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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,

Don't forget this Friday is a provincial professional development day, so there is no school for students. It is also photo retake day next Monday on Oct 25. If your child(ren) need(s) a retake you must contact their classroom teacher.

Important Health and Safety Reminders

Please continue to monitor your children closely for illness.

- 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](#)
- Remind your child to practice proper hand hygiene
- Send a mask!!
- Don't forget to send a water bottle
- For school exposure notification information from the school district please check [HERE](#)

Weather, rain and creeks/streams

- Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather; students go outside daily rain or shine
- Send a change of clothes with your child
- Remind children to travel safely to/from school and stay away from streams & creeks; water levels are dangerously high right now

Reminder: 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 starting today: 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.

Halloween Safety at Ross Road

We are pleased to recognize this upcoming holiday. As we honour diversity, we want our learning environments to be places where everyone feels safe, included, respected and valued. We therefore expect students and families to be thoughtful when planning for Halloween. As per the Superintendent's message shared with all families on [Oct 15, 2021](#), please be aware of the following:

- Costumes will be permitted at school on Friday Oct 29th. Students may come dressed in costume as there will be no opportunity to change.
- Please DO NOT send items that could be damaged during the day.
- As we are an Elementary school, please be mindful NOT to wear costumes that are overly scary or gory. No masks are permitted to be worn at any time.
- Replica weapons of any kind (e.g., guns, knives, etc.) are not allowed.
- Students should be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to any staff member when asked. Therefore, students' faces must be visible at all times.
- Costumes that are offensive in any way will not be allowed. Please consider the rights maintained in the Canadian Human Rights Act when selecting costumes (e.g. race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, genetic characteristics, disability).
- It is inappropriate to wear costumes in poor taste (e.g., hypersexualized, culturally insensitive).
- The Ross Road code of conduct must always be followed, even when in costume. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property.

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.

2022/2023 Kindergarten Registration Starting soon

Registration for students entering kindergarten in September 2022 (children born in 2017) runs from October 25 - December 17. Detailed instructions on the registration process, including forms and documentation required, are available [HERE](#).

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 & 27: Cheakamus Grade 4 & 5

October 29: Celebrate Halloween at Ross Road

Kind regards,

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