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Monday Message

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Dear Ross Road Families,

We hope by now you have read the joint message from Tsnomot (Brad Baker) District Principal, Indigenous Education, George Tsiakos, Chair, Board of Education and Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools regarding the devastating and tragic news shared by the Tk'emlúps̓te Secwépemc First Nation. We encourage you to explore the NVSD resource guide as a family and engage in thoughtful conversations about Canada's history to further our Ross Road community on the path to truth, healing and reconciliation. At school this week, teachers and students will be engaging in dialogue about Residential Schools and we encourage everyone in the community to **wear orange on Wednesday June 2nd**.

Resources are also available to support the community as we struggle to process this national tragedy:

- A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available to support former students and those affected. To access emotional and crisis referral services, call the 24-hour national crisis line at 1.866.925.4419.
- Within B.C., the KUU-US Crisis Line Society provides a First Nations and Indigenous-specific crisis line, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 1.800.588.8717 or visit kuu-uscrisisline.com.

Please also visit the school district's [Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health website](#) for resources to support children, youth and families process stressful events.

National Indigenous History Month

In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities. National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the contributions First Nations, Inuit and Métis people have made in shaping Canada. **June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day.**

At Ross Road we will engage in school wide lessons and activities to strengthen our understanding and appreciation of indigenous history, worldview and ways of knowing.

One of our School Goals is:

- To intentionally and purposefully integrate Indigenous content, knowledge, and worldviews.

We acknowledge to achieve success with this goal we *all* need to:

- Value diversity
- Intentionally include the First Peoples Principles of Learning and Indigenous worldviews
- Grow the social emotional competencies of all learners

Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies

As mentioned in the May Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies letter families received, students have recently completed their annual self-assessment of the core competencies. This annual summative self-assessment is not teacher evaluated or graded, but rather based upon what each student chooses to reflect on and share about their learning journey. The self-assessment is a strength-based reflection connected to curriculum over the course of the year, and is framed in an "I can" statement. Students reflect on all three Core Competencies and include specific evidence to support their statements. Students reflect on what they are most proud of and explain why.

Beginning this week, parents/guardians will be able to access these reflections by logging onto the District Portal. Look for an email with instructions today (Monday, May 31, 2021).

Bike to School Week May 31-June 4

May 31- June 4 is [Bike to School Week!](#) Students and families are encouraged to ride bike, walk or wheel to school! Due to the current public health orders, we will not be holding any social events like in previous years.

Bike to School Week is a chance for Schools throughout British Columbia to encourage and celebrate students and their families cycling to school. The warmer weather and longer days make spring a great time of year to walk, bike or roll to school. Using these modes of active transportation helps to reduce congestion, improve air quality and promote health. Students who travel to school actively arrive at school more alert, focused and ready to learn.

We understand for some students biking, walking or scooting to school the whole way is not possible, so we encourage you to park a few blocks away and enjoy the walk to school. This helps prevent congestion around the school and make travel safer for everyone.

With PAC support, we have purchased a number of new bike and scooter racks that we hope to have installed soon at Ross Road to help support these healthier modes of transportation to school.

HUB's Bike Reels - Student Video Contest

HUB is calling all Metro Vancouver students!

HUB Cycling invites students to film a short video about biking, walking, or rolling in your community.

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, June 6th, 2021.

HUB's Grand Prize Winner: Wacom tablet and a personalized day with Vancouver Film Studios + many more prizes.

Check out this website for more information: <https://bikehub.ca/bikereels>

Health and Safety

- Send a mask for your child (**minimum 2 per day!!**), **mandatory for ALL grade 4-7 students**
- Send a water bottle daily
- Do the [Daily Health check](#)
- Reminder that school grounds are closed during the school day AND before/after school.

Reminder-School Supplies grade 4-7 2021-2022

For students in grades 4-7 the school supply lists are linked here [News Item - École Ross Road Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](#). You may choose to order from Creative Packs using the order forms linked on our school website. **Orders are due by July 4, 2021 and will be shipped to the school.** If you do not wish to participate in the Creative Packs order, please use the list linked above to purchase your own supplies.

Trustee By-Election

We wish to congratulate Ross Road PAC Co-Chair, Linda Munro, for being elected as a District School Board Trustee.

Ready, Set Leap into Learning - Virtual Presentation

The North Vancouver School District invites parents, guardians and caregivers of 3 to 5-year olds to a virtual session designed to encourage and support children's early language and literacy skills. The virtual session is available [here](#). At the end, participants will learn how they can pick up a complimentary tote bag filled with fun learning activities, including the book "One-Dog Canoe" by Mary Casanova.

Important Dates

[Calendar for 2021-2022 and school bell schedule](#)

June 2 – PAC executive meeting on Zoom 7pm (everyone welcome)

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 23 – PAC Executive meeting on Zoom 7pm

June 28 – Report cards published to the parent portal

June 29 – Last day for students (day ends at 3pm)

Kind regards,

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