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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,

This week at Ross Road the Second Step focus is on Empathy. Students are learning how friends can have similar and different feelings about the same situation. Learning to respect other people's feelings can help us make and keep friends. Take the opportunity to discuss this as a family.

February 1, 2022 marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year! We acknowledge that many families will have different customs and special traditions related to the New Year celebration. We hope that this celebration is a joyous one and that this New Year will bring good health and fortune to all.

We would like to thank PAC for providing treats for the Ross Road staff on Friday January 21st. It was appreciated!

Important Health and Safety Reminders

The most important thing you can do is to perform a daily health check with your child using the most up to date guidelines. Please keep your child home when they are ill. Please use this link for any questions you may have [BCCDC/VCH Resources-COVID-19](#).

- 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
- **NEW: Q&A with Vancouver Coastal Health, Dr. Mark Lysyshyn and Superintendent Mark Pearmain from Jan 26: recording available [here](#)**

Important Reminder Regarding Early Pick-up/Late Drop-off

If your child arrives late to school, please have them go to the office to sign in, and then they can go to their class. Thank you for waiting outside.

If you are picking up your child before the end of the day, please notify the office via School Messenger (before 9:30, as it is not checked throughout the day), and the classroom teacher via email. When you arrive at the school, call the office to let them know you are here and they will call your child(ren)'s class and have them meet you at the front door of the school. We are asking parents/guardians not to come into the building at this time, the office staff will sign them out.

Please note, eating time is 12:00-12:20 and outside play is 12:20-12:50. It is difficult to contact students during the time they are outside because they are not in class with their teacher. If you can avoid picking up during these times, it would be much appreciated.

Black History Month

Students at Ross Road will be engaging in inquiry projects and other activities in celebration of [Black History Month](#) to honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

PAC General Meeting

It is scheduled for this Wednesday. All parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome. The details are:

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89135957162?pwd=ZTQwNVZScEVDD2dwZ3FQdXkvSmxkQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 3595 7162

Passcode: 453800

Link to meeting materials:

<https://rossroadpac.ca/about/minutes/>

Reminder: New Registration and Transfer Requests for Grades 1 - 12

Priority placement for both new registrations and transfers for Grades 1 - 12 runs until March 4 at 4 p.m. Visit the [2022/2023 Registrations and Transfer Requests](#) page for detailed information.

Reminder: Professional Development Day February 4

Students do not attend school.

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:

February – [Black History Month](#)

February 1 – Lunar New Year

February 2 – AGM PAC Meeting, 7pm (Virtual)

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

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 16 – PAC Meeting, 7pm (Virtual)

February 21 – Family Day (no school)

February 23 – [Pink Shirt Day](#)

February 25 – Term 2 ends

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.