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Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

This week at Ross Road the Second Step announcement is:

One rule we have at our school is "Be Safe". Safe actions keep everyone's bodies from being hurt. When we act in safe ways, we keep hands to ourselves and don't use them to touch others in hurtful ways. When we use safe words, we make sure nobody's feelings are hurt. Safe words are kind and respectful. This week, think about how you can act and speak in safe ways in the classroom, hallway, and at outside.

Ross Road in the news!

Ross Road participated in the Student Vote and were featured in the North Shore News. Check it out: <https://www.nsnews.com/news/north-vancouver-s-future-voters-have-their-say-in-student-vote-day-1.24225410>

Important Safety Message

The safety of our students on their way to and from school is vitally important. Drivers are reminded to obey all signage and yellow curbs:



NO STOPPING means **NO STOPPING** at all times. Please use designated drop-off and pick-up area.



DROP OFF/PICK UP AREAS are intended for drop off and pick up only and not for parking. Drivers who park in the drop off/pick up area prevent others from using this area for its purpose and contribute to congestion on surrounding roads. If you need to park and walk your child to class, it is important that you do so in areas where parking is permitted.

We want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to the small group of volunteer parents that help support families to arrive safely by doing traffic support in the mornings.

REMINDER-Ross Road Scares Hunger

Ross Road is looking to give back to our community. We are collecting donations of food to give to Sage Transition House. **Please bring all donations to the classroom by Oct 30th, 2020.**

REMINDER-Halloween at Ross Road

Halloween is a wonderful time of celebration for our community and families. We enjoy it when students dress up for Halloween, but we do ask for your cooperation to help keep Halloween safe and fun for everyone. We celebrate diversity and inclusion in the North Vancouver School District and expect that students be respectful when selecting costumes. There are also important safety considerations that students and parents need to be aware of:

- Students in costume at school should be easily recognizable, no masks of any kind should be worn (unless they are non-medical for Covid reasons).
- Replica weapons are not allowed.
- Students are asked not to bring food to share with others.

- Costumes that are offensive in any way are not allowed including culturally insensitive. Please consider the rights maintained in the Canadian Human Rights Act when selecting costumes (race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, genetic characteristics, disability).

At Ross Road students are able to wear costumes for the day if they wish which includes outside at recess and lunch. Students will be unable to change at school. We will share our costumes with other students creatively by following guidelines to replace our annual parade. Please review the important [letter sent home October 16, 2020 from the Superintendent](#).

Upcoming PAC Speaker: Anti-racism and intersectionality

The Argyle Family of Schools PACs is hosting Parker Johnson, founder and facilitator of *This is Table Talk* facilitating spaces for Indigenous Peoples and voices of colour, anti-racism and intersectionality.

Mark your calendars for **November 5 @ 7:30pm** via Zoom. Ross Road PAC will share more details.

We are proud to share that some Road Road intermediate students will also be participating in discussions led by skilled facilitators (virtually) around this important topic.

The Card Project is up and running

The final order deadline for **Priority Orders** is Sunday, November 1, 2020 for delivery the week of November 23-27, 2020.

To place your order:

1. Go to 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; or Michele, PAC Coordinator for The Card Project: mikeandmichele2009@live.ca
The PAC thanks you for your participation in this fundraiser.

PAC School Spirit Wear for Sale

Please go to <https://rossroadpac.ca> for important dates and ordering information. Store closes November 4th.

PAC Fresh Schools communication

Please sign up for **Fresh Schools** by clicking the link below to get started. If you've already signed up, please login to your child's profile, "edit" and choose your child(ren)'s class(es) from the drop-down "class" menu.

<https://www.freshschools.com/app/schools/ross-road-elementary-a8baaa27-ec8c-478e-9d07-dc6517402936/register>

THANK YOU to PAC Green Crew

Five Ross Road families volunteered in a safe and socially distanced way to clean up the front garden and add some fun decorations this past weekend. This is another way families can give back to Ross Road. THANK YOU!!

Important dates Week of October 26-30, 2020

Tuesday Oct 27 is **photo retake day**

Wednesday Oct 28 is **Collaboration Day, school ends at 1:50pm**

October 30 Staff and students to celebrate Halloween

Kind regards,

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