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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 safe and sunshine filled weekend. Please continue to review the weekly health and safety reminders carefully.

### Important Health and Safety Reminders

Please continue to monitor your children closely for illness.

- Complete a [Daily Health Check](#) and Stay Home when sick
  - [K-12 Health Check app](#)
  - Refer to the BCCDC's [When to test for COVID-19 document](#)
  - Staff, students and families can also use the BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- Remind your child to practice proper hand hygiene
- Send a mask!!
- Don't forget to send a water bottle
- For school exposure notification information from the school district please check [HERE](#)

### Parent/Guardian and Teacher Conferences-Sign-up OPEN tonight

This year at Ross Road we are trying something a little bit different. Families will be able to book a conference to meet with their child's classroom teacher **before** report cards are published in December. This conference provides an opportunity for students, parents/guardians to collectively reflect on student learning early in the year. The emphasis is on goal-setting and student self-reflection. **Early dismissal dates are Nov 16, 17, and 18 at 1:50pm.**

Please read the attached letter that provides step-by-step instructions on how to sign up. If you cannot make any of the times your child's teachers has scheduled, please contact the teacher directly by email. Sign-up will close on **Sunday Nov 14**. After that time, you will need to contact your child's teacher directly. We are able to have in-person meetings. Teachers may offer in-person, virtual or a hybrid model. Your child's classroom teacher will provide more specific details on what to expect and how to prepare.

How to prepare for a conference:

- Ask your child what they love about school, what is going well, and what they feel particularly proud of
- Ask them what things are harder and what strategies they are using to deal with those areas that require further growth
- Finally, set a goal with your child
- For any in-person meetings please use the outside classroom door to enter/exit, wear a mask and complete the daily health check (QR code) (for an upstairs classroom, adults may enter and exit at the main entrance)
- Conferences will OPEN for sign-up later tonight when a second message comes home to families that includes the sign-up link

### **Remembrance Day**

On Wednesday, November 10, we will recognize Remembrance Day with a school-wide virtual assembly. Ross Road students will be exploring the importance of "remembering" and acknowledging our capacity to contribute to a peaceful and just society where all human rights are respected. Many classes are preparing a contribution to share at our virtual assembly.

### **SMS Text Messaging via SchoolMessenger**

Parents/guardians who would like to receive SMS text messages when there is an emergency during school or non-school hours (e.g. severe weather or power outage, or other) need to opt in for this service.

Typically, parents/guardians receive a SchoolMessenger text message on their mobile phone when their child first registers to school and registration is complete (similar to this): *"North Vancouver School District 44 messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg & data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/smsca"*

Parents/guardians can also opt in to receive SMS text messages anytime by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 978338. Note: Standard message and data rates may apply.

## **Severe Weather Information**

As winter weather approaches, we would like to remind parents and guardians, students and staff about our winter weather procedures and announcements. All NVSD schools will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district- wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. and announced through the media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites, shared with parents/guardians via [SchoolMessenger](#) (email and/or text), and emailed to staff. For more information, please visit our [Severe Weather Information](#) web page.

- For colder and wetter days please help your child dress for the weather, as students go outside daily

## **The Card Project**

Our students have completed their masterpieces for The Card Project! Go online to see your child's art and place an order! If you would like to receive your order by the end of November, please place your order now!

The **Priority Order deadline is this Sunday, November 7, 2021** for delivery in the week of November 22 to 26, 2021.

To place your order:

1. Go to [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://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](mailto:Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca); or

Michele, PAC Coordinator for The Card Project:

[mikeandmichele2009@live.ca](mailto:mikeandmichele2009@live.ca)

*The PAC thanks you for your participation in this great fundraiser!*

## **Important Dates:**

November 3: Student immunization clinic for grade 6s & PAC AGM 7pm

November 4: Diwali

November 8: National Indigenous Veterans Day

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 12: School based pro-d, school not in session for students

November 13: World Kindness Day

November 16-18 Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences and early dismissal  
at 1:50pm

Kind regards,

Kate Lechleiter, Principal  
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