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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,

Today is National Indigenous Veterans Day. This day of remembrance and commemoration was established in Winnipeg in 1994 when Indigenous veterans were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities and is now celebrated in many communities across Canada including locally, where the Tsleil-Watuth Nation will honour Indigenous veterans at Whey-ah-wichen park [Tsleil-Waututh Nation to honour those who served on Indigenous Veterans Day - North Shore News \(nsnews.com\)](#).

On this day, we pause to recognize the contributions of Indigenous soldiers to Canada's military and peacekeeping efforts and to acknowledge that Indigenous soldiers returning from World War 1, World War 2 and the Korean War experienced significant hardships, exclusion and racism. In some instances, Indigenous veterans were denied benefits that other veterans received, lost their Indian Status, and had land expropriated by the government for non-Indigenous veterans.

This Indigenous Veterans Day, we would like to express our gratitude for the contributions Indigenous veterans have made to Canada and the world. We must never forget the sacrifices and accomplishments of Indigenous veterans, especially as we move forward in our journey of truth, healing and reconciliation.

Families may wish to view the video below that shares stories from Indigenous war veterans from across Canada.

<https://youtu.be/i4NGNwDM38w>

On the morning of Wednesday, November 10, 2021, we will hold a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly in our individual classrooms. On this day, students will receive a poppy to wear for this assembly and throughout the remainder of the day. We wear the poppy as a symbol to show that we pledge to remember those who sacrificed for our freedom. Throughout the week leading up to Remembrance Day, we will be collecting donations to the Poppy Fund. All donations to the Poppy Fund are placed in trust to be used for the care and support of Canada's Veterans and their families. If you would like to learn more or make an online donation, information can be found at the following link:

<https://legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy-campaign/donate-to-the-poppy-fund>

Important Health and Safety Reminders

- Remind your child to practice proper hand hygiene
- Send a mask!!
- Don't forget to send a water bottle

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](#)
- For school exposure notification information from the school district please check [HERE](#)

Reminder: Parent/Guardian and Teacher Conferences

This is a reminder to please sign up for a conference. **Early dismissal dates are Nov 16, 17, and 18 at 1:50pm.** All sign up information was sent by email last Monday and is also available on the Ross Road school website under newsletters.

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)

- <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/RossRoadElementary@sd440365.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

Our autumn Virtual Scholastic Book Fair begins Monday November 15th. Students will be provided a promotional brochure with fair information and link to access website.

PAC Update: Ross Road Spirit Wear

The online Ross Road Spirit Wear store is now open! Youth and Adult Hoodies and T-shirts are available in 4 colours: dark grey, red, sangria pink, and white...for your tie-dye imagination! Toques are available in black heather, red, neon pink, and camo. Deadline for orders is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Go here to order: <https://t-shirtdesigner.t-shirtprintingcompany.com/rossroad/shop/home>

PAC Update: Holiday Shopping - Poinsettias and Purdy's Chocolates

Need some gift ideas? The PAC has you covered with our popular DeVry Greenhouses and Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser!

Please note DEADLINE for all ORDERS is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Click [here](#) for ordering information on the PAC website.

PAC Reminder: Art Card Project

The final deadline for orders for The Card Project is Sunday, November 21, 2021. These orders will be delivered in the week of December 6 to 10, 2021.

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 great fundraiser!

Important Dates:

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,

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