



## 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,

This week at Ross Road the Second Step focus is on “Being Responsible”. Students are discussing the role they can play in being trusted to do the right thing, helping others, admitting when we make mistakes and focusing on schoolwork.

### **Student and Family Affordability Fund (SFAF)**

Last week, the Superintendent sent an important communication regarding the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This one-time targeted, special funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care can be used to offset school-related expenses incurred during the current school year. Examples of eligible expenses include:

- School fees
- School supplies
- Clothing/footwear
- Basic necessities
- Family food security (groceries)
- PAC hot lunch
- One-day field trips

To request this confidential financial support at any time throughout the 2022-2023 school year, please complete one of both of the following forms:

- [Application to Waive School Fee form](#)

*Use this form to request a waiver of school fees such as costs for courses or programs, cultural events, activities, one-day field trips, instrument rental, and athletics fees.*

- [Request for Family Assistance form](#)

*Use this form to request support for expenses including, for example, school/course supplies, clothing/footwear, basic necessities, family food security and PAC hot lunch.*

Please contact the school if you need support accessing a form [rossroad@sd44.ca](mailto:rossroad@sd44.ca) or directly with the principal [klechleiter@sd44.ca](mailto:klechleiter@sd44.ca). We are happy to print a copy and send it home. Copies of the forms and further information is also available [here](#). Please also consider visiting the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page.

### **Cross Country Meet**

Tomorrow, Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, cross country athletes will be participating in this season's cross-country race at Loutet Park. Students and families are required to arrange for their own transportation to and from Loutet Park. Please arrive at the park by 3:30pm. Races will begin at 3:45pm. Every student must check in and out with Ms. Booker and Madam Capelle. Students are reminded to please wear proper running shoes and dress for rainy conditions. Go Ravens!

When: Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3:30pm

Where: Loutet Park (along Rufus Ave, behind Sutherland Highschool)

### **Invitation for Students in Grade 4-7 to join the Ross Road School Planning Team**

[School planning](#) is a collaborative process that helps identify the strengths of our school and areas for further development. The main purpose is to drive our school forward with innovative ideas. Our school planning team is growing! Members of the school planning team include teachers, support staff, parents/guardians, and students. If you have a child in grade 4-7 that would like to join the school planning team and provide valuable input and insights, please send an email to [rossroad@sd44.ca](mailto:rossroad@sd44.ca) by Tuesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Students must be available to join the planning session on Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Educational Services Centre (ESC) from 3:45pm-6pm. Food will be provided. Families will be responsible for student transportation to and from the ESC and a student permission form will also need to be completed.

### **Reminder: Halloween Safety at Ross Road**

This is a reminder to please be thoughtful when planning for Halloween. We are seeking to partner with you to ensure this holiday is safe and fun for everyone. As we honour diversity, we want our learning environments to be places where everyone feels safe, included, respected and valued.

- Costumes will be permitted at school on Monday Oct 31st. Students may come dressed in costume as there will be no opportunity to change during the school day.
- 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, handcuffs, chains 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.

### **Final Reminder: Ross Road Scares Hunger to support SAGE transition house**

This is the final week to bring in any donations. We are collecting donations of non-perishable food items, such as canned tuna or salmon, school snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks etc.) and pastas. Additionally, gift cards can be helpful for families to shop for themselves (Dollarama, Dollar Tree, Walmart, and Superstore are of particularly high need).

We deeply appreciate all donations that you are able to give at this time. If you are donating non-perishable food items, we kindly ask that you check that the expiry date of food products is after December 1st, 2022. This will ensure that the maximum number of donations can be used to provide women and families with the items they need. Thank you for your support and contribution!

### **PAC Information**

#### **The Card Project**

Online orders open this Friday, **October 28, 2022**. You'll be able to see your child's art and order greeting cards, notebooks, sketchbooks, mugs, tote bags, tea towels and other products online.

Students have completed 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. The free cards arrive on November 14. But you don't have to wait till then to order! If you would like to receive your order by the end of November, please place your order starting Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

1. Go to [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)
2. Click on "TO ORDER"
3. Click on "USE MY SCHOOL ACCESS CODE" and enter our School Access Code: RR97.
4. Find your child's class (use the dropdown menu to find the division and teacher) and then enter your child's first name.
5. You can personalize your products (if you wish) and then order the cards and products you like.

If you have any questions or need assistance with orders, please contact: Marcelle at The Card Project: [Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca](mailto:Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca); or Michele, PAC Coordinator for The Card Project: [mikeandmichele2009@live.ca](mailto:mikeandmichele2009@live.ca)

**Priority order deadline is Sunday, November 6** for delivery the week of November 21-25 - in good time for the Christmas mail!

**Final order deadline is Sunday, November 20** for delivery the week of December 5-9.

The PAC thanks you for your participation in this fundraiser!

**Important Dates:**

October is ADHD & Dyslexia awareness month

October 24 – Diwali & Canadian School Library Day

October 25-28 Grade 6 Outdoor School

**October 26 – Early Dismissal for Staff Collaboration (pick up students at 1:50pm)**

October 31 - Halloween

Please remember to check the school [website](#) for important dates, a copy of all school newsletter and other important information. You are also encouraged to subscribe to the [school calendar](#).

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Kind regards,

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