



## 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,

Have you read the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action?](#) At Ross Road, staff members are working to create a culture inclusive of Indigenous worldviews by intentionally and purposefully integrating Indigenous content and knowledge. We are thoughtfully planning for the upcoming Truth and Reconciliation week and Orange shirt day.

### Grade 1-7 Meet the Staff Night

We are pleased to share with you that we are able to proceed with an in-person meet the teacher session. Please read the following information carefully:

- Adults must be masked, complete a health check upon arrival (QR code), and remain physically distanced
- 1 adult only per family to attend the session, please no children or younger siblings in attendance (adults only please)
- Adults must sign-up before as spaces in each session are limited
- Adults to enter via the outside classroom door when invited to do so and exit the same way
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classrooms meet at your child's 'meeting spot' and wait for the classroom teacher to invite you up to the classroom
- 2 times will be offered for all classes: 6:30-6:50pm & 6:55-7:15pm
- Questions? please reach out to your child's classroom teacher via email

Link to sign-up: [Meet the Teacher \(office365.com\)](https://office365.com)

Steps:

1. Select your child's teacher name and division from the list (you may need to click 'show more services' to get all teachers' names)
2. Scroll down and you are provided two times to select from:  
6:30pm & 6:55pm
3. Please write your details (name, email, child's name)

Contact the office if you need assistance.

### **Important: SafeArrival District Attendance Procedures Updates**

Ensuring students arrive safely at school each day is one of the North Vancouver School District's top priorities. SafeArrival, which is part of the SchoolMessenger platform, is designed to enhance schools' existing absence-checking procedures by:

- Making it easier for parents/guardians to report their child's absence (e.g. illness, vacation, appointment).
- Reducing the time it takes school staff to verify student attendance.
- Making it more efficient for staff to respond to unreported student absences.

SafeArrival will be rolled out across all elementary schools this month. **Ross Road will be starting on Monday September 26th.** Click [HERE](#) for more information. Please watch for a more detailed letter coming home this week.

### **Photo Day Reminders**

Individual photo day is this **Wednesday September 22**. Here are some tips from the photographer to prepare for photo day:

[Click Here](#) to view "How to Prepare for Photo Day". Please share this link with your students' families and guardians for more information about Photo Day.

[Click Here](#) to visit "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) about Photo Day.

### **Terry Fox Run**

École Ross Road Elementary is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest heroes by participating in the annual Terry Fox run on Friday September 24th. Please join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/RossRoadElementary>. Together, we can all make a difference!

Toonies or cash will also be accepted this week but **online donations are preferred**. We are seeking adult volunteers to support this run, in accordance with health and safety guidelines. If you are interested in volunteering please contact: [ecapelle@sd44.ca](mailto:ecapelle@sd44.ca)

### **PAC Fundraiser-The Card Project is underway!**

Over the next few weeks, the students will be completing 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.

*If you would like your child to participate in The Card Project this year, you must complete the online consent form. Please go to [www.thecardproject.ca](http://www.thecardproject.ca) to sign up. **Deadline to complete the consent form, so that your child can participate in The Card Project, is Friday, October 1, 2021***

### **PAC FreshSchools Reminder**

FreshSchools is an online platform that the Ross Road PAC uses to communicate with families. All PAC newsletters and communication is distributed by FreshSchools only. Don't miss out on our upcoming events and fundraisers, sign up today!

If you are new to FreshSchools, please sign up here: [FreshSchools Sign Up](#)

### **Hot Lunch (Munch a lunch)**

Ross Road Hot Lunches are back! Ordering will open on Wednesday September 22nd: <https://munchalunch.com/login> For those new to Ross Road, munch-a-lunch is a PAC fundraiser that offers hot lunches to students each Friday. Ordering is through the munch-a-lunch web site and a variety of different lunch options are available each week by different vendors. The first lunch will be on October 8th. Orders must be placed and paid for by October 1st.

### **Bear Aware**

As a north shore community, it is important to be bear aware. Please review "[what to do if you meet a bear..](#)" with your child so they know what to do should they come across a bear on their way to or from school.

### **Important Dates:**

September 22-Individual photos, PAC meeting 7pm

September 23-6:30pm Meet the staff night

September 24-Terry Fox run

September 27-Oct 1-Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 29-Orange Shirt Day

September 30-National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

October 1-Curriculum Implementation Day (professional day, students not in attendance)

Kind regards,

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