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### *Calendar Dates*

Fri. Oct. 2	Robertson Pro D Day
Tues. Oct. 6	Theatre Sports (Art Starts) Performance 10:45
Mon. Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day
Mon Oct 19	Individual photo retakes
Fri. Oct. 23	Provincial Pro D Day
Wed. Oct. 28	Early Dismissal 12:30 for conferences
Thurs. Oct 29	Early Dismissal 12:30 for conferences
Fri. Oct 30	Orange & Black Day

### *Principal's Message*

September has been a great month for all of us here at Robertson. All of our students have settled in to another year of focused growth. Our school community continues to be strengthened through our student leadership, high quality instruction and incredibly supportive parents.

**Our school's mission is to teach our children to be competent, caring people, who are well prepared for the future.** At Robertson Elementary School, we are working collaboratively to create an inclusive learning community where students practice leadership and service at school, in the local community as well as the global community. In September, our students showed this community mindedness through participating in the Terry Fox Run. Thanks to the generous support of Robertson community and the organization and leadership of Ms. Lowe. We can't wait to announce how much we raised!

Parental involvement is a very important aspect of every child's education and is the primary factor in a students' success at school. We know that learning happens best when teachers and parents work together as partners in a child's educational journey. There are many ways in which you can participate in your child's education journey. First and foremost, having open and consistent lines of communication with your child's teacher will help both teacher and parent stay informed and working

together to support the child in their progress. Additionally, sharing your expertise, your talents in a certain field (e.g. computers, music, health, dance, etc.), volunteering to work in the classroom, assisting on field trips, participating in various school events, or joining the PAC are just a few ways that you can support your child and get involved in the school community... our door is always open and we welcome your support!

At Robertson, we have a monthly virtue that we practice. In September, we learned about friendliness. We all appreciated the presentation at the SOAR assembly on friendliness by the Grade 1/2 students in Ms. Lowe's classroom. Our October virtue is thankfulness and I'm looking forward to all of the ways that our students will demonstrate being thankful. As we approach Thanksgiving, our staff would like to wish everyone a very special time spent with family and friends.

*Mrs. Petersen*

### *October Professional Development Days*

**Tomorrow, Friday, October 2 is our School-based Professional Day.** In the morning, the staff will be collaborating on instructional strategies to promote learning that both supports and challenges all students. The afternoon will be a time for Education Assistants to engage in specific training for their daily practice and for teachers to be trained on a new data management and reporting system.

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is our Provincial Professional Day.** Staff will be enhancing their learning by attending conferences and workshops.



### *Early Dismissal(s)*

We will be having two dates for early dismissals this month: **Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.** Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on both days. Your child's teacher will be contacting you with respect to setting up a time to discuss your child's progress.

### **Student Health**

If your child is ill or planning to be absent, please call the school in the morning and leave a message or send an email to Mrs. Wodtke at [amber\\_wodtke@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:amber_wodtke@sd33.bc.ca). If the school does not receive a confirmation from home, our clerical staff will phone home to ensure your child is safe in the event of an absence. Cold and Flu season seems to be upon us so please keep your child home if he/she shows any symptoms of illness. We are trying to prevent the spread of germs by promoting good hygiene such as coughing and sneezing into our ‘arms’ and washing our hands carefully and often.



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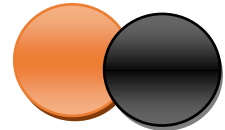
### **Fitness Friday**

Robertson students will participate again this year in Fitness Friday. We ask that the students come dressed for physical activity every Friday. The students are encouraged to wear their team colours. We want to be committed to our physical activity and therefore will be running rain or shine, however, if the weather is extreme, we will move inside for an alternate activity. As a staff, we have worked very hard at creating the time in the day to focus on building team spirit and to promote physical activity.

### **Head Lice**

Although no one is sure why, lice are now a common problem in many communities, including our own. The best way to control the spread of head lice is to get rid of them immediately. We urge you to check your child’s hair for lice every day, especially at this time. If you find nits (eggs), immediately inform the school and begin the treatment with head lice shampoo by purchasing the specialty treatment at the drugstore.

### **Orange & Black Day**



Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> will be Orange and Black Day at Robertson Elementary School. Students do not wear their Halloween costumes to school but are encouraged to dress in orange and black.

### **Dress Code**

Our dress code began on Monday Sept 14th. T-shirts can be purchased at the office at a cost of \$8.00. In the event that a (loaned) t-shirt is needed, students can exchange their personal shirt for a Robertson shirt at the office.

### **Dogs on the Playground**

Thank you parents for keeping your dog(s) on a leash and for cleaning up after your pet. Some of our students have a fear of animals and we also want to keep our grounds safe and clean.

### **Winter Wear Orders**

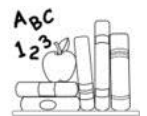
Winter wear order forms went home today for long sleeve shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and zip up hoodies. Sample sizes will be available in the office Monday, October 5 – Friday, October 9. Orders are due Tuesday, October 13. **No late orders will be accepted.**

### **Sports**



Our Boys’ and Girls’ soccer teams are up and running and we are looking forward to having a successful season filled with fun and great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Lodders and Mr. Kerr for coaching our soccer teams!

