



**September 2024**

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

**W**elcome to the 2024 - 25 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 Principal of Robertson Elementary and Troy Gibbs is our Vice Principal. If we have not yet met, and you see us walking around the playground, please introduce yourselves.

We have had an exciting few days at Robertson as we work to get classes organized. Our enrollment is up significantly so thank you for your patience as we worked to create positive learning environments for everyone.

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. Weekly email blasts will be emailed home.
2. Our school website, <https://robertson.sd33.bc.ca/> is kept up to date.
3. Newsletters will be emailed to all parents.

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



Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – First Full Day for Kindergarten students  
Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM – Library  
Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Meet the Teacher Ice Cream Social – 5-6 PM  
Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Individual Photo Day – Please do not wear Green  
Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – wear **Orange** at Robertson – we are recognizing Truth and Reconciliation Day  
Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – No School  
Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School  
Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bus Evacuation Training starting @ 9:15 AM  
Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – World Teachers’ Day  
Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving – No School  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair begins  
Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal @ 11:24 AM  
Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – No School  
Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Non Instructional Day – No School  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Photo Retakes  
Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Assembly  
Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – NO School  
Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day – No School  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Concert @ 6 PM – Chilliwack Alliance Church  
Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day before Christmas Holidays  
Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Holidays  
Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Back to School

## Welcome

We are very lucky to have some new and returning staff members at Robertson Elementary. Please extend a warm Robertson welcome to -

**Mrs. K. Ianni**, who is teaching Learning Assistance.

**Ms. Matusiak**, who is teaching Kindergarten at Robertson.

**Ms. Letkeman**, who is teaching Grade 4/5 this year

Welcome Back –

**Mrs. Hirang**, who is teaching Grade 4/5.

**Mrs. Bizuk**, who is teaching Grade 2/3 this year

Currently **Mrs. Woods** is off and will hopefully be joining us in January. 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 **Ms. Bumrah** who is teaching the class. We also have a new Kindergarten class and this position has been posted and will close next week. Until this happens, welcome to **Ms. Taggart**.

### Verification Forms

Verification Forms are being sent home this week. They will be printed on pink 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

### Family Handbook

Each family (sending home with your oldest or only child) will receive a Family Handbook along with the verification form.

This handbook has a copy of the School Calendar, information about the school as well as 2 Board Policies that families need to be aware of – Student Cell Phone and Digital Device Use and Administrative Procedure for Student Attendance. Robertson Elementary’s Code of Conduct and Fair Notice is also included in the handbook. The handbook will also be on Robertson’s website under the parent information tab.

### Coupon Books

Our PAC is currently selling The Great Little Coupon Book for \$15.00. Both the Chilliwack and Abbotsford books are available. Order forms have been sent home or drop by the Office as we have books to purchase right away. Our PAC makes at least \$7.00 per book.



### Meet the Teacher – Ice Cream Social



Please mark your calendar – **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will be having an Ice Cream social at Robertson from **5-6 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. Hope to see everyone!

### Photo Day



Individual photos will be taken on **Tuesday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**. Edge Imaging will be taking the photos.

More information will be sent home closer to the date, but please do not send your child in **Green** on Photo Day.

### PAC Meeting

Our first PAC meeting of the year will take place, **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM** in the Library.

Hope to see you there! All parents are members of the PAC. Mrs. Kaitlyn Chabot is our PAC President and she has created an information board for parents inside our front foyer.

### Bell Schedule

**Please do not send your children to school before 8:05 AM as that is when supervision begins.**

<b>8:20</b>	<b>School Entry Bell</b>
<b>8:24</b>	<b>Classes begin</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Recess begins</b>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Recess ends</b>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>Lunch begins</b>
<b>12:55</b>	<b>Lunch ends</b>
<b>2:17</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>



## Robertson Elementary Staff

### Administration

Ms. J. McCurdy, Principal

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

### Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten – Mrs. Acker, Mrs. Bennett, Ms. Matusiak, TBA

Grade 1 – Mrs. Acker, Mrs. Farnley, Mrs. Flueckiger, Ms. Mantyka

Grade 2 – Mrs. Bizuk, Mrs. Brouwer, Mrs. Farnley, Mrs. Flueckiger, Ms. Mantyka

Grade 3 – Mrs. Bizuk, Mrs. Brouwer, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Morgan, TBA

