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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022 - 23 school year at Robertson Elementary. If you have returning children, I hope you are ready for another great year. If you are new to Robertson, I hope you will soon feel at home here.

My name is Janine McCurdy and I have the pleasure of being the new Principal of Robertson Elementary. Many of you have also met our new Vice Principal, Mr. Troy Gibbs. If you see us walking around the playground, please introduce yourselves. We are both still working on learning everyone's name!

We have had an exciting few days at Robertson as we work to get classes organized. Thank you for your patience as we did this.

Most students are now in their classrooms and will be able to begin working on classroom routines and expectations. .

Communication is an area that is extremely important. Here are some ways that we will use to keep everyone informed:

1. Monthly newsletters will be sent home by email the first Friday of every month. There will also be paper copies available at the office.
2. Our school website, <https://robertson.sd33.bc.ca/> is kept up to date.
3. Emails will be sent to parents as reminders so please make sure that we have a current email address on file.

It is also vital that you communicate with us, so if your child is going to be absent, please call the school at 604 795 5312 or use the Safe Arrival form that is on the school website

Also, if there is any information that is necessary for us to know in order to provide the best educational environment possible, please contact your child's teacher or phone the office.

Until next month!

Janine



Calendar of Events



Tuesday, September 13th – PAC Meeting @ 9:30 AM – Zoom link will be sent out
Monday, September 19th – Kindergartens First Full Day
Thursday, September 22nd – Meet the Teacher Ice Cream Social – 4-6 PM
Thursday, September 29th – wear Orange at Robertson
Friday, September 30th – Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School
Tuesday, October 4th – Photo Day
Tuesday, October 4th – PAC Meeting @ 7 PM – Zoom link will be sent out
Friday, October 7th – Non Instructional Day – No School
Monday, October 10th – Thanksgiving – No School
Friday, October 21st – Non Instructional Day – No School
Friday, November 4th – Photo Retakes
Friday, November 4th – Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM
Friday, November 11th – Remembrance Day – No School
Friday, November 25th – Non Instructional Day – No School
Monday, November 28th – Non Instructional Day – No School
Friday, December 16th – Last Day before Christmas Holidays
Monday, December 10th to Monday, January 2nd – Christmas Holidays
Tuesday, January 3rd – Welcome Back to School

Welcome

We are very lucky to have many new staff members joining us at Robertson Elementary.

Please extend a warm Robertson welcome to -

Mr. Gibbs, our new Vice Principal who will be teaching PE Prep as well.

Mrs. Harbridge, who is teaching Kindergarten with us this year

Mrs. Acker, who is teaching Kindergarten and Grade 1.

Mrs. Flueckiger who is teaching Grade 1 & 2.

Ms. Morgan, who is teaching Grade 2 and 3.

Mrs. Woods, who is teaching Grade 3 with us this year.

Mrs. Collins, who is teaching Grade 3.

Mrs. Marples, who is teaching Grade 5 with us this year.

Ms. Bayer, who is part of our Education Assistants team.

Ms. Kaur, who is part of our Education Assistants team.

Mrs. Thomas, who is our new Child and Youth Care Worker

Welcome Back –

Ms. Winters, who is teaching Kindergarten.

Mrs. Kennedy, who is part of our Education Assistants team.

Currently *Ms. Brower* is off on Maternity Leave and will be joining us in April. Her position has been posted and we hope to have a permanent teacher in the classroom as soon as possible. Until this happens, welcome to *Mr. Froese* who is currently teaching the Grade 2 class.

Verification Forms

Verification Forms are being sent home next week. They will be printed on coloured paper. Please check backpacks for this form. Please ensure that all the information on the form is accurate, make any corrections and then send it back to school ASAP.

Throughout the school year, if contact information changes, please let the office know so that our records are correct. Thank you

Coupon Books

Our PAC is currently selling The Great Little Coupon Book for \$10.00. Order forms either went home today or will be going home with students on Monday.

There are a lot of great savings and the school benefits from every coupon book purchased.



Meet the Teacher – Ice Cream Social



Please mark your calendar – **Thursday, September 22nd**. We will be having an Ice Cream social at Robertson from **4-6 PM**. Come as a family – have an ice cream and meet the amazing teachers at Robertson. There will be ice cream for everyone and there will be gluten free and dairy free options as well. See you then.

Photo Day



Individual photos will be taken on **Tuesday, October 4th**. Edge Imaging will be taking the photos. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

PAC Meeting

Our first PAC meeting of the year will take place, **Tuesday, September 13th @ 9:30 AM** on Zoom. A link will be sent out in a separate email.

Bell Schedule

Please do not send your children to school before 8:08 AM as that is when supervision begins.

8:23	School Entry Bell
8:25	Classes begin
10:15	Recess begins
10:30	Recess ends
12:20	Lunch begins
1:00	Lunch ends
2:20	Dismissal



Robertson Elementary Staff

Administration

Ms. J. McCurdy, Principal

Mr. T. Gibbs, Vice Principal, PE. Prep

Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten – Mrs. Harbridge, Ms. Winters, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Ackers

Grade 1 – Mrs. Ackers, Mrs. Farnley, Mrs. Flueckiger

Grade 2 – Mrs. Flueckiger, Ms. Mantyka, Ms. Morgan, TBA

Grade 3 – Ms. Morgan, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Woods

Grade 4 – Mrs. Roper, Ms. Holliday

Grade 5 – Ms. Holliday, Mrs. White, Mrs. Marples

Support Teachers

Mrs. S. Bartel, Teacher-Librarian & Music Prep Teacher

Mrs. S. Ellis, Resource Teacher

Mrs. J. Gray, Learning Assistance Teacher & Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. D. Rose, Learning Assistance Teacher

Mrs. A. Crosman, ELL/ESD Teacher

Mrs. K. Purves, Speech-Language Pathologist

Mr. D. Morelli, Counsellor

Administrative Assistants

Mrs. B. Gieselman, Ms. R. Anderton

Education Assistants

Ms. A. Armstrong, Ms. A. Lebedovich, Ms. A. Tooke, Mrs. G. Kennedy, Mrs. A. Martinello, Ms. A. Plaskett,
Mrs. M. Thuene, Ms. L. Bayer, Ms. A. Kaur

Child and Youth Care Worker

Mrs. J. Thomas

Indigenous Support

Mrs. C. Donaldson

Custodians

Mr. E. Underhill, Mr. H. Hamanaka

Supervision Assistants

Mrs. J. Mitchell



Days in Session	182
Number of Instructional Days	176
Number of Non-Instructional Days	9
Schools Open	September 6
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	September 30
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 10
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day)	October 21 (Provincial)
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 (Pro-D Day)	November 25
Schools Close for Christmas Holidays	December 16
Christmas Holidays	December 19 to January 2
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 (Pro-D Day)	February 17 (District)
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 20
Schools Close for Spring Vacation	March 17
Spring Vacation Period	March 20 – March 31
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	April 3
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	April 7
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 10
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day)	April 28 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (Pro-D Day)	May 19
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 22
Last Day for Students	June 29
Administrative Day	June 30