, please contact https://artona.com/orders/find directly.

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Musical Theatre is coming to Roy Stibbs! It will be offered as a free after-school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our Grade 3 to 5 students! Headed by Ms. Lundin, Ms. Purdy and Ms. Anderson students will learn all aspects of putting on a musical production and will include a performance at Roy Stibbs in April. Information will be sent home with all who are interested. Stay tuned for more information!

TALENT SHOW

We are also gearing up for the winter holiday performances; Can you believe it?! Our schedule may become a bit hectic for our older students (Grade 5 children). Be sure to read all messaging carefully so that children do not miss out! There will be auditions for Our Grade 5s for roles in The Great Big Holiday Bake Off Performance this Thursday and Friday in the music room at 12:30pm. If your child also plays volleyball and wants to audition, they MUST attend the performance auditions on Friday.

SUN-OKA APPLES PAC FUNDRAISING

Families are reminded that round 2 of the **Sun-Oka Apple Fundraising** is happening! Orders can be placed before Saturday, November 7th using the following link found here.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY > November 10th

On the morning of Monday, November 10th we will have a school-wide Remembrance Day Assembly in the Gym. On Tuesday, November 10th our Leadership Students will circulate classrooms for poppy donations. Poppy donations in Canada are a meaningful way to honour and remember the sacrifices made by veterans who served in times of war and peace. The funds raised support veterans and their families, helping provide essential services and care. For elementary students, contributing to the poppy campaign is a valuable opportunity to learn about Canada's history, show respect for those who served, and understand the importance of giving back to their community. It helps foster empathy, gratitude, and civic responsibility from a young age. We appreciate your support in explaining to children that such an event is a solemn one and that we wear our poppies respectfully over our hearts to honour those who have sacrificed to support the freedoms we enjoy today. Parents are welcome to attend our ceremony starting at 10:50am.

TERM 1 REPORTING > LEARNING UPDATES (aka Report cards)

Our first formal Learning Update (formerly referred to as a Report Card) will be available on MyEd Portal Link for Thursday, December 11th. All parents will require a username and password. If your child is a returning Roy Stibbs student, your username and password has not changed from last year.

Should you have forgotten your account OR do not believe to have one generated yet, we kindly ask that you send an email to roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca request an account or a reset of your existing account prior to the beginning of December to avoid delay in accessing your child(ren)'s Learning Update.

If your child is new to Roy Stibbs and you have not received your username and password to the Myed Portal, kindly check your junk mail first to look for a message from Myed directly. If you have not received anything, contact roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca to generate a new account.

IMPORTANT: We request that all families ensure they have portal access prior to December 1st to avoid unnecessary delay in accessing your child's/children's report cards.

ATTENDANCE/ LATE STUDENTS/ PICKING STUDENTS UP EARLY

- If your child will be absent/ late for any reason, please send an absence report (link is on our school website found here), phone the office at 604-939-2486 or email Mrs. Tipper at roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca before 9:00 a.m. We have an answering machine to pick up the messages if you call before 8:00 a.m. or you can fill out the absence report on the school website.
- If your child is late – please come with them to the office to check in and pick up a Welcome Slip to take to their classroom teacher.
- If you are picking up your child earlier than the regular dismissal time, please come to the office when you arrive to sign your child out of the building, and we will call them down to meet you.
- We need to make sure they have been signed in or out for safety reasons.

DOGS ON SITE

We appreciate the many families and community members who enjoy walking their dogs when visiting our school grounds. During morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, our site is especially busy with children and families entering and exiting the building.

For everyone's safety and comfort, please ensure that dogs are always leashed and under control. We also respectfully ask that dog owners position themselves away from building exits and main gathering areas during these busy times, as some of our students and community members may feel uncertain, anxious, or fearful around dogs.

As a friendly reminder, the City of Coquitlam Animal Care and Control Bylaw No. 4240, 2011 requires dog owners to clean up after their pets and properly dispose of dog waste.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all members of our school community.

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD



Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall. However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified. The decision to keep schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m**. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements. **Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

COATS



The weather is unpredictable—it can be cold and rainy, or even sunny but still chilly. Please make sure your child/children arrive with proper outerwear—**remember that a hoodie, sweater, sherpa, or zip-up is NOT a coat.**

To help keep everyone warm and dry, please ensure your child wears:

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Waterproof boots
- An umbrella or rain hat if possible

While we will not be calling home for a change of clothes, having a spare set of clothes (including socks) kept at school is always a good idea—just in case of puddles, spills, or unexpected weather.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe, warm, and ready to learn!

