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Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

This week the newsletter contains a number of important reminders. We appreciate you reading it carefully. We encourage families to maintain communication with the classroom teacher and to remain curious about your children's learning, interactions and experiences at school.

This week at Ross Road the Second Step message classes are discussing is about Identifying Feelings:

We're all learning to identify our own and others' feelings. We can focus our attention on someone's face or body on the situation for clues about how the person is feeling. Sometimes people's voices and the words they say also give us clues. If someone is yelling, it might be that this person is angry. If a person is using a very quiet voice, it might be that this person is scared or worried. This week, listen to people's voices for clues to figure out how they might be feeling!

Health and Safety Reminders

It is important that we remain careful and vigilant in respecting provincial restrictions and protocols that are in place to protect ourselves and others during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to review school and classroom health and safety procedures with our students. We ask that parents, caregivers and other adults in our community pay special attention to provincial restrictions and guidelines including physical distancing, gathering restrictions, and the use of masks for adults.

Severe Weather Reminder

We would like to remind parents, guardians, and students about the North Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures and announcements. All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. and will be announced through the media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites, shared with parents/guardians via School Messenger (email and/or text), and emailed to

staff. For more information, please visit the district [Severe Weather Information](#) web page.

Also, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. [A change of clothes is highly encouraged](#) as we don't want to have to call you in the middle of the day requesting a dry set!

Parking and Pick-up/Drop-off Reminder

With the wetter and colder weather, more people are choosing to use their car for pick-up and drop-off. Please endeavor to leave with enough time to find appropriate parking and follow all posted signage. [Please respect our neighbours and do not block access to driveways](#). A reminder that cars should not be entering the cul-de-sac past the cross walk. Your support around this is very much appreciated for everyone's safety.

Black History Month

In Canada, February is [Black History Month](#). The North Vancouver School District and Ross Road Elementary continue on our own journey of learning together. We wanted to share that there is grassroots movement to mark January 15th as [Black Shirt Day](#). This day is significant as it is the birthday of the late Martin Luther King Jr. Ross Road staff and students wearing a black shirt on January 15th are doing so to show an understanding of the importance of the Civil Rights Movement and a commitment to continue to learn. In class, teachers continue to support children in their learning and development in a positive and thoughtful manner. Students will continue to explore and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians.

The Ross Road school community strives to honour diversity in all our practices and we greatly appreciate your partnership as we continue to learn, share and grow together.

Water Bottles and Water Fountain Reminder

Please be sure to send a water bottle with your child daily. The water fountains are currently not in use but there are water bottle refiling stations available.

Important Dates

Jan 20 – PAC meeting (Virtual), with brief presentation and Q&A by guest speaker Jesse Miller of [Mediated Reality](#) on Media Literacy presentations for classes

Jan 21, 22 – Media Literacy presentations (Virtual) by Jesse Miller

Jan 27 – 1:50pm dismissal for Staff Collaboration

Jan 29 – Professional development day, no school for students

Kind regards,

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