



Royal Blue Heron Montessori Academy

FALL 2024

Class News

As the season has now turned to autumn, with the rains increasing, we ask that, especially on rainy days, all children wear their raincoats (with a hood) and rainboots.

This term we will be discussing Transportation. We live in an area where transportation of all types surrounds us. We live in a city that has a wide variety of transportation vehicles in its midst, including air, water and land.

We live near the Vancouver International Airport where we see jet planes, propeller planes, float planes and helicopters flying overhead. We are surrounded by water where we can see the Coast Guard hovercraft, fishing vessels, pleasure craft (including kayaks and canoes), freighters and ferry boats sailing past.

Here in Richmond itself, we see cars, trucks, buses, the Canada Line Skytrain, bicycles, skateboarders, scooters, rollerbladers and even trains (on the tracks by Shell Rd.) moving about.

We will also be discussing pedestrian and bicycle safety. We will be practicing crossing streets at both controlled and uncontrolled crosswalks. If any of your children have a bicycle, please bring it to the class for show-and-tell. Also, if your child has a bicycle helmet, please bring it to the class for an adjustment by Mr. Fritz. It is very important for your bicycle helmet to be fitted properly.

To highlight this theme, we will have an all-day field trip (starting in the morning and finishing in the early afternoon) on the transit system from Richmond to the Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver (an adventure by bus, skytrain and seabus). This has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5th. For this field trip, we will require 1 or 2 parents to accompany each child. Details will be sent out in November.

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Virtue of the Month

Enthusiasm

..Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort

Enthusiasm is being cheerful, happy, and full of spirit.

It is doing something wholeheartedly and eagerly.

When you are enthusiastic, you have a positive attitude.

Enthusiasm is being inspired.

I will:

- be an energy giver
- smile, laugh and enjoy what I do
- treat every job as important
- put my whole heart into what I do
- not be discouraged by failure
- be inspired by the wonders of life
- have a positive attitude
- look forward to something eagerly
- look on the bright side

Enthusiasm in the home:

- Showing excitement about lessons learned through life struggles.
- Completing chores in good time with a positive attitude motivated by a love for making things clean and shiny.
- Tackling work with a vision of how it will benefit others.
- Showing genuine interest in the games and activities that other family members enjoy.

Rewards of Enthusiasm

Renewal - Showing genuine interest in every task provides a person with a renewed excitement about life.

Strong Bones - Not only does enthusiasm brighten the face and give light to the eyes, but it also acts as a natural medicine that builds strong healthy bones.

The above was taken from "Achieving True Success - How to Build Character as a Family" and "The Virtues Project".

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Important Dates To Remember:

School Closures and Other Important Dates

Sept 30 2024 - Monday - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 3 2024 - Photo Day (photos will be taken at 9:00 am)

Oct 14 2024 - Monday - Thanksgiving Day

Oct 25 2024 - Friday - Professional-Development Day

Oct 31 2024 - Costume Day

Nov 11 2024 - Monday - Remembrance Day

Dec 5 2024 - Transportation Field Trip

Dec 23 2024 - Jan 3 2025 - Winter Break

Feb 14 2025 - Friday - Professional-Development Day

Feb 17 2025 - Monday - Family Day

Mar 17 2025 - Mar 28 2025 - Spring Break

April 18 2025 - Good Friday

April 21 2025 - Easter Monday

April 30 2025 - Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Field Trip

May 16 2025 - Friday - Professional-Development Day

May 19 2025 - Monday - Victoria Day

June 24 2025 - Tuesday - Last day of 2024-2025 School Year

Parent Observations will be held at the end of November and the end of February.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held via Zoom at the beginning of December and the beginning of March.