



## École Ross Road School

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### Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

Teachers have already begun using the Second Step program in their classes. You may have received communication from the teacher sharing what their current focus is. The message being shared over the school-wide announcements this week is:

*Here at Ross Road, we want everyone to feel welcome and that they belong. We know we're welcome when people smile at us and greet us with friendly words. We know we belong when we're included and invited to play at recess. We know we belong when we notice the ways we're all the same and accept the way we're different. This week, take time to greet others with a smile and invite them to play.*

### Important Reminders

Under the current Covid safety guidelines, parents and caregivers are reminded to remain outside the school at all times. If you need something, please contact the office by phone rather than entering the school. Office staff are more than happy to help but are also very busy and frequently have to step away from the phone and office-your patience as always is appreciated. Whenever possible an email sent to [rossroad@sd44.ca](mailto:rossroad@sd44.ca) and the classroom teacher is best.

Please also remember that social distancing is essential, masks for adults are helpful, food items cannot be shared at school and of course physical greetings involving touching cannot happen. We continue to review the guidelines recommended by the Provincial Health Office, the BC CDC, and our School District with staff and students. These procedures are to help keep our children, families and community safe. Please do your very best to keep the two-meter distance from non-family members when you arrive and depart from the school. You may also wish to wear a mask. Please be timely with your arrivals and departures to help alleviate congestion and minimize contact between students.

On behalf of all of us at Ross Road, thank you.

### **Procedures for Early pick-up/late drop-off**

- If known in advance, please email both the classroom teacher and [rossroad@sd44.ca](mailto:rossroad@sd44.ca) with the details and provide clear instructions to your child
- Otherwise, please call the office to advise of the details
- For pick-up: please allow time for office staff to locate the student and prepare them to meet you outside
- Office staff will sign-in/sign-out the student, parent/caregiver remain outside

### **Ross Road Scares Hunger**

Ross Road is looking to give back to our community. We are collecting donations of food to give to Sage House. The Sage Transition House is an 18-bed transition house that provides safety and support to women and their children fleeing abusive situations. Shelter, food, clothing, personal items, referrals, advocacy, individual support and support groups are offered for up to thirty days.

**School goal**-1000 non-perishable items (if we reach this goal, students receive an extra recess!)

**The class that collects the most**-Gets to choose our next school spirit day

**Start date**-October 17th, 2020

**End**-Oct 30th, 2020

### **Halloween at Ross Road**

Halloween is a wonderful time of celebration for our community and families. We enjoy it when students dress up for Halloween, but we do ask for your cooperation to help keep Halloween safe and fun for everyone. We celebrate diversity and inclusion in the North Vancouver School District and expect that students be respectful when selecting costumes. There are also important safety considerations that students and parents need to be aware of:

- Students in costume at school should be easily recognizable, no masks of any kind should be worn (unless they are non-medical for Covid reasons).
- Replica weapons are not allowed.
- Students are asked not to bring food to share with others.
- Costumes that are offensive in any way are not allowed including culturally insensitive. Please consider the rights maintained in the Canadian Human Rights Act when selecting costumes (race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, genetic characteristics, disability).

At Ross Road students are able to wear costumes for the day if they wish which includes outside at recess and lunch. Students will be unable to change at school. We will share our costumes with other students creatively by following guidelines to replace our annual parade. Please review the important [letter sent home October 16, 2020 from the Superintendent](#).

### **Individual Photos-Reminder**

Student images are now available to order on the Mountain West Studios website. This is the link to the "How to Order" page: <https://mountainwest.ca/Orders/HowtoOrder>

If you need any assistance, please contact Mountain West Studios <https://mountainwest.ca/>

**Retakes will be on October 27.**

### **NVSD Fall 2020 Survey**

As in June, with our first COVID-19 Feedback Survey, NVSD has engaged flex surveys to gather your feedback and understand your experiences with respect to the 2020/2021 school restart.

The survey will be available until 11:59 pm on Sunday, October 25th. To complete the survey, please visit this [link](#). All answers are strictly confidential. Thank you for your participation.

### **Important PAC Reminder**

Please sign up for **Fresh Schools** today! It is the new online communication tool to stay connected to your school community. Parents/guardians will self-register, providing student name and a contact phone number and email address. (You have the option to keep this information private, but still receive messages from other class parents.)

Fresh Schools lets you stay connected to your class community for events, fundraisers and activities we have planned for this year! Please click the link below to get started:

<https://www.freshschools.com/app/schools/ross-road-elementary-a8baaa27-ec8c-478e-9d07-dc6517402936/register>

**Class Assignments** If you've already signed up, please log in to your child's profile, "edit" and choose your child(ren)'s class(es) from the drop-down "class" menu.

### **Important dates Week of October 19-23, 2020**

Oct 21-PAC Executive Meeting 7pm Virtual (all are welcome)

Oct 23-Provincial Professional Development Day-students do not attend

### **Upcoming Reminders**

- Thursday Oct 27 is photo retake day
- Wednesday Oct 28 is Collaboration Day, school ends at 1:50pm

Kind regards,

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