



Roosevelt Park Community School

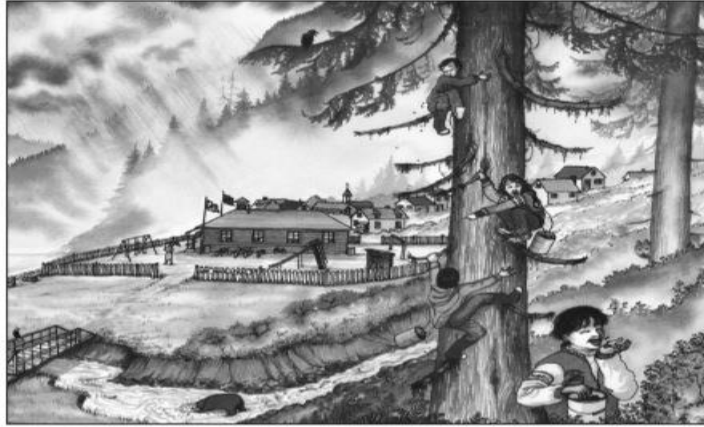
École Communautaire Roosevelt Parc

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Newsletter #2

September 14th, 2026

WELCOME BACK, ROOSEVELT FAMILIES!



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

Dear parents,

Happy September, 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!

STAFF CHANGES

There have been several personnel changes at Roosevelt. Mrs. Bains has joined as the new Associate Principal, while Mrs. Kobza serves as the District Principal. We would also like to warmly welcome several new staff members: Teena Thomas in Division 3E, Marie Castel in Division 9F, Keerti Sharma in Division 6E, Chris Try in Division 10F, and Natalie Harris in Sm'algyax. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome back Tracy Robinson in Division 1E, Christine Leduc in Division 7F, Victoria Bialowas, who is a Learning Services Teacher and Marla Gamble, School Counsellor. Furthermore, we welcome Danielle Snivley (Education Assistant) and Shannon Fraser (French Kindergarten Resource Worker) to our team.

We look forward to the contributions of all our new and returning personnel!

ALLERGY AWARE

Roosevelt is an allergy aware school. There are a number of students with food allergies and sensitivities. Being allergy aware means that we are mindful of allergies and sensitivities so we ask our Roosevelt community to take the necessary precautions and hygiene steps when eating recess snacks and lunch in the classrooms.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Just a reminder that morning duty by Roosevelt staff does not start until 8:40am. Upon arriving at Roosevelt Park Community, students are to play in the two parks where the Morning Duty Supervisor will be; please do not hang out in back of the school as there will be no supervision there. Students are invited to play on the playground until the bell at 8:55am. At the 8:55am bell, student will go to

their designated lineups and wait for their teachers to invite them into the school for the morning session.

CLASSROOM LINE UP AREAS

Below is a list of teacher/class division, grade and area to line up:

Front Undercover:

Mme. Leduc: Division 7FI

Ms. Robinson: Division 1E

Mme. Boker: Division 8FI

Double Door Closest to the Garden:

Ms. Sharma: Division 6E

Ms. Kaur: Division 4E

Door by the Flagpole:

Ms. Jesser: Division 2E

Ms. Thomas: Division 3E

Back Undercover Area:

Mr. Try: Division 10FI

Mme. Castel: Division 9FI

Ms. Nijjar: Division 6E

BELLS SCHEDULE

- 8:55am – Welcome Bell
- 9am – Morning Session begins
- 10:30am – Recess begins
- 10:43am – Recess ends
- 12noon – Lunch begins
- 12:45pm – Lunch ends
- 2:53pm – Dismissal

If students arrive late, they must check in at the office to receive a late slip from Ms. Monette before heading to their classrooms. Families are asked to please be prompt at pick-up at the end of the day. At this time, please wait outside at the designated pick-up areas for your child(ren).

Please note that we do not offer after-school supervision on the playgrounds. I am only in the front undercover until 3:15. Children are expected to either be picked up or go directly home, as instructed by their families. The office is extremely busy, and we cannot guarantee that messages reach your child in time. For this reason, please make arrangements BEFORE sending your child(ren) to school for the day. Thank you for helping to ensure that our students stay safe.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As in the past few years, we have purchased bulk school supplies and are asking that families pay \$35 for grades K-2 and \$40 for grades 3-5. We have set up e-transfer; the address is laura.monette@sd52.bc.ca. Security answer: "supplies". You can also pay in person at the office with cash or cheque. Please put your child's name in the comments so we know who the payments are for. If paying by cash, please bring the correct amount, as we cannot make change. *Thank you!*

LUNCH

Roosevelt lunch break is from 12-12:45pm; Grade 1- 5 eat in their classrooms from 12-12:20pm, then head outside to play from 12:20-12:45pm. Kindergarten and French Immersion Grade 1s play outside from 12-12:20pm, then come inside to eat from 12:20-12:45pm. We encourage students to go home for lunch if at all possible. This provides a break in the day and a reset for many students. If students are on the Lunch Program, they can take their lunch home to enjoy.

