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### Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

This week at Ross Road the Second Step message classes are discussing is about Being Assertive:

*Learning means doing something new every day. Sometimes when we're doing something new, we get stuck and don't know what to do. If we get stuck, we can use a skill for learning—being assertive—to ask for help. Being assertive means asking for what you need or want in a calm, firm, respectful way. Face the person you are talking to, and keep your head up and shoulders back. When you can't figure out what to do in class, remember to be assertive and ask for help.*

### **THANK YOU-Ross Road Gives Back!**

We are so proud of the incredible generosity of Ross Road families supporting this campaign. North Shore Family Services expressed their gratitude for all the gift card donations. These will make a difference for families who need support right now.

### **Reminder Report Cards were published to the Parent Portal on Dec 11**

Please follow this [link](#) for directions on how to access report cards. If you have any issues please contact Jessica Falandysz in the office ([jfalandysz@sd44.ca](mailto:jfalandysz@sd44.ca)).

### **Celebrating the Holidays**

Understanding and celebrating the many different holidays in the winter season is a great way to teach children about diversity within our community. At Ross Road, we value all members of our community and strive to celebrate winter festivities in an inclusive way. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, Las Posadas, and Winter Solstice are just a few of the winter holidays that members of our community celebrate. Here is a fun family challenge: what other celebrations can you and your children name and learn about?

You may have noticed a winter wonderland scene out front of the school near the Ross Road sign. This festive display was arranged by a Ross Road family. Ross Road staff and students really appreciate this beautiful display!

### **PAC Update**

Thank you to all the families that recently supported the PAC through their fall Kick-Start Campaign and the holiday shopping fundraisers. As a way to thank families for their support, the PAC is offering a free online family event this Thursday.

### **Ross Road Family Holiday Happy Hour**

Thursday December 17th

6:30-7:30pm

A free online event to spread holiday cheer.

Trivia, scavenger hunt, prizes and more.

#### **LINK TO JOIN**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84348702658?pwd=ckdtVFICZklOUjITNnRjQkJwaHhnUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 4870 2658

Passcode: 026976

Brought to you by the Ross Road PAC. Visit [www.rossroadpac.ca](http://www.rossroadpac.ca) for more information on this event and the **PAC Colouring Contest**.

### **Important Dates**

Dec 14, 15, 16-1:50pm dismissal for parent/guardian-teacher conferences

Dec 18-Last day of classes before winter break

Jan 4, 2021-First day after winter break (regular full day schedule)

Kind regards,

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