



## École Ross Road School

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### Monday Message

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Dear Ross Road Families,

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable long weekend. We are looking forward to warmer weather and the opportunity for teachers to take students outside for learning. Please be sure to read all the important health and safety information carefully. Your kind words, continued support, and care to follow all guidelines/protocols/requests is very much appreciated.

#### **Important Health and Safety Information**

As per the Superintendent's communication to all families on March 31, 2021 "Effective immediately, all K-12 staff and **all students in grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear non-medical masks** in all indoor areas, including when they are at their workstations/desk both within and outside of their learning group. In a grade 3/4 combined class, the mask requirement applies to all students (including those in grade 3)." **Please send your child to school with at least two clean masks.** We have a very limited supply. "Students in kindergarten to grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask indoors in schools – both within and outside of their learning group – though mask wearing remains a personal or family choice for these students." Here is the communication:

**Staying home when sick** is one of the most important ways to keep our school community healthy and safe. If you or members of your family have symptoms, please stay home and follow the guidance from the BCCDC. [Daily Health Check](#)

School grounds are essentially closed from 8:30am-3:30pm daily. Please be mindful to continue to arrive and depart school in a timely manner. Also, we want to remind you of the request made in previous communication to remain off the property during the day to allow classes to maximize space for outside learning.

Please don't forget to **send your child with a water bottle daily.** All students require a water bottle as the water fountains are all closed. We have had to hand out a

number of plastic cups to students and this is both costly and not good for the environment so your attention is appreciated.

### **Mental Health Supports**

We recognize that many families continue to deal with the recent traumatic events that have occurred in our community. We want to remind everyone of the resource list provided previously and encourage you to get support for you and your children.

- [Foundry North Shore](#) provides virtual drop-in support for youth aged 12 to 24. Call 604.984.5060 to arrange a Zoom call.
- [Family Services of the North Shore](#) at 604.988.5281
- [Hollyburn Family Services](#) at 604.987.8211

Here are some links you may also find useful. The final one is a link to the school district website that has additional information:

- [Responding to Stressful Events: Helping Teens Cope](#)
- [Responding to Stressful Events: Helping Children Cope](#)
- [Responding to Stressful Events: Taking Care of Ourselves, Our Families and Our Communities](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Traumatic Events](#)
- [Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health \(NVSD\)](#)

As a school community we will continue to work together to support students, families, friends and neighbours. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you wish to discuss concerns and a plan for support.

### **Second Step**

This week at Ross Road, as part of the school-wide year-long focus on Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health, we continue to work on Problem Solving using the Second Step program. This week the announcement is:

*The "E" in our Second Step Problem-Solving Steps stands for 'explore the consequences.' A consequence is something that might happen if we chose to do one of our solutions. A consequence can be positive or negative. Exploring consequences helps us pick the best solution for our problem! This week, remember to ask yourself "If I did this solution, then what might happen?"*

### **Grade 7 Legacy Fund**

This year, the Grade 7s are raising funds to help pay for a yearbook and a legacy project. A legacy project is essentially a gift the grade 7 students give to the school to support future Ross Road students and the school community. Please consider sharing these fundraising links with family and friends. Please see attached for more details:

Treat yourself to fresh roasted coffee with a personal touch:

<http://www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/rossroad>

Or a beautiful assortment of flowers, fruits and veg. Lots of new options this year:

<https://rossroadelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Ordering closes April 25, and product pick up will be from the school on May 10.

We still need grade 7 parent/guardian VOLUNTEERS to help organize a legacy project, and someone to put together a slideshow with our yearbook photos. Please contact Susan at [skneale17@gmail.com](mailto:skneale17@gmail.com) to help.

**Important Dates**

April 21 – PAC Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

April 22 – Earth Day

**April 28 – Early dismissal at 1:50pm for staff collaboration**

Kind regards,

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