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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 Ross Road, we value all members of the community. Part of valuing all members is recognizing our unique identities and experiences. Taking time to learn about the family traditions of others is just one way we do this. Here is a short video about children talking about some of their family traditions. You may wish to watch this with your children and discuss some of your own family traditions.

[Kids Share Their Cultural Tradition | Show & Tell | Hiho Kids - YouTube](https://youtu.be/xerrijAyZs8?t=1)
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Ross Road Gives Back

Ross Road School is continuing to give back by collecting gift cards for youth ages 11-18, the age group least likely to receive a donated holiday gift. Gift cards will be collected in classrooms this week, December 6-10!

Recommended gift cards include: Park Royal, McDonalds, Tim Hortons, Superstore, Walmart, London Drugs, Sephora, EB Games.

Families may wish to donate directly to our school's unique link to the Y2Y Christmas Bureau campaign: <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/ways-to-give/caring-schools/>

Thank you for participating!

Comfy Cozy Sweater Day

On December 16 and 17 we will be turning down the heat in our school to save energy and reduce our carbon footprint. Our Enviro-club would like to

raise awareness about little actions each of us can take to reduce our carbon footprint, such as wearing a sweater instead of turning up the heat. Thursday December 16 will be comfy cozy sweater day and Friday December 17 is PJ day. The heat will be turned down both days. Please make sure your kids come dressed warm and cozy, so they don't get cold.

Important Health and Safety Reminders

We appreciate when students remember to bring a mask from home. Please help us by ensuring your child has at least two masks in their backpacks daily.

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](#)

Please review the [Covid-19 International Travel Requirements \(shared in the Superintendent's report Nov 25\)](#), as they are frequently being updated.

- 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.
- 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 the Government of Canada resources. If it is for an extended absence, please also contact the principal.

Ross Road PAC Update

The Ross Road Family Holiday Happy Hour Returns!

The PAC will once again host a virtual holiday event to bring some festive family fun to Ross Road families this holiday season. Register for this family Zoom call to participate in games, holiday trivia, some laughs, and a return of the prize wheel!

Wednesday December 15th

6:30-7:30pm

[Link to Register with Zoom](#)

Spirit Wear Pick Up Tomorrow Night

Our Spirit Wear will be available for pick up on Tuesday December 7th at Ross Road School 5PM-7PM. Please follow this schedule, by **LAST NAME**:

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**

Thank you for wearing your mask and following social distancing protocols while on school property.

2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child born in 2017? Please note that registration for 2022/2023 Kindergarten (Priority Placement) ends December 17 at 4:00pm. Detailed instructions on the registration process, including forms and documentation required, are available on the North Vancouver School District website.

[2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#)

Note: you will need to book an appointment online to register your child.

Important Dates:

November 28-December 6 – Hanukkah

December 10 – Report Cards published to the parent portal

December 16 – Comfy Cozy Sweater Day (sponsored by the Enviro Club)

December 17 – Last day before winter break-**Wear your pjs!** (dress warmly)

January 4 – First day back after winter break (full day of school)

Kind regards,

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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.