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Monday Message

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Dear Ross Road Families,

We are so glad to welcome students back to school today. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by the Lynn Valley tragedy. As mentioned in the Superintendent's letter, we are sensitive to the fact that such an incident can have different impacts on students and staff. Today, Ross Road staff members have provided support to students as necessary. Please email the school Principal and your child's classroom teacher directly should you determine that they need further professional support. Here is the list provided in yesterday's letter with information on local agencies that are available to assist you in addition to any personal health coverage or employer-sponsored employee and family assistance you may have:

- [North Shore Emergency Management](#) is offering a North Shore Wellness & Resilience Centre located out of the Karen Magnussen Community Recreation Centre between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. starting Monday, March 29. The Centre will be a space for members of the North Shore community to access wellness supports.
- [Foundry North Shore](#) provides virtual drop-in support for youth aged 12 to 24. Call 604.984.5060 to arrange a Zoom call.
- [Family Services of the North Shore](#) at 604.988.5281
- [Hollyburn Family Services](#) at 604.987.8211

Here are some links you may also find useful:

- [Responding to Stressful Events: Helping Teens Cope](#)
- [Responding to Stressful Events: Helping Children Cope](#)
- [Responding to Stressful Events: Taking Care of Ourselves, Our Families and Our Communities](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Traumatic Events](#)
- [Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health \(NVSD\)](#)

In addition, the Ross Road PAC is working together with other neighbouring PACs, to provide a free session titled "Parenting through grief" by counsellor Tyler Milley, BSc., MA. There is more information on the PAC website and you can use this link to register: [Parenting Through Grief Tickets, Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

As a school community we will work together to support students, families, friends and neighbours. We are a close community and together we will help each other during this challenging time.

The last day before Spring Break, Ross Road sent out its first exposure notification. We recognize this information can be distressing, but we ask for your support, compassion and patience for those members of our school community who were directly impacted by this. Any further questions or concerns can be directed to the Principal, Kate Lechleiter. Furthermore, a [FAQ](#) is available on our District website to answer questions concerning the management of illness and confirmed cases. Families are encouraged to continue to follow all Covid safety guidelines. At school, we will continue to diligently follow all protocols and the safety plan.

Staying home when sick is one of the most important ways to keep our school community healthy and safe. If you or members of your family have symptoms, please stay home and follow the guidance from the BCCDC. [Daily Health Check](#)

Ross Road Virtual Book Fair

A message from Mme McAllister, Teacher Librarian: Thank you very much to the families who supported our pre-Spring Break Virtual Book Fair fundraiser. A total of 205 books were purchased by families resulting in Product Rewards (free books) of \$419.50 in Product earned for our school library. It's exciting to know there will be so many new books in the hands of children. This will support the literature experience of all students with increased access to new books. Merci beaucoup!

Important Dates

April 21 – PAC Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

April 22 – Earth Day

April 28 – Early dismissal at 1:50pm for staff collaboration

Kind regards,

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