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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,

At the top of each Monday message, we share the Ross Road vision and values statement that is foundational at our school. Have you ever taken a minute to have a conversation at the dinner table about what it means? At Ross Road, we continue to learn about valuing diversity so that as a community we are welcoming and caring towards everyone, and we work hard to promote a sense of belonging.

As part of this work, we are pleased to share that intermediate students will have the opportunity to be positive leaders in the school, become connected as a community and join school clubs. These clubs will follow all health and safety guidelines. Club information will be posted in intermediate classroom so students know when meetings will take place, who can attend, and the teacher sponsor(s).

Clubs

What: Intermediate Book Club

When: Tuesdays at lunch, 12:20pm

Where: Library

Why: To help spread the joy of reading and connect readers together. It is a mindful space for reading pleasure. Students will also meet to discuss literature selections and check out books.

Who: Priority for grade 6/7 students but if there is space, students in grade 4-5 are also welcome.

Sponsors: Mrs. McAllister

What: Enviro Club

When: Tuesdays at 12:20pm

Where: Room 11

Why: Helping to make Ross Road a greener place, helping people recycle properly on hot lunch days and helping us all reduce our carbon footprint.

Who: Grade 7s

Sponsors: Mme Bulsara

What: SOGI Club (to be named by students)

When: Every other Wednesday during lunch break, 12:20pm

Where: Library

Why: To create a welcoming and safe space for all learners of all genders and all orientations and for club members to help make Ross Road a safe and caring place for all.

Who: Anyone and everyone in grade 5, 6,7 who is keen to be an advocate for a caring and inclusive school

Sponsors: Ms. Simpson, Ms. Colangelo, Ms. O'Brien-Kopacek, Mr. Coward, Mme Lauren, Mrs. McAllister

What: Ultimate Frisbee Club

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays after school

Where: outdoors on the field

Why: To introduce students to the sport of ultimate and learn to play the game together.

Who: Grade 5-7 students

First meeting is Tuesday Dec. 7 in the gym. A permission form is required for participation.

Sponsor: Mme Bulsara

What: Musical

When: Recess and lunches Jan-Spring break 2022

Where: Music room

Why: For the actors cast in the upcoming Ross Road musical to learn their roles.

Who: Cast members

Sponsor: Ms. Morgan

What: Intramural Basketball

When: Thursdays and Fridays at lunch for 3 weeks starting Dec 4

Where: Gym

Why: To provide an opportunity for grade 6 students to try the game of basketball

Who: Grade 6 students

Sponsor: Ms. O'Brien-Kopacek and Mr. Ching

What: Chess club

When: Wednesdays at 12:20 pm

Where: Portable 2

Why: To enable students to improve their concentration, memory, and critical thinking skills as well as developing new friendships.

Who: Grade 4/5 students

Sponsors: Mme Mahsa

Important Health and Safety Reminders

Please continue to monitor your child closely for illness and keep them home when sick.

- 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](#)

Covid-19 International Travel Requirements ([shared in the Superintendent's report Nov 25](#)):

- Students, staff and other adults who are **not fully vaccinated** and have travelled outside of Canada **cannot** attend school until a minimum 14 days after arrival, as part of [federal requirements](#).
- **Fully vaccinated** students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the [fully vaccinated traveller exemption](#). Individuals qualified as fully vaccinated travellers are exempt from quarantine and from Day-8 testing.
- Specific information is also available on the [COVID-19 requirements for fully vaccinated travellers and unvaccinated children less than 12 years of age](#) web page. This information is also available in multiple languages via a downloadable PDF; click [HERE](#) for the English version.

If you plan to travel, please take the time to carefully read these Government of Canada resources. If it is for an extended absence, please also contact the Principal.

Ross Road Gives Back

Ross Road Elementary is participating again this year in the
*YOUTH TO YOUTH GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN PROVIDING GIFT CARDS FOR
TEENAGERS IN NEED.*

Did you know that 52% of the children who come through the Christmas Bureau are ages 11 to 18? 10% of the gifts donated to the Christmas Bureau are for ages 11 to 18.

Gift cards will be collected in the classroom December 6 to 10. For families who prefer to donate online, or who wish to participate in both gift cards and direct donation, the unique link to Ross Road School's online giving is open now.

<https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/ways-to-give/caring-schools/>

Suggested gift cards: BestBuy, London Drugs, Sephora, fast food restaurants such as McDonald's, Park Royal gift card. Please write the gift card amount on the card.

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for participating in the virtual book fair in support of our school library! 150 books were sold which earns the library over \$250 towards free books.

Support for BC residents impacted by floods

If you would like to support those impacted by the floods below is a curated list of places to donate:

- [Canadian Red Cross](#)
- [United Way's United for BC Flood Response Fund](#)
- [BC Agricultural Council](#)
- [BC Dairy Association](#)
- [BC SPCA](#)

Ross Road PAC Update

Winter Shopping Pick up

If you placed orders for greenery from DeVry Greenhouses (Growing Smiles) or Purdy's Chocolates, pick up is tonight, Monday, November 29th. Pick up times will be based on LAST NAMES on the following schedule:

5-5:30PM **A-F and M-R**
5:30-6PM **G-L and S-Z**
6-6:30PM **A-F and M-R**
6:30-7PM **G-L and S-Z**
7-7:30PM **OPEN TO ALL**

Please remember to *wear your mask* and *follow social distancing* protocols.

District Opportunities and Information for Parents and Guardians

Argyle School Opening Video

On Wednesday, October 13, 2021, the North Vancouver Board of Education hosted an official school opening for Argyle Secondary, which included the raising of the Kayachtn (welcome figure). We are pleased to share with you a 3-minute highlight [video](#) of the event, and [photos](#).

Supporting Children and Youth during Natural Disaster Events

The Ministry of Education has created a new resource for educators, families and the wider community that includes suggestions and links to further resources to consider in responding to the mental health and well-being needs for those affected by recent events. The document also includes flood-specific resources. This resource is available through our [Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health](#) website.

Important Dates:

November is adoption awareness month

November 28-December 6 – Hanukkah

November 29 – End of Term 1

December 10 – Report Cards published to the parent portal

December 17 – Last day before winter break-**Wear your pjs!**

Kind regards,

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Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek, Vice Principal
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The North Vancouver School District and Ross Road Elementary School are situated upon the unceded traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tseil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.