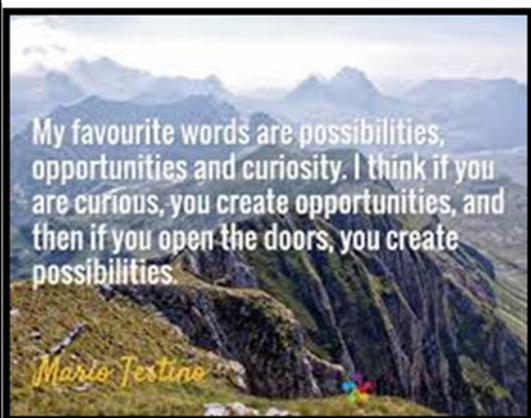




OCTOBER 2017

Dear Rosser Families

Possibilities, opportunities and curiosity...



These abound at Rosser, not only for students and staff, but for families as well. We welcome and encourage families to participate, engage in and contribute to your children's learning in whichever way or ways you can.

Some of the ways in which families are invited to be partners in our students' learning are:

- Participating in morning "family reading" times, offered in Kindergarten
- Helping support and supervise during class field trips
- Driving students to field trips, sports events and other off-site activities
- Helping to run the weekly Mini-mart, usually held on Fridays
- For grade 7 parents: being part of the Grade 7 grad committee
- Engaging in ongoing communication with teachers, whether through email, meetings, FreshGrade, ePortfolios or other means
- Attending monthly PAC meetings, held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30
- Participating in "Coffee and Conversation" sessions, put on, in partnership, by the school and PAC - the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am.

These are all excellent ways to be involved and to get to know more about our school and our community.

Our **October PAC meeting** is happening on October 3rd in the library at 6:30 pm. We welcome new faces and encourage parents to come out, have a voice, and support school initiatives.

Our first **"Coffee and Conversation"** will be right after drop-off, at 9:00 am on Tuesday, October 17th. We are excited to explore the possibilities of community, and we invite parents' ideas in the development and articulation of our school goals. This promises to be a collaborative, inclusive gathering where family members can come together to share ideas, ask questions, and get to know one another. It is a great opportunity for our new K parents and new Rosser families to meet other community members as well. Please come on up to the library right after you have dropped your child/ren off and join in the conversation. We look forward to seeing you at Rosser!

Sincerely,

Christy Redmond
Vice Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Terry Fox Run Update

On Friday, September 29th our whole school participated in the annual Terry Fox Run.



This year Rosser students raised a grand total of \$776.10.

Thank you to all our students and families for your support!

BELL SCHEDULE

A reminder that the welcoming bell rings at 8:50am and **instruction begins at 8:55am.**

Arriving punctually helps students establish good lifelong habits, and ensures that they do not miss important morning routines and valuable instructional time.

Please note that our end-of-school bells rings at 3:02pm.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Grade 4 and 7 students will participate in the annual *Foundation Skills Assessment* sometime this month. This is a provincial assessment of reading, writing and numeracy skills. All students, except beginner ELL and special education students are expected to write the assessment. Parents will receive results some time in December. Please contact the Vice-Principal, Mrs. Redmond if you have any questions or concerns.

For more information please use the following link: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FREE TRANSIT ON BUSES FOR I LOVE TRANSIT WEEK, OCTOBER 2-6, 2017

Kids Ride Buses for Free during I Love Transit Week - October 2-6, 2017. Since 2009, TransLink has hosted I Love Transit Week as a chance to celebrate riders and to remind the region about the benefits of taking transit. This year they are pleased to offer free bus service to elementary and high school students on TransLink buses during the week of October 2-6, 2017. Valid for all children and students 19 years and under with student / government issued ID. *Please note that this does not include SkyTrain, SeaBus and West Coast Express.

Upcoming Rosser Parent Advisory Council Meetings

The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm in the school library.



All Rosser School parents and guardians are welcome to attend our general meetings. Meetings will be held the first week of each month on Tuesday night at 6:30pm in the school library.

Meetings are a great way to meet new parents, find out what is happening in the school, and learn about volunteer opportunities. A school administrator comes to each meeting, and parents/guardians can bring up concerns and ask questions. Please join us!

Fall Weather - Please Dress for the Weather!



At Rosser School we believe it is healthy for children to get outside throughout the day for fresh air and exercise. Living on the West Coast we know that our climate contains a consistent amount of rainfall especially throughout the winter months. It makes sense that in our climate we are well prepared to be outside in the rain.

