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Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

This week at Ross Road the Second Step message classes are discussing is about Managing Learning Challenges:

Using our Calming-Down Steps helps us be better learners! There are many opportunities to practice your calming-down skills at school. You may have strong feelings when you have to wait, or when you make a mistake, or when you have trouble finishing a task. There are perfect moments to practice using your stop signal, naming your feelings, and calming down. When staff and students at our school calm down our emotions, it helps us all learn.

Health and Safety

We also want to express our appreciation for all members of our community for their continued attention to the health and safety guidelines. At Ross Road, our staff continues to work together to ensure that our schools remain safe and healthy learning environment and we are committed to working to upholding existing health and safety measures.

Families are reminded to complete the Daily Health for their child(ren) and to make arrangements to keep their child(ren) home when they are sick: [https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/dailyhealthcheck/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/dailyhealthcheck/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Reminder Pink Shirt Day February 24th

Pink Shirt Day is recognized in BC as an anti-bullying day promoting acceptance and inclusion. Although it is our expectation at Ross Road that we all act with kindness and compassion on a daily basis, we will be participating in Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 24 to raise awareness and to demonstrate our shared commitment to the development of Social-Emotional Competencies of all learners within our diverse and inclusive community.

Student Learning Survey: Grades 4 & 7



The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. It provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The Ministry of Education worked in collaboration with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to update the parent and guardian/caregiver survey in 2018/19 and make it more useful for parent, guardians/caregivers, teachers, and schools.

Parents and guardians of students in Grades 4 and 7 are invited to participate in this survey. The survey can be found at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, April 30th, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The results of the parent and guardian/caregiver SLS survey will be available through the Ministry of Education website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>) and on the BCCPAC website (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/>) in summer 2021.

We appreciate the input of families and we thank parents and guardians of students in Grades 4 and 7 in advance for your participation. More detailed information was sent directly to Grade 4 and 7 families on Feb 9, 2021.

Reminder New Registrations and Transfer Requests for 2021-2022

Priority placement for both new registrations and transfers for Grades 1 through 12 for the 2021/2022 school year runs from January 18th to March 5th at 4:00 p.m. Visit the 2020-21 [Registrations and Transfer Requests](https://www.sd44.ca/Schools/StudentRegistration/2020-21%20Registrations%20and%20Transfer%20Requests/Pages/default.aspx#/) page for detailed information. ([https://www.sd44.ca/Schools/StudentRegistration/2020-21%20Registrations%20and%20Transfer%20Requests/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/Schools/StudentRegistration/2020-21%20Registrations%20and%20Transfer%20Requests/Pages/default.aspx#/))

Reminder for Elementary Band and Strings Registration 2021-22

Please check the [NVSD website](https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx#/) for more information. ([https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx#/))

Important Dates

Feb 24 – Pink Shirt Day

Feb 26 – Professional Development Day, no school for students, and last day of term 2

March 5 – Report card published to the parent portal

March 11 – Parent/Guardian-teacher conferences, school ends at 1:50pm

March 12 – Last day of school before Spring Break

Kind regards,

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