Grade 4 – Mrs. Collins, Ms. Morgan, TBA, Mrs. Hirang, Ms. Letkeman, Mrs. White

Grade 5 – Mrs. Hirang, Ms. Letkeman, Mrs. White

### Support Teachers

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

Mrs. K. Ianni, Learning Assistance Teacher

Ms. A. Holliday, Resource Teacher

Mrs. J. Gray, English Language Learner Teacher

Ms. T. Rozendal, Early Literacy Collaboration Teacher

Mrs. K. Purves, Speech-Language Pathologist

Mrs. R. Fast, Counsellor

### Administrative Assistants

Mrs. B. Gieselman, Mrs. C. Pothier

### Education Assistants

Ms. A. Lebedovich, Mrs. G. Kennedy, Ms. A. Martinello,

Mrs. M. Theune, Ms. A. Tooke, Ms. A. Weber

### Child and Youth Care Worker

Mrs. J. Thomas

### Indigenous Support

Mrs. C. Donaldson

### Custodians

Mr. E. Underhill, Mr. H. Hamanaka

**Information from Fraser Health**



**Keep immunizations up to date**

You can check the immunization records of your child or the child in your care one of these ways:

- Scanning this QR code
- Going online to [HealthGateway.gov.bc.ca](https://HealthGateway.gov.bc.ca)
- Using the Health Gateway app



Records for children under 12 years old are on their parent’s account. Children 12 years and older need to log in to their own accounts to see their records.

**How do I get vaccines for the child?**

You can make an appointment for immunization at a public health unit. Please call:

- 604-702-4906 if you live in Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz, or Hope
- 604-476-7087 if you live in any of the other communities of Fraser Health



If you prefer, you can make an immunization appointment with a doctor, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist. Call ahead and ask if this service is available.

All routine vaccines are free in British Columbia.

**What if the child had vaccines, but they are not on their immunization record?**

If vaccines were given by a family doctor, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist, they might not be on the child’s immunization record. If the record is missing vaccines, please do the following:

1. Contact the health care provider that gave the immunization and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
2. Report these immunizations by either scanning this QR code or by going to [FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform](https://FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform)



For more information go to [FraserHealth.ca/immunize](https://FraserHealth.ca/immunize) or call your local public health unit.



Public Health Units					
<b>Abbotsford</b> 604-864-3400	<b>Agassiz</b> 604-793-7180	<b>Burnaby</b> 604-918-7805	<b>Chilliwack</b> 604-702-4900	<b>Cloverdale</b> 604-575-5100	<b>Guildford</b> 604-587-4750
<b>Hope</b> 604-880-7830	<b>Langley</b> 604-539-2900	<b>Maple Ridge</b> 604-478-7000	<b>Mission</b> 604-814-5500	<b>New Westminster</b> 604-777-8740	<b>TriCities (Port Moody)</b> 604-949-7200
<b>Newton</b> 604-592-2000	<b>North Delta</b> 604-507-5400	<b>North Surrey</b> 604-587-7900	<b>South Delta</b> 604-952-3550	<b>White Rock</b> 604-542-4000	

*Parent and Caregiver Newsletter for Elementary School Children*

www.fraserhealth.ca  
 This information does not replace the advice given to you by your healthcare provider.  
 Catalogue #268052 (August 2024)  
 For more copies: patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca



Parent Workshops

**Circle OF SECURITY**

A research and relationship-based program that takes much of the guess work out of being a caregiver; improving confidence in recognizing your child's emotional, relational needs; and providing information to help interpret your child's behaviour.

**8 Part Series**

Central Elementary Community School  
Bottom Floor

Sept 25  
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Nov 6, 13

9:30 – 11:30 AM  
Childminding included

**REGISTER NOW**

Chilliwack School District

**3 PART SERIES**

**REGISTER NOW**

**THURSDAYS  
OCTOBER  
3, 10, 17**

**EMOTIONAL ADAPTABILITY**

When we mix our emotions with experience of others, with updated wisdom about our past stories, and upgraded skills, we become more comfortable and more confident with emotional complexity. In this workshop we explore and re-establish friendly relations with our kids and our 6 big emotions; Joy, Fear, Sadness, Anger, Shame, and Curiosity.

**Unsworth Elementary Annex** CHILD MINDING INCLUDED  
9:30 - 11:30 AM

Chilliwack School District



# ANGER CPR

Gain awareness of the emotional roots to anger, the difference between anger and aggression, and the steps that take us from frustrated to furious or adaptation. Discover useable ideas about taming tantrums and minimizing meltdowns, yours, and your child's.



**REGISTER NOW**

**3 PART SERIES**  
**OCTOBER 24, 31**  
**NOVEMBER 7**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**9:30 - 11:30AM**

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