Staying for lunch at Roosevelt is a privilege and students are expected to eat in their classrooms, clean up after themselves and follow Roosevelt's Code of Conduct.

Unacceptable behaviour could result in you having to make alternate arrangements for your child during the lunch break. If your child(ren) intend to stay for lunch, please discuss with them the above expectations, and that they are not to leave the school grounds at any time. Behaviour expectations also apply during the lunch hour. Please note that there are no microwaves or kettles for student use at lunch; please provide lunches that can be eaten as is. Also, if their lunch requires utensils, please pack them in their lunch; our school has a very limited supply on hand. *Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!*

After School Activities

Forms have been sent home and the first session started on Monday, Sept. 21. 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.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

The Roosevelt office continues to receive many registrations for new students. We appreciate your patience as we place these new students into classes. Due to a large number of new students, the placement of your child in a class may change; we appreciate your understanding in this matter.

PARKING LOT

Our parking lot and front driveway can get quite busy. Everyone is responsible for driving carefully and with respect for others. Here are some important reminders:

- Please park in the gravel parking area.
- The upper parking lot is reserved for staff only.
- Do not park in the fire zone by the fence.

We want everyone to be safe! Thank you for your cooperation!

COMMUNICATION

Please let the office know of any changes in contact information. In addition to a monthly newsletter, we deliver school communication via the Roosevelt website, Roosevelt Facebook page, Roosevelt Instagram, and email.



School website



Facebook Page



Instagram Page

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Roosevelt Elementary has a PAC that meets monthly. The PAC is an important aspect of the school. As a parent/guardian, you are automatically a member of the Roosevelt PAC and have the opportunity to participate in your child(ren)'s

education (being informed about what's going on in the school, volunteering, becoming part of a committee, contribute ideas/recommendations for the school, helping to organize special events and activities). Our first PAC meeting of the year will be in-person in the library on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7 pm. Please enter through the front doors of the school, sanitize your hands, sign-in and join us in the library. We look forward to seeing you!

TERRY FOX

Every year, schools across Canada celebrate Terry Fox in September. Roosevelt's Terry Fox run will be on Friday, September 18th. Students will be learning about Terry Fox during the week and walk/run a pre-determined route on Friday to show support for cancer research.

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

On Monday, September 21th from 6:30 -7:30pm, students are encouraged to bring their families to Roosevelt to meet the staff. Students will be given a passport with the names of various staff members around the school. Each staff member will stamp/sign passports which can then be placed in the draw box for a chance to win a prize at the end of the evening. This year, there are 4 backpacks to be won, each filled with tons of school goodies! Snacks and refreshments will be available. *We hope to see you there!*

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was created to recognize the history and on-going trauma caused by residential schools. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Wednesday, September 30th. This day is meant to honour those who were lost and for the survivors. There will be no school on this day; however, it is recommended to wear an orange shirt on this day to honour all those impacted by the residential school system.

Roosevelt will participate in a Truth and Reconciliation Walk on Tuesday, September 29th. We encourage all students to wear orange shirts on that day.



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 open a StrongStart Program at the school on Monday, September 14th, 2025. This program provides 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 have opportunities to make friends and interact with others of similar ages. This program promotes physical health and well-being, social and emotional development, language and cognitive development, and the communication skills of preschool-aged children. Learning opportunities and experiences with Indigenous knowledge are interwoven into the program. The Paces Hub Program will not be running this

year due to a shortage of staff. Therefore, we encourage connections and the observation and practice of activities through StrongStart. At no cost to families, this early learning drop-in program helps prepare children for success in kindergarten.

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

ATTACHMENTS

- School District 52 Calendar (2026-2027)
- Roosevelt Code of Conduct

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday September 15th	CPF Meeting at 7:00 in Room#201
Monday September 21st	Meet the Teacher Night at 6:30- 7:30
Tuesday, September 22nd	Roosevelt PAC Meeting in the Library, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 29th	Orange Shirt Day and Reconciliation walk
Wednesday, September 30th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)

We look forward to connecting with families this year!

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Bains
Associate Principal

Mrs. Kobza
District Principal