### **News From the Library**



Hello! I am excited to be back at Robertson after my year of leave. While I enjoyed every moment I had at home with my family, it has been wonderful to see so many familiar and new smiling faces! Thank you to those who are bringing back lost or forgotten Library books this Fall after finding them at home during the Summer. Just a reminder, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are able to take ONE book out for one week. Grade 2 students may

### **The Great BC Shakeout**

On Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will participate in the Great BC Shakeout Drill along with thousands of other British Columbians and hundreds of schools. The Great BC Shakeout website has a wealth of information pertaining

sign out TWO books for two weeks. Grades 3-6 students may sign out THREE books for a two-week period. Please remember to keep these books in a safe place at home, where they will not get damaged or lost and return them to school before their due date.

### ***Kiwanis Super Reader Program***

We are very excited to be involved with the Kiwanis Super Reader Program this year. All students should now have a golden yellow piece of paper outlining the instructions for the program. Please keep this paper somewhere visible (like on your fridge) to remind you to read daily and to return a signed slip of paper every 50 nights. The earliest date to return the first 50 nights of reading is **October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Students should bring their slip of paper to me on their Library day. Students who reach 100 and 250 nights of reading will be publicly recognized at a Super Reader Assembly, which will occur three times throughout the school year. Watch for these assemblies in January, April and June.

*Mrs. Derhouseoff*

### ***PAC News***

The next Robertson PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. All Robertson parents are members of our PAC and are encouraged to attend the meetings. PAC meetings provide parents with information about our school, a chance to ask questions or raise concerns and of course, a chance to become involved with our school.

### ***PAC Fall Market and Carnival***

Our PAC has already been working diligently to host the Robertson Fall Fair on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Come out between 10am and 3pm to show support to our local entrepreneurs and find that unique gift for friends, family or even something special for you!! Free admission! Door Prizes! BBQ Concession! Cake & Goodies Raffle!

PAC will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Chilliwack Salvation Army and bottles and cans for our Operation Playground Fund.



### ***PAC Cake Walk Donations***

PAC is looking for donations for our cake walk & goodies raffle at the Annual Fall Market. Please drop off goodies on Thursday, October 22 at the Robertson Office. Please contact Kristina for more information 604-703-3605.

### ***Coupon Books Overdue***

Reminder that the coupon books are now overdue. If you have decided that you do not wish to purchase the coupon book, please return it to the school. If you wish to keep the book please return the envelope with payment. Thank you!

### ***Neufelds Farms Fundraiser***

Order forms to order from Neufelds went home today, Thursday, October 1. They are due to back to PAC October 15<sup>th</sup>. No late orders will be accepted.

### ***Trying to Contact PAC?***

To keep up to date with the news and happenings at the school you can join the PAC's Facebook group by doing a search for Robertson PAC or [www.facebook.com/groups/233602203373220/815845785148856/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/233602203373220/815845785148856/) You can also reach the PAC by email at RobertsonPAC@yahoo.ca.

### ***PAC Constitution & Bylaws***

Please go to <http://robertson.sd33.bc.ca/> under Upcoming Events to view the DPAC's Constitution & Bylaws as well as a draft for a new Constitution with Bylaws. The changes that need to be made are so abundant that we decided it would be easier to simply replace the old, outdated document with a new one. Please consider this your written, 30 day notice for amendment, as per the current Constitution. The new document will be put forth for adoption at the next DPAC meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM, at the School Board Office at 8430 Cessna Drive. All motions to amend require a 2/3's majority vote of the representatives present. Please remember to fill out your DPAC Representative registration form with your PAC.

Thank you,

Justine Hodge  
DPAC Chair  
SD33, Chilliwack

## Winter Wear/Polo Shirt & Grad Shirt Orders

Now that the colder weather is upon us, we are sending an order form home for school sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts and polo shirts. You may wish to order a shirt for your child however, we **will not** be able to return or exchange the shirts that have been ordered **so please choose the size carefully**. If you are wishing to try on the items for size, they will be available at the Office from October 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for ordering shirts is **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. **No late orders will be accepted.**

### Grade 6 Grad Sweatshirts

The Grade 6 students will be able to purchase a Grad Sweatshirt with a 2015 Grad Logo on the back. **This offer is only available to Grade 6 students.** The deadline for ordering a Grad Sweatshirt is **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. **No late orders will be accepted.**

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### SCHOOL SHIRT ORDER FORM

Item	Youth Cost	Adult Cost	Youth S	Youth M	Youth L	Youth XL	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Total
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$22.00	\$23.00									
Zip Up Hoodie	\$24.00	\$27.00									
Long Sleeve T-Shirt <u>Sapphire</u>	\$12.00	\$13.00									
Long Sleeve T-Shirt Navy	\$12.00	\$13.00									
Polo Shirt	\$21.75	\$22.75									

### GRADE 6 GRAD STUDENTS ONLY

Item	Youth Cost	Adult Cost	Youth M	Youth L	Youth XL	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Total
Grade 6 Grad Hooded Sweatshirt	29.00	29.00								
Grade 6 Grad Zip Up Hoodie	31.00	32.00								

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the above order form and return to Robertson Elementary by **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. **No orders will be placed after that date. Please be sure of the size as they cannot be returned.** Long Sleeve T-Shirts come in Sapphire and Navy, all other shirts and hoodies will be in the Navy only. Purchasing the warmer clothing is optional.

Thank you.