Please help your children be prepared for the elements by ensuring they have warm, water resistant coats and hoods or hats to keep dry. You may consider keeping a change of clothes at school for your child. A slip and fall at this time of year adds up to one very wet student. Thank you in advance for your help in planning ahead for the weather.

Rainy Weather Frequently Asked Questions:

I am concerned that my child will get sick being out in the rain.

It is not cold that makes us sick but rather viruses. "People get sick more often in the winter because they are exposed to each other more in the winter than in the summer. When it is cold outside people tend to stay inside and are more likely to spread germs to one another." (from "Does Cold Weather Cause the Cold or Flu?"). Turns out that getting outdoors is more likely to protect our children from illness than keeping them indoors.

My child has been sick but is now returning to school. Can he/she stay inside today?

We are quite reluctant to allow this for a couple of reasons. First, if your child is still not quite better it would be better to keep him/her home until they are 100% ready to function fully at school. If they are too sick to go outside, they are probably too sick to get through the day's work at school successfully - give them another day of rest. Secondly, we have very limited supervision inside, so if more than a few students are requesting this, it becomes problematic. We do make exceptions to this based on special circumstances. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss this matter.

"Coffee and Conversation"



Rosser school, in partnership with our Parent Advisory Council, is hosting its first "Coffee and Conversation" gathering on **October 17th at 9:00.** We encourage and welcome families to drop off your chil/ren at 8:50am and come to the library. For our first meeting we will explore the idea of community and our school goals.

SICK STUDENTS

For the protection of your child and other children, please keep your child at home if he/she has:



- a fever
- is too sick to participate in school activities
- has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye or any undiagnosed rash).

Please keep your child home until they are no longer infectious. For more information, visit www.fraserhealth.ca.

SCHOOL NEWS

WE SCARE HUNGER!



Division 1 Leadership students are organizing a food drive in support of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. The Food Drive will be happening **October 24th to October 31st**.

Please help us support this great cause by bringing in **non-perishable** food items (such as canned goods, Kraft Dinner, soup, etc.). Each classroom will be given a box to collect their food donations. Thanks for your support!

ROSSER SCHOOL FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

WHO: *Rosser Community*

WHY: *BASES (Burnaby Association for South East Side) formed in 2010 to assist at-risk children and families in the Edmonds area, home to a large number of new immigrants, refugees and low-income families.*

BASES proceeds go towards programs at area schools such as breakfast and after-school programs, sports, music, arts and summer camps.

WHERE: *Rosser Gym Stage*

WHAT: *Clothing Drive*

WHEN: *October 10th – 13th*

DROP OFF TIMES: *8:30 – 8:50am
3:02 – 3:20pm*

ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION

Clothing: *Children, Women's, and Men's*
(ALL underwear and socks need to be new)

Shoes: *Children, Women's, and Men's*

Not Accepted: furniture, electronics, children's toys, or books



Please note that school **WILL NOT** be in session on the following days:

Monday - October 9th: Thanksgiving Day

Friday - October 20th: District Professional Day

Monday - October 23rd: Curriculum Development Day

COMMUNITY NEWS

After School Programs at Rosser Elementary School

Fall 2017

Kids Club and More! 5-8 yrs ****Allergy Alert**

Great games, snacks and cool crafts are all part of the after-school time fun! We will try new activities and make some exciting afterschool snacks!

Tuesdays, 3:15-4:45pm, \$33.30

Oct 10, 4 sessions 457812

Nov 14, 4 sessions 457857



Holiday Chocolates & Crafts, 5-12 yrs

****Allergy Alert**

Get ready for the Holidays! Join us to make delicious chocolate treats, very special crafts to keep or give as gifts, plus we've also planned fun holiday games to play.

Wednesday, Dec 12, 3:15-4:45pm

\$13.50+GST, 1 session 457803

****Allergy alert**

For programs involving food that are 3.5 hours or less, participants requiring emergency medical support, such as an EpiPen, must have an adult on site. These programs will have an allergy prompt which requires parent input before registration. Please contact us at least one week prior to the program start date.



How to Register

By phone: 604-298-7946

Online: burnaby.ca/webreg

In person: at any Burnaby recreation facility.

Fees must be paid when you register. We accept cash, cheque, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX or your bank debit card.

Register Online



For more information, please contact the Northwest Area Program Team:

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