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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 are looking forward to another week of learning and sharing together at Ross Road. We appreciate the diligence in which families are approaching the current health guidelines. Thank you for carefully doing a health check with your child each day and following the latest guidance. Students are remembering to bring a mask to school and are showing they can wear them correctly. Nice work! We continue to get questions about the current guidelines for self-monitoring and self-isolation. Please take time to read the links provided below to help inform any questions you may have.

Another way you can assist us is to ensure you are using SafeArrival or calling in absences and providing a reason. This allows us to more easily track absences for illness for example. In the case of absence due to illness, just knowing it is an illness is sufficient.

Important Health and Safety Reminders

- Complete a [daily health check](#)
- Review personal hygiene strategies including frequent hand washing
- Review proper mask wearing with your child(ren)
- Ensure your child comes to school with spare, clean masks for use
- If unable to wear a mask due to an exemption, (as listed [HERE](#), starting on page 20), please consider one of the alternatives shared [HERE](#)
- Utilize the space available and respect the personal space of others
- Dress for the weather and send a change of clothes
- Bring a refillable water bottle

Reminder: Student Illness & Family Illness

Please continue to monitor your child closely for illness and keep them home when sick. Read the links below carefully, including what to do if your child(ren) is/are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 (including what defines 'close contact') with directions as to when they need to self-isolate and for how long.

- 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](#) (includes updated list of symptoms, what to do if you test positive, how long to self-monitor, and self-isolate for)
- BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- District information on COVID & [COVID-19: Information and Resources - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#) includes links
- [BCCDC](#) webpage around when to stay home, self-monitor, self-isolate
- [Close contacts and contact tracing](#) (BCCDC) including who is considered a close contact of a person with COVID-19 and next steps including when to self-isolate or self-monitor and for how long

Ross Road Gives Back-Update

We are pleased to share that the Ross Road School community donated \$2,357.65 to the Terry Fox Foundation this past fall. The Christmas Bureau let us know that Ross Road donated \$3,155 in gift cards and \$1,080 in online donations for a total of \$4,235. THANK YOU for your generosity!

Continuity of Learning

This is a reminder that teachers are all using Microsoft Teams to share an overview of some of the learning taking place for the week ahead. This information is intended to help support student learning: the use and format of the information will vary somewhat in response to student age, grade and classroom needs. This will assist families with students at home ill or self-isolating. If you need support to use and download MS Teams please use this [link](#) for support. Your child's teacher will communicate with you directly to share their login information. If your family needs access to a laptop while ill or self-isolating please email the school Principal directly klechleiter@sd44.ca. For more information, please read the latest [Superintendent's update](#).

Black Excellence Day January 14th and 15th

Last week, some students participated in a virtual event hosted by the [Ninadotoo Society](#) and the Burnaby School District to build a deeper understanding and appreciation of community members' lived experiences and to celebrate the diversity of our community. As a lead up to Black

History Month is February, Ross Road participated in [Black Excellence Day](#) “to rejoice Black History and learn about Black stories, Black art and Black people, and a day to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians”.

Academies for Secondary Students – Information Sessions and Application Period

Please read the latest [Superintendent’s update](#) for links to information about the academies available to secondary students for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are accepted between January 19 to February 21, 2022.

Reminder: Band and Strings-Registration Open January 10th

Registration for the 2022/23 Elementary Band and Strings program will open on Monday, January 10th. Please use this link for more information about the 2022-23 school year [Band and Strings](#).

Reminder: Late French Immersion Information

All grade 5 families will receive an email on January 19th inviting them to view the Family Information Session that provides details about this program. It will be available on January 20, 2022 for viewing [LINK](#).

Artist for Kids After School Art & Explore and Create Saturday Art Program

Children aged 5 to 12 are invited to visit the Gordon Smith Gallery on Saturdays between 1 and 3 p.m. for art activities. Click [HERE](#) for more information. If you are interested in registering your child for classes taught by art specialists teachers, registration is now open. Please visit the [Artist for Kids](#) website for more information.

There are many other opportunities and information in the latest weekly [Superintendent’s Update](#). Check it out!

Translation Options

To view this update in a language option of your choice, please review and enable the message translation options available through your email provider. While not exhaustive, we have provided links to popular email providers: [Microsoft Outlook](#) and [Gmail](#).

Important Dates:

January 19 – PAC Meeting, 7pm (Virtual)

February – Black History Month

February 1 – Lunar New Year

February 2 – PAC Meeting, 7pm (Virtual)

February 4 – District-wide Professional Development Day (students do not attend)

If you have any questions or concerns, please communicate with your child's classroom teacher or contact us at the 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 Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.