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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 enjoyed a nice weekend. The Second Step focus for Social Emotional Learning this week is about how to ask for help when you need it. Students are discussing how to be assertive when you get stuck and don't know what to do. They are learning how to ask for what they need in a calm, firm, and respectful way.

Snow Team Volunteers

Are you available and interested in volunteering on the Ross Road snow team? On snow days, the administrators start early in the morning clearing and salting the primary paths to the school. We welcome adult volunteers to help! If you are available, please email rossroad@sd44.ca and we will connect with you to explain your role and next steps.

Winter Charity

Ross Road is proud to support The Family Services of the North Shore Caring Schools Initiative. Staring next week on November 28th, Ross Road will be collecting gift cards for the Youth to Youth gift card campaign. If you are able to support they are suggesting \$25 gift cards to Sephora, Sports Check, Hot Topic, Best Buy, EB Games, Zara, Urban Planet, H&M, Park Royal or Happy Teen. You can also make a direct donation using this link: Caring Schools - Family Services of the North Shore and select Ross Road. This campaign is open from Nov 28-Dec 9. If you have guestions, please connect

with Ms. McAllister mmcallister@sd44.ca. Last year Ross Road donated over \$3400 in gift cards and \$1085 in direct donations. Thank you Ravens!

If you are a person who needs support at this time, you can follow this link to find out more information <u>Christmas Bureau - Family Services of the North</u> Shore.

Enviroclub

The grade 4-7 student Enviroclub is working hard to help make our school a greener place. We are encouraging students to appropriately recycle their Munch-a-Lunch waste. We are also asking students to bring their own reusable straws and chopsticks for this week's Sushi lunch. Thank you!

Ultimate Frisbee Club

The Ultimate Frisbee Club for grade 5-7 students at Ross Road is back. The Ultimate Club will run from November 29-February 23. Ultimate is a sport that encourages cooperation, fair play and integrity through the concept of the Spirit of the Game. Students who are interested in joining Ultimate Club this year should listen for announcements this week about our first meeting.

Scholastic Book Fair-Thank you!

The autumn Scholastic Book Fair was tremendously successful! Student and family enthusiasm was high. It was wonderful to see so many parents, both volunteers and shoppers, having so much fun. Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, grandparents and students, whose dedicated work made the fair a roaring success. It is our most profitable book fair to date. All K-7 students will benefit from new, diverse books in the library.

For students who ordered books that had sold out, Mme. McAllister will distribute all book orders this week. Thank you for your patience.

PAC Information

PURDY'S and POINSETTIAS Grade 7 Fundraiser – Deadline to order is this Sunday!

The Holiday Fundraising campaign kicks off now with yummy Purdy's chocolates and beautiful greenery – fresh wreaths, poinsettias and more – from 'Growing Smiles'/DeVry Greenhouses. There is a lot of variety! The funds raised will go towards our Grade 7 Class of 2023 events and year-end celebrations.

Order Purdy's <u>HERE</u> (enter your email address and "Join a Campaign")

Order DeVry Greenery <u>HERE</u> (and be sure to 'LOGIN' to place your order, top right corner of the page)

Ordering for both Purdy's and DeVry closes November 27th. Please pick up at the school on Monday December 12th.

Ross Road Winter Craft Fair December 8th, 5-8pm

The Ross Road Winter Craft Fair is returning in-person this year, on Dec 8, 2022. We are still accepting the following submissions, donations and helping hands to make it the SPECTACULAR evening we've all been waiting for!

CRAFT VENDORS: We are seeking **both student and adult creators** with crafts and products of all kinds to fill our fair. Spots are \$5 for students | \$25 for adults. Please contact Jessica at jessica.bottiglieri@gmail.com to book your spot.

BAKE SALE: Calling all bakers! We are looking for parents or students to get out the muffin tins, cookie sheets and mixers and make yummy treats to sell at the Winter Craft Fair! Items will be *donated* from the baker, and all proceeds from the bake sale will go to the PAC. Contact Andrea Wnuk acwnuk@gmail.com if you are interested in donating baked goods for the fair!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: We are gratefully accepting donations for our silent auction. Along with the excitement of the raffle-baskets, the silent auction is a massive source of revenue at these events. To donate, please contact Sara at sara_lawson@telus.net.

VOLUNTEERS: The PAC will be asking for parent volunteers to assist at the event too so please keep your eyes open for sign-up opportunities. *Thank you in advance for your help with this!*

TICKETS: Avoid the lines and pre-purchase your tickets! Tickets can be purchased through MunchaLunch starting November 22nd until Dec 2nd. Login to MunchaLunch account and look for the 'Fundraising Open' tab. Tickets will be sold (or collect the ones you have pre-ordered through MunchaLunch) before and after school December 7th and 8th. The table will be located at the front of the school from 8:10 to 8:40am and 2:30 to 3:00pm. Tickets will also be sold at the Fair. CASH ONLY PLEASE. These tickets can be used for Bake Sale items, The 'Make Your Own Craft' Table and games. Raffle Basket tickets will be for sale at the school Dec 7th and 8th and on the night of the craft fair only.

GLASS BOTTLES: We are currently seeking any clean glass jars, ie. Spaghetti, salsa, mason, for the 'Make Your Own Craft' Table. You can drop

them off to Bronwen any school morning outside Mme Zayonc's F13 - Grade 1 Classroom. North/West corner of the main building.

Mark your calendars - PAC General Meeting Nov 30th

Our PAC GM is Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00pm in the library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Free babysitting will be available on request. Please contact Denise

Dehestani <u>denisedehestani@gmail.com</u> should you require babysitting.

Important Dates:

Nov 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance

Nov 25 – International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls

Nov 30 – PAC AGM 7pm

Dec 3 - International Day of Persons with a Disability

Dec 8 - PAC Winter Craft Fair 5-8pm

Dec 9 – Report Cards published to the Portal

Dec 13 - Band Concert Ross Road gym 7pm

Dec 15 – Strings Concert Windsor Secondary 6pm

Dec 16 - Last day of classes before schools close for winter holidays

Jan 3 – School opens, full day

Please remember to check the school <u>website</u> for important dates, a copy of all school newsletters and other important information. You are also encouraged to subscribe to the <u>school calendar</u>.

Kind regards,

Kate Lechleiter, Principal Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek, Vice Principal

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