



Roosevelt Park Community School
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Ha'lilaxsimaay Blueberry Month in September



10. Back to School, from Tsimshian Seasonal Round: Potter Set (Ha'lilaxsimaay—September poster). Artist: Judy Hilgemann, FNES SD2

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Newsletter #2

Dear parents,

Happy September, septembre and Ha'lilaxsimaay, the month of gathering blueberries! It looks like the students are happy to be back and are settling in well to the routine of school! We are so glad to see them all and to welcome many new students as well!

Welcome to our new staff members!

Welcome to Rebecca Smith (Sm'algyax Teacher), Jaswinder Bains (EA), Parvinderjeet Sandhu (PJ) EA, Miranda Forrester (EA), Amy Marks (EA), Lauren Movold (counsellor) and welcome back to Chelsea Jesser (gr. 1/2 English), Akashdeep Sharma (EA), Christine Leduc ((gr. FI kindergarten), Victoria Bialowas (Ms. B) LST and Tracy Robinson (gr. K/1 English)! Mehakpreet Kaur will be one of our FI Kindergarten workers this year. Looking forward to all of you joining the Roosevelt staff!

WELCOME BACK!

Teaching Staff:

Ms. Kaur (gr. 3 English), Ms. Sharma (Gr. 2/3 English), Ms. Rai (Gr. 4/5 English), Ms. Gamble (gr. 4/5), Mme. Boker (Gr. K/1 French), Mme. Cathy (Gr. 2/3 French), Mr. Singh (prep and 1 day in gr. 5 FI), Mme. Boutin (Learning Resource Teacher), Ms. Easingwood (Library Teacher)

Education Assistants:

Ms. Lenora, Lorraine Zuzarte (Ms. Z.), and Ms. Vo.

Other Staff: Ms. Monette (secretary), Mme. Lebedick (library assistant), Ms. Tillman (band), Ms. Sankey (Kindergarten Family Resource Worker), Ms. Fabbi (Principal), Mr. Mcdowall (Vice Principal/Grade 5 FI Teacher (4 days per week)).

Parking Lot

Our parking lot and front driveway are very busy places. It is the responsibility of everyone to drive with care, respect and common sense. Some reminders are: to park in the gravel parking, the upper parking lot is for staff parking, and there is no parking in the fire zone by the fence. We want everyone to be safe! Thank you!

Phones/Technology/Toys

Just a reminder that students are not allowed to use cell phones during the day at Roosevelt. This is a provincial policy. If they do have phones, students are not to use them at all during the school day. This includes before school, on the playground, recess and lunch. We strongly encourage you to have your child keep phones at home. If there is any need to contact you, the secretary will phone. When outside, we want the students to be socializing, playing and getting fresh air, not looking at phones. If they are caught using their phone, it will be kept at the office until an adult comes to get it. Thanks for your support with this!

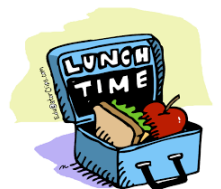
Please keep other technology at home ie: I-pads, etc. If students need any technology for learning, the school will provide it. Toys as well can be a bit of a distraction, and can sometimes lead to conflicts, so please keep at home unless the teacher has requested something be brought in. Thank you!

After School Activities

Forms have been sent home and the first session started on Thursday, Sept. 11. So please sign and send to the office if your child is interested. Ms. B. will once again be in charge of this. If students are in the later session, they need to go home first and then return just before their session starts.

Before and After School Supervision

In the morning, playground supervision starts at 8:40. The library and Breakfast Club are open at 8:30. Please try not to send your children to school earlier than that. After school, supervision is until about 3:10. Students need to go straight home after school and not play on the playground unless their parents are there. Thanks for your cooperation to keep your children safe!



Lunchtime:

There is a "Staying at School for Lunch" form going home with this newsletter with more specific details; Please read and review with your child(ren). Thank you! ☺

There is a school lunch program with a wonderful varied and healthy menu. There are new options this year for signing up. Instead of signing up every month, you can choose to sign up for one third of the year or the whole year. The menus for September have gone home. A suggested donation is \$30 per month as families are able.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

All parents are welcome to be part of the Roosevelt PAC and attend the PAC meetings. It is a great way to be involved and support your child's learning at school! The first PAC meeting is on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 in our school library. Hope to see you there!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Tuesday, Sept. 30. No school on this day.



