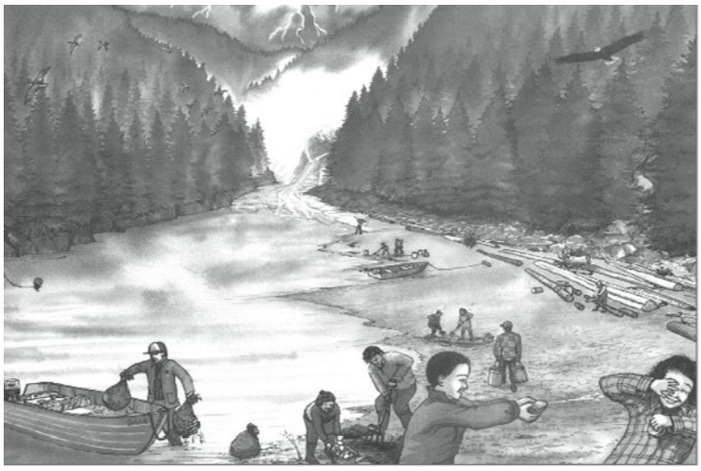
# Roosevelt Park Community School
# École Communautaire Roosevelt Parc

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## Ha'lila̲xsits'a̲'a̲x: Clam Digging in November



Clam Digging, from Tsimshian Seasonal Rounds Poster Set (Ha'lila̲xsits'a̲'a̲x — November poster). Artist: Judy Hilgemann. FNES SD 52

**Nov. 1, 2026** **Newsletter # 4**

Dear parents,

Happy November, novembre or Ha'lila̲xsits'a̲'a̲x, the month of gathering clams! It was nice to see many of you during our early dismissal days at the book fair and meeting with your child's teacher. The Book Fair went really well, and we are happy to be able to purchase more books for our library! We had a fun day on Halloween with a parade and dance, and it was great to see all the students so excited in their costumes!

**ABORIGINAL VETERANS DAY / REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Sunday, November 8th, is National Aboriginal Veterans Day, and Wednesday, November 11th, is Remembrance Day. There will be no school on Wednesday, November 11th. Roosevelt will hold a Remembrance Day assembly on **Tuesday, November 10th, at 11 am.** Students are encouraged to wear red or black, the colours of the poppy. Aboriginal Veterans Day and Remembrance Day are opportunities for all Canadians to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for our country. We invite everyone in the Roosevelt community to pause, give thanks, and remember on these meaningful days.




**PHOTO RETAKES**

Shutter Shack will be returning to Roosevelt on **Thursday, November 18th,** in the morning for retakes. If you would like your child(ren) to have their school photos taken, please let your child(ren)'s teacher(s) know. Say cheese! We sent home QR codes for each child right after the initial photo session (paper copies). If you lost yours, please check with Shuttershack, and they can provide it to you.

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)**

Roosevelt Elementary has a PAC that meets once a month. The PAC is an important aspect of the school. Did you know that you are automatically a member of the Roosevelt PAC as a parent/guardian? PAC members have the chance to participate in your child(ren)'s education and school life. We would love your help in organizing special events and activities for our students. The next PAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 7:00** in the school library. Hope to see you there!

**CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH**
Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a national network of parents, volunteers, and advocates dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. The Prince Rupert chapter is always looking for new parents to join and help promote French activities and opportunities in our school district. We are still looking for volunteers for the executive. If you are interested, please let us know. We would like to keep this important group going! The next meeting is on **November 3rd at 6:00- 7:30 in CHSS**. Hope to see you there!

**POPCORN EVERY THURSDAY:**
PAC/Gr. 4-5 Popcorn Thursdays are back! Students and staff can pay $1 per bag to their teacher by Wednesday or Thursday morning; popcorn is usually ready and available by recess. If you would like to help with Popcorn Thursday, please call the school. *Thanks to Ms. Rai, Ms. Sharma, Mr. Try and the PAC for organizing this!*

**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!*

**ROOSEVELT WITS**

To help facilitate safe and respectful interactions among our students, Roosevelt uses the WITS Program, a strategy to help students independently deal with peer conflicts. WITS stands for Walk Away, Ignore, Talk It Out, Seek Help. Please review this with your child(ren) and encourage them to use these strategies if they encounter peer conflicts. In addition, please remind your child(ren) that adults on supervision wear visi-vests and are trusted adults that they can go to for help. Thank you for helping our students become independent and stay safe and respectful during unstructured break times.

**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 are asking our Roosevelt community to take the necessary precautions and hygiene steps when eating recess snacks and lunch in the classrooms.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
Just a friendly reminder to pay for your child's school supplies if you haven't done so already, $35 for grades K-2 and $40 for grades 3-5. We have set up E-transfer which can be sent to Laura.Monette@sd52.bc.ca or eftroosevelt@sd52.bc.ca, security answer "supplies". You can also pay in person at the office with cash or cheque. Thank you!

