



École Ross Road School

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Monday Message

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Dear Ross Road Families,

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada, chosen in consultation with Indigenous peoples due to the importance of the summer solstice in Indigenous communities. 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of NIPD in Canada, celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

This year we will extend our National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations throughout the week of June 21-25 so that we can dive deeper into our exploration of important cultural and historical components of Indigenous Education.

Intermediate students will be sharing information in the form of daily announcements until June 29th about the traditional, unceded lands we may visit frequently around BC. You are encouraged to ask your child about it.

These maps have helpful information:

<https://maps.fpcc.ca/>

<https://www.bctreaty.ca/map>

Health and Safety Reminders

We appreciate family support including; completing the daily health check, sending a mask (grade 4-7) and a water bottle daily with your child. With the warm weather, a water bottle is particularly important as the water fountains remain closed. We continue to have many students asking for additional masks and cups at the office on a daily basis.

As [announced](#) by the Premier, PHO and Health Minister on Monday, June 14th, BC has moved to Stage 2 of BC's Restart Plan effective June 15th. While this adjustment to the COVID restrictions and public health protocols will impact the personal lives of our students, families and staff, as outline in the Superintendent's letter of May 28th there is no change to the COVID safety requirements and protocols for school operations. The current health and safety protocols for K-12 in-person instruction remain in place for schools through to the June 30th end of this

school year. Please review BC's [5 stage plan for K-12 Education](#) for updates throughout the summer regarding September.

Library Update

Please return all Ross Road school library books and start building bridges with the Lynn Valley Public Library. Students are invited to join the **Summer Reading Club** launched today. They should go in person to sign up and get the booklet, or if they wish, may do so online.

June 14-September 17

K-6 theme is Crack the Case! <https://nvdpl.ca/src>

Grade 7+ Teen Reading Club theme is Under the Sea <https://nvdpl.ca/teensrc>

Kids will receive a book prize and a medal if they complete their 50 days of reading using booklet or online method of tracking.

Lost and Found Reminder

Please come by the school to check the lost and found. It will be placed outside the front doors daily. Encourage your child to take a look as well to make sure nothing belongs to them. All items will be donated at the end of the school year.

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.

Important Dates

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 23 – PAC Executive meeting on Zoom 7pm

June 25 – Last day for Strings

June 28 – Report cards published to the parent portal

June 29 – Last day for students (full day of school)

Kind regards,

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