This federal statutory day has been created to give everyone an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools, which more than 150,000 First Nations, Metis and Inuit children were forced to attend between the 1870s and 1997. There will be no school on Tuesday, Sept. 30 to recognize this day. During the week prior, students will be learning about the significance of this important day. On Monday, Sept. 29, everyone is encouraged to wear orange shirts and we will do our walk of reconciliation that day at 11:00 around the Summit.

Child Care Spaces Available

École Roosevelt Park Community School has opened a before and after school child-care program this September. There are currently some remaining spaces open for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. The program hours are 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Please contact the school Principals, Debra Fabbi, Mike Mcdowall (VP) or Susan Kobza, the District Vice-Principal of Early Learning and Child Care if you have any questions or would like to register your child for this program. Susan.kobza@sd52.bc.ca or 250 627-2108



StrongStart and PACES Hub Programs - Early Learning at École Roosevelt Park Community School

We are pleased to let our families know that École Roosevelt Park Community School will be opening a **StrongStart** Program in the school on Monday, September 15th, 2025. This program is in addition to the existing **PACES Hub** program which operates in the mornings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Both programs provide high quality early learning for children, aged birth to five accompanied by an adult or caregiver. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities where children find opportunities to make friends and interact with others of similar ages. These programs promote physical health and well-being, social and emotional development, language and cognitive development and the communication skills of preschool-aged children. Learning opportunities and experience with Indigenous knowledge are interwoven into the programs. The programs provide opportunities for parents/caregivers to continue the bond between parent/caregiver and child and school. Encourages connections and to observe and practice activities that support early learning. At no cost to families, this early learning drop-in program helps prepare children for success in kindergarten.

Both early learning programs include the following activities:

- Organized activities such as story time in the library, music, puzzles.
- Access to books, art materials, and puzzles.
- Play activities and areas that promote creativity and exploration, including individual and group activities.
- Movement and large muscle play activities on the playground or gymnasium.
- Healthy snacks (including a baking day) that model healthy eating in keeping with the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC schools.

The StrongStart hours are Monday to Friday 1:00-3:30 p.m. in Room 104. Please contact Anne- Marie Helin the program coordinator at 604 551-2880 or message Facebook – Strong Start- Prince Rupert for more information.

Paces Hub hours are Tuesday to Thursday 9:30- 12:00 p.m. in Room 106. Please contact the Paces Hub coordinator at the school for more information. Carrie-Anne Bob at 250-627-8987 or message on Facebook – *Paces HUB*

Attached documents

The following are included with this newsletter for your reference:

The 2025-2026 school calendar
Staying at School for Lunch Information

School Supplies/Indoor shoes, etc.

Just a friendly reminder to pay for your child’s school supplies, \$35 for grades K-2 and \$40 for grades 3-5. We have a new E-transfer which can be sent to emfroosevelt@sd52.bc.ca. We are still in the process of getting this set up, but it should be set up soon. You can also pay in person at the office with cash or cheque. Thank you!



Important Dates to Note

- September 15: Band Rental Night at Lax Kxeen gym
- September 15: Strong Start Opens
- September 15: Parent Advisory council (PAC) meeting at 7:00 in the library
- September 17: Terry Fox Run at 11:00
- September 19: Jess Dance here all day
- **September 22: Meet The Staff Open House 6:30-7:30**
- September 23: Board Meeting at 7:00
- September 24: Canadian Parents for French (CPF) meeting from 6:00-7:00 in the library
- **September 26: Implementation Day, no school for students**
- September 29: Roosevelt Recognizes National School Recognizes National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, everyone is encouraged to wear orange shirts, walk for T and F at 11:00
- **September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, no school**
- October 7: School Photos by Shutterstack
- **October 13: Thanksgiving Day – no school**
- October 16: Great shake Out Earthquake Drill
- October 21: School Board Meeting at 7:00
- **October 22-23: Early Dismissal (1:55) Parent Teacher Conferences**
- Great BC Shake Out – province wide earthquake drill at 10:19
- **October 24: Professional Development Day – no school for students**
- October 31: Halloween

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Sincerely,
Debra Fabbi, Principal

Mike McDowall, Vice-Principal



Please call if you have any questions.
