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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,

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Health and Safety Reminders

- Complete a [Daily Health Check](#) and Stay Home when sick
 - [K-12 Health Check app](#)
 - Refer to the BCCDC's [When to test for COVID-19 document](#)
 - Staff, students and families can also use the BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- Please practice proper hand hygiene
- Masks are required for all adults & students in Grade K-12 (please send at least two masks with your child(ren) daily)

Before/After School Reminders

- There is no supervision before/after school
- The school is closed and bathrooms are not available for use

Ross Road Scares Hunger

Ross Road students will be supporting our local community this Halloween by collecting nonperishable items or grocery store gift cards for Sage Transition House **Oct 18-29th**.

Sage House: Sage Transition House is an 18-bed transition house that provides safety and support to women and their children fleeing abusive situations. Shelter, food, clothing, personal items, referrals, advocacy,

individual support, and support groups are offered for up to thirty days.

<https://nscss.net/>

School goal- 1500 nonperishable items &/OR grocery store gift cards (Save-on, Safeway, Walmart, Superstore)

If we reach the goal, students receive an extra recess

Reminder: District Anti-Racism Survey

The North Vancouver School District's Anti-Racism Steering Committee is inviting staff, students and families to complete a confidential, anonymous and voluntary online survey and share your thoughts and insights on opportunities, barriers and lived experiences within the school district. Your participation will support the school district's ongoing commitment to ensuring a welcoming, safe and inclusive culture for all school district community members. Click [HERE](#) to view a video message about the survey by student co-chairs Mabel Nahanee (Tesaxlewet) and Jessica Day. The survey, accessible [HERE](#), will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and will be available until Friday, October 22, 11:59 p.m.

Please note:

- *ALL responses will remain 100% anonymous and confidential.*
- *The survey is being conducted by a 3rd party [Bakau Consulting](#).*
- *Parents/guardians with elementary-aged children: we recommend you complete the survey together with your children and submit one response.*
- *Parents/guardians with secondary-aged children: secondary students may prefer to submit their own survey responses, separate from their parents/guardians.*

If you have any questions about the survey or this process, please feel free to contact Bakau Consulting directly at feedback@bakauconsulting.com.

Reminder: New District Absence Reporting Procedures

Please continue to use the new system and 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

PAC Reminder: Class Reps Still Needed

Ross Road Class Reps play a key role in assisting the PAC with communicating important information to the rest of the class parents and caregivers. We are still looking for class reps for the following divisions:

E04 3/4 Rebecca Peters

E05 2/3 Laurel Booker

E06 1/2 Cristina Piccone and Nigel Ching

F02 6/7 Jessica Piteux

F05 4/5 Mahsa Rakshanifar and Elodie Capelle

F06 4/5 Serge Marion

F09 2/3 Danielle Macdonald

F13 1 Anne Zayonc

Please contact [Sari Kondis](mailto:skondis@jrseengineering.com) skondis@jrseengineering.com to volunteer or for more information.

PAC Reminder: The Card Project

If you want to order items made with your child's art, you must **complete the online consent form**. Please go to www.thecardproject.ca to sign up.

The final deadline for the online consent form is this Friday, October 15, 2021. Sign up to get a free card made with your child's art and to be able to purchase other items made with your child's art.

Important Dates:

October 18-22: Waste Reduction Week

October 18-29: Ross Road Scars Hunger

October 20: PAC Meeting 7pm (virtual)

October 21: The great Shakeout earthquake drill

October 22: Provincial Pro-D (no school for students)

October 25: Photo Retakes

October 26 & 26: Cheakamus Grade 4 & 5

Kind regards,

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