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Monday Message

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Dear Ross Road Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share with you that Ross Road teachers will be embarking on a school-wide Social-Emotional Learning program starting in September. You are encouraged to take a look at [Second Step](#). This evidence-program supports the learning of the five core competencies associated with SEL identified in the [CASEL framework](#): self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills and social-awareness. We look forward to strengthening the home-school partnership and working together on this initiative. We are working with the school district to purchase the resources to allow teachers to begin this year but it will be school-wide for the 2020-2021 school year. This work supports the school plan and the first objective listed below:



Ross Road aspires to be a welcoming, caring and inclusive community, which fosters a culture of engaged learners and critical thinkers, who are responsible and respectful toward themselves, others and the environment.

Objective:

To foster a culture of kindness and inclusivity in the Ross Road school community.

Phone Issues

North Vancouver schools including Ross Road are experiencing problems with the phone system. The problem has been reported to Telus and they hope to have it resolved soon. If you are unable to reach us by phone please email the school.

Board Games Day February 14th

Pull out your Scrabble boards. Dust off the old Trivial Pursuit. A pack of cards and a magic trick is fine too! The WE Club is onto their next initiative! Board Games Day! This Friday the 14th, WE encourage students to bring games from home to share

with their classmates. WE have chosen the Friday, because WE think it's nice way to celebrate Valentine's Day without creating waste, create school community and share fun and unplugged games with friends. WE are also hoping that students might then play these games with family and friends on Family Day next Monday. WE hope you are as excited as we are.

Ready, Set, Learn

The North Vancouver School District welcomes 3-5 year-olds who have not yet started kindergarten to come and join us with their parents, guardians, childcare providers, or early childhood educators to **Ready, Set, Learn** – a free early learning event funded by the BC Ministry of Education.

The **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative is aimed at helping preschoolers get ready for school. It recognizes that families need to establish positive connections with schools and early learning community partners who provide resources and information. When you attend one of the North Vancouver School District's **Ready, Set, Learn** events, your child will enjoy play based language and literacy activities. They will leave with arts & crafts, as well as parent information. These free early learning events are sponsored by the North Vancouver School District #44, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Children and Family Development, and Ministry of Health. There is one being hosted at the Lynn Valley library Feb 12 9:30am-11:30am and Ross Road teacher Mrs. May will be one of the teachers. See below for the full schedule.

[Ready, Set, Learn sessions](#)

44Dresses

NVSD grade 7 students will be invited to come and choose a special outfit for their Grade Farewell event! We need dresses, slacks, skirts, suits, shorts, accessories and other groovy garb to help kids feel special on their big day. Please consider going through your closets and donating clothing, shoes and accessories that no longer bring you "joy"!

All donations need to come with their own hanger.

We need sizes from youth small to adult XXL.

Clothing collection will take place at NVSD high schools and the ESC, beginning in April. Please share this info with your communities, especially grade 8 families with fast growing youth!

Boutique Day is **Tuesday, April 28th, 2020**....And we aren't just about the dresses anymore! **44Dresses** is a LBGTQ+ friendly event!

For more information please contact Lisa Upton, lupton@sd44.ca .

Ross Road Musical-The Aristocats!

The students at Ross Road from Kindergarten to Grade 7 will be performing Disney's The Aristocats! on March 10th and 11th. Please the ticket order form in a timely manner to the office. If you are able to help please contact Mrs. Morgan at smorgan@sd44.ca.

Jump Rope for Heart Update

With just under 2 weeks until our Jump Rope Event, the school has raised over \$6,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! If we get just 6 more students signed up with a pledge, we will have a school-wide "Pyjama Day" in conjunction with the WE Club's "Games Day" on Friday, February 14th. Thank you to all those who have already collected money and made pledges online. Great job Ross Road!

PAC Family Dance

Ross Road PAC Valentine's Family Dance
Thursday February 13th 6:00-8:00pm Ross Road School Gym
Tickets @ www.MunchaLunch.com

Generously sponsored by: **JORDAN HURDAL REAL ESTATE, MOSAIC HOMES and DARWIN CONSTRUCTION**

Your help is needed! The PAC requires parent volunteer support to ensure this event is a success. [Please sign up for a volunteer shift here.](#)

Dates to note:

February 10: Grade 7 visit to Argyle and parent meeting at 7pm at Argyle, Grade 6 & 7 boys triple ball games
February 11: Grade 6 & 7 Girls Triple ball games
February 12: PAC meeting
February 13: PAC Family Dance, tickets required
February 14: Board Games Day, Happy Valentine's Day

District Road Closure update

No update.

Kind regards,

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