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June 24

Last day of school 11 AM dismissal

Upcoming Dates

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning.

But for children play is serious learning.

Play is really the work of childhood."

-Fred Rogers

Principal's Message

This has been yet another year of "interesting times"...hand sanitizing and hand washing, physical distancing in and out of the school, cohorts, school yard quadrants, face masks...yes some very unusual 2020 – 2021 experiences! Through all of this however, we remained strong and connected and we got through a year of pandemic challenges that won't soon be forgotten.

As the school year draws to a close, I want to extend sincerest thanks for the support and encouragement I have received in my first year as Principal of École TM Roberts. To the students and families, the staff and greater community, I am grateful for the commitment, enthusiasm and dedication you have demonstrated toward making things work and the resilience you have instilled in helping your children carry on with their learning journey.

I always marvel at the fact that time goes so fast and this year is certainly no exception! We have had a busy year despite the extra challenges we faced, rounded out with many amazing learning experiences, off site school adventures and exciting outdoor learning opportunities. École TM Roberts' students are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of teachers, educational support workers and committed PAC members working on their behalf - to all of you I extend sincerest appreciation.

Saying "farewell" isn't often easy but it is always important to remember that just around the corner are new opportunities that hold promise and excitement. This year we bid farewell to some of our amazing teaching team: Mme. Webster is moving back to Ontario to be closer to her family, Ms. Sheryl, Ms. Candace & Mme. Carter will all be working at other schools in our local area. Mme. Guillen will continue on in her part time French Immersion position with the district and be back in our school as a TTOC. To Mrs. Nancy Dyck who enthusiastically stepped in and took on the

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teacher librarian position we owe huge thanks for her assistance with, and successful application for a grant to equip our library with more books.

The library has had the smooth running and terrific organization thanks to our extraordinary library clerk **Mrs. Donna Lawrence** who will leave us this year for the next exciting part of her life called retirement and being a grandma! "It won't be the same Mrs. Lawrence!" We wish her well in this next phase of her life journey and thank her for her many years of expertise and support.

In addition, we will be saying good-bye to a number of our extraordinary Educational Assistant support team to whom we extend our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks: **Mme. Sarah Miller**, "Miss Jenny" Effray, Miss Ashley Seely, and Mrs. Desiree Roberts... un grande merci beaucoup!

We say farewell to **Mrs. Lori Garson**, **aka Mrs. Happy** who is moving with her husband and daughters to Campbell River to be closer to family; Mrs. Garson you have fed the souls and the tummies of many children. We are grateful and while you will be missed, we know that you will continue to spread joy and laughter wherever you go.

We wish **Mrs. Mayer** and **Mrs. Reinarz** health and happiness as they each spend a year on a personal Leave of Absence.

And finally, to our **48 Grade Six students** who will finish their 7 year elementary journey, I would like to wish you the very best of luck, and as you move on to Parkland and Laurie Middle Schools in September of 2021. It is with optimism and best wishes for all of your future endeavors that I extend to you a fond "farewell." It won't be the same without you!

I wish each and every one our École TM Roberts students and their families a safe and happy summer break. Best of luck wherever your journey takes you.

Bonne Chance!

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

Norman Vincent Peale

Sincerely,
Mme. Michelle Sartorel
Principal, École TM Roberts Elementar

Last Day of School

Just a reminder that the last day of school for students is Thursday, June 24th. **Dismissal is at 11 a.m.** Busses will be picking up at 11:00 a.m.

September

Please continue to check your email this summer for news from the school and district. We wish all of you a safe, happy, healthy and active summer.

Save-On Foods Fundraiser

Every time you shop at Save-On Foods you can ask the cashier to put 5% of your purchases towards our school – and it doesn't cost you a thing! We use these funds to pay for enhanced curricular activities such as gymnastics, skating, extra-curricular and field studies.

Thanks to Save-On-Foods for supporting Cranbrook schools!

Thank you to PAC for the Twister shirts for our Kindergarten students.





Mrs. Ivanco's grade 1/2 students are celebrating all of their hard work this year with a fun day in the sun!



A covid-safe, year-end celebration! Each of the cohorts went to different areas around Cranbrook for some year-end fun. Wasa, Moyie, Sunflower Hill and Wycliffe!



We are so grateful for the joy that your children bring to the school each day!

Enjoy every second of the summer with them.

We'll see you in September!