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We want to make you aware that this year we have a substantial number of students with severe allergies that require the use of EpiPens. **To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, no food items will be permitted for birthday celebrations**. Should families wish to honour their child's birthday they can voluntarily choose an alternate item to food like a birthday pencils, small erasers etc. but this is not an expectation and there must be enough for the class. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES



Please provide a nutritious snack and lunch that is easy for your child to consume. Please do NOT plan to drop off lunches later in the day – this is an unnecessary complexity when we have over 320 students. Of course, there may be a rare occasion when you must do this due to illness or mix up, but please teach your child to check for their own lunch/water bottle/snack etc. before leaving home! All eating will be done inside (before play time). There is no sharing of food or drink with others. **If your child requires any utensils in their lunch, please make sure to pack them in your child's lunchbox.**

DROP OFF AND PICK UP INFORMATION AND PARKING LOT

Please obey ALL posted traffic signs and only STOP or PARK where you are allowed to (*in front of the school stairs is no stop zone*). Many traffic violations were ticketed this year already. Please do not park, drive in, drop off, or pick up any students from the parking lot. The staff parking lot only has sufficient space for our staff. If you are parking on the side streets – please use the sidewalk or grass areas to walk and do not walk through the parking lot.

SKIP THE DISHES/UBER EATS ETC.

Although we acknowledge lives can get busy and lunches forgotten at home, we prefer in such cases, that families simply drop off a regular lunch for their child(ren) and refrain from using Skip the Dishes, Uber Eats. Skip the Dishes/Uber Eats, although well intentioned, causes great disruption to the daily operations of a school. Often drivers do not know who they are looking for and office staff cannot be expected to deliver food to individual classrooms. Additionally, the drivers have little to no connection to the school and are unfamiliar to both students and staff. Please help us in maintaining smooth daily operations. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in advance. In the rare event that your child has forgotten their lunch, and you are unable to provide one, please just give us a call and we can assist with an alternative plan to ensure your child does not go without lunch.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Personal belongings like sporting equipment, cellphones, Pokémon cards, stuffies and other trinket toys **should remain at home and not be taken to school**. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Trading of such items of "loaning" of such items has the tendency to result in unnecessary and preventable conflict between students. We appreciate your support in ensuring such items do not come to school. Additionally, sporting equipment can inadvertently cause injury on an already busy playground. Should children ride scooters, skateboards or bicycles to school, they must be wearing a helmet on school property.

PAC MEETING

WE NEED YOU! New members are always welcome.

Our next PAC meeting will be held Thursday, November 5th in the School Library @ 6:30pm.

This is a great way to learn more about your child's school and get involved! If you have any questions regarding PAC, please email roystibbspac@gmail.com .

What is a Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?



It is a committee made up of a group of volunteer parents who get together for meetings on a regular basis, with the principal and other staff, to discuss ideas and issues, i.e. fundraising events, hot lunch and popcorn days, performing arts, outdoor education and special activities. The PAC helps by contributing monies raised from fundraisers to help subsidize some field trips, audio/visual and gym equipment, musical instruments, and other special events throughout the school year.

Studies have shown that the more involved parents are in their children's lives, the more successful those children are in their schooling. Children are proud of the fact that their parent is the one helping at their Hot lunch days or at a Special event.

This is also a great way to meet new parents and find out what is going on in the school and get to know who the other students are that your child interacts with. With School District budgets being impacted the need for more ideas and support increases. There is no obligation to join the committee, just come and listen. A parent with a student in the school has a right to attend as a voting member.

MABELS LABELS

Our school is fundraising with Mabel's Labels. If you're unfamiliar with them, they are personalized, durable and waterproof labels. They are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe. Label shoes, clothing tags, water bottles, anything you want! Don't like stickers? They also offer name stamps, silicone bracelets and medical alert labels. To support this fundraiser, go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search **Roy Stibbs Elementary PAC**. Your order will be shipped free of charge directly to you!

WEST COAST RECESS/LUNCH

At Roy Stibbs we are committed to providing our students with many opportunities to play outside. Your children will be going outside on many days when it is raining; we call this **West Coast Recess/Lunch**. Please ensure that your child has a good raincoat, proper footwear, a hat, gloves, and umbrellas during the coming fall and winter months. If you need any assistance with accessing proper clothing, please contact us at the office.

