



## École Ross Road School

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***The School Community of Ross Road strives to support potential for all that values diversity and is built in a safe and caring environment. Ross Road is welcoming, caring and inclusive. We foster a culture of engaged learners and critical thinkers who are responsible and respectful. As a school community we promote a sense of belonging for all.***

### Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. All schools in BC will be closed on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

At Ross Road, we will be participating in meaningful learning and reconciliation activities throughout the week, and we will recognize Orange Shirt Day on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We encourage community members to wear orange on this day to honour the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities as we commit to learning about reconciliation and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

### **Severe Allergies**

We have a number of members in our school community that have severe allergies when exposed to certain allergens and this could result in severe sickness. Allergies to peanuts and tree nuts are particularly challenging to manage at school and we ask for everyone's support with this.

Individuals in the following classes have severe allergies to nuts that require special attention. We ask that students in these classes do not bring food to school that contain nuts (i.e. peanut butter, muffins/cookies with nuts, granola bars.) Please read the list of ingredients on food packages carefully.

**F01 Grade 7: Mme Angelee Bulsara**

## **F15 Grade Kindergarten: Mme Katy Dowling/Lindsay Storry**

### **E05 Grade 2/3: Ms. Laurel Booker**

Furthermore, if your child enjoys products containing peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please ensure that they add hand washing to their routine before coming to school. Even a small amount of peanut oil can easily be transferred to crayons, books or equipment that can pose a risk for a child with an allergy.

### **Grade 1-7 Meet the Staff Night**

Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to meet with families in person this past Thursday. Should you have any questions please connect with your child's classroom teacher directly.

### **District Absence Reporting Procedures**

The Safe Arrival absence reporting system started today at Ross Road. Many of you used this new program today!! Office staff really appreciate you logging student absences and lates rather than calling or emailing. It makes their job so much easier!

With SafeArrival, you can now report your child's absence *in advance* using any of these three options, which are available to you 24 hours/day, 7 days a week:

- **SchoolMessenger app.** Use your mobile device to download the SchoolMessenger app, available at the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store or [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).
  - The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
  - Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **SchoolMessenger website.** Open your browser and go to [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).
  - The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
  - Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **Automated phone system.** Call the toll-free number 1-833-259-7295 and follow the prompts to report an absence.

### **Terry Fox Run-Fundraising update!**

École Ross Road Elementary is proud to share that we raise \$2201.45!!! We surpassed the school goal of \$1000! We are so thankful for the generosity of the Ross Road school community.

**PAC Fundraiser - The Card Project is underway!**

Over the next few weeks, the students will be completing their masterpieces for The Card Project! Every child who has completed the online consent form will receive a free greeting card that showcases their art with their name and grade printed on the back.

***If you would like your child to participate in The Card Project this year, you must complete the online consent form.*** Please go to [www.thecardproject.ca](http://www.thecardproject.ca) to sign up. Deadline to complete the consent form, so that your child can participate in The Card Project, is Friday, October 1, 2021

**Hot Lunch (MunchaLunch) Reminder – Deadline to Order October 1st**

Ross Road Hot Lunches are back! For those new to Ross Road, MunchaLunch is a PAC fundraiser that offers hot lunches to students each Friday. Ordering is through the MunchaLunch website and a variety of different lunch options are available each week by different vendors. The first lunch will be on October 8th. Orders must be placed and paid for by October 1st. To order, please follow this link: [MunchaLunch](#)

**Important Dates:**

September 27-Oct 1-Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 29-Orange Shirt Day

September 30-National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

October 1-Curriculum Implementation Day (professional day, students not in attendance)

Kind regards,

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