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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 continues to be on Empathy. Students are learning how to put empathy into action. This is called showing compassion. When we show we're able to understand how someone else is feeling and do something to show we understand, we are showing that person compassion. Some simple ways to do this are by listening, saying kind words and helping.

Important Health and Safety Reminders

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

Pink Shirt Day February 23rd

Ross Road students and staff are working hard towards marking this important day. While every day at Ross Road we strive to value diversity and provide a safe and caring environment, we celebrate this day to unite collectively against hate and intolerance. We are pleased to share that the “We R Us” student-named SOGI club are busy planning and creating activities, announcements, videos, and posters in support of [Pink Shirt Day](#). We look forward to meaningfully exploring the origin of the day, discussing how gender stereotypes affect us all, and learning to speak up when we hear name-calling or discrimination.

Update