**E-TRANSFER**
Just for clarification, if you are E-transferring money for the lunch program, please use eft@sd52.bc.ca, **NOT** eftroosevelt@sd52.bc.ca. They are completely different accounts. The lunch program is separate from our school funds. For all other school E-transfers, please use eftroosevelt@sd52.bc.ca and clearly state what the money is for ie: school supplies, before and after school care, etc. If you need to enter a security question for our secretary to answer, please make sure it is something she knows, or email her the answer. Thank you!

**OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES**
Many classes take opportunities to head outdoors as part of their learning. This can happen in all kinds of weather. Please ensure your child(ren) come to school prepared to spend parts of their day outdoors. Fall weather can be unpredictable; rain jacket, boots and warm clothing are suitable for outdoor excursions. It might also be helpful to leave spare clothing at school in case your child(ren) get wet or muddy during outdoor play and/or excursions.

**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

**CHILD CARE SPACES AVAILABLE:** École Roosevelt Park Community School offers a board-operated before- and after-school childcare program on site. 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 pm. Please contact the school Principal, Mrs. Bains or Susan Kobza, the District 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**

**LIDS NEEDED FOR A PROJECT:** Please save the lids and caps from applesauce squeeze pouches (such as Motts, PC, or Kirkland) for us. Our school district OT will use them for manipulatives and crafts. Thank you!

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**
**Friday, November 20th** is a Professional Development Day for teachers. Students will not attend school on this day.

**CEDAR MERITS**
This year, we will once again recognize students at our assemblies for showing some of the important qualities and behaviours we value at Roosevelt. These include: Creative Thinking, Communication, Perseverance, Respect, Collaboration and Self-Reflection. These are also great qualities to emphasize at home. Our second monthly assembly will be on **Thursday, November 26.**

**Breakfast Club of Canada School-Wide Breakfast with PRPA Volunteers:** PRPA (Prince Rupert Port Authority) is kindly hosting another school-wide breakfast on **Friday, November 27.** Students are welcome to wear their pajamas that day!

**BADMINTON**
Mr. Singh has started badminton sessions with interested Grade 4 and 5 students during our lunch hours. We will be choosing mixed boy/girl teams for the Badminton Play Day on **Nov. 28 at the Civic Centre between 9:00-12:00.** Such a great lifelong sport! Come on out to watch and support our teams!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**
This will be on **Tuesday, Dec.8th.** We are excited to host this event where students can go "shopping" to buy Christmas gifts for their family and friends. Items will be 25 cents each and students will each be able to purchase at least one and likely 2 or 3 items.
We will be looking for lots of donations of gently used items (no clothes or stuffies) that can be purchased for gifts by the students, **so start saving your treasures**! Some suggestions are: Christmas items, toys, games, purses, mugs, jewelry, pictures, housewares, etc. Don't forget

things for the men! You can start sending things in the week of November 23rd, and we will need items in by **Monday, Dec. 7th**.

We will be looking for some parent help to set up Monday afternoon and some help during the day on Tuesday as well to help supervise, wrap gifts, collect money and/or clean up at the end of the day. Info. will come out on the PAC Facebook page. We will also have a wrapping station, so we are looking for **donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbon, gift tags,** etc. Should be a wonderful event!

**WINTER CONCERT NIGHT:**
We will have a Winter Concert Night on Tuesday, Dec. 15th in the evening at the PAC (Lester Center). More details to come. Mark it in your calendar!

**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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| Tuesday, November 3rd | CPF meeting at 6:00 at CHSS |
| Tuesday, November 10th | Remembrance Day assembly at 11:00 |
| Tuesday, November 10th | PAC meeting at 7:00 in the library |
| Wednesday November 11th | Remembrance Day, no school |
| Thursday November 19th | Photo retakes |
| Friday November 20th | Pro D (no school for Students) |
| Thursday, November 26th | Cedar Award Assembly at 11:00 |
| Friday, November 27th | Whole School Breakfast at 9:15 in the gym |
| Saturday, November 28th | Badminton Playday at Civic Centre at 9:00 |
| Friday, December 4th | Learning Updates (Report Cards) Go Home |
| Tuesday, December 8th | Winter Bazaar in the gym for students |
| Monday, December 14th | Dress rehearsal at PAC |
| Tuesday, December 15th | Winter Concert at 6:00 at PAC |
| Friday, December 18th | Last day before the Winter Break |

***T'oyaxsmt 'nüüsm, Merci, and Thank you!***

Sincerely,
*Mrs. Bains*
*Associate Principal*

*Mrs. Kobza*
*District Principal*

Please call if you have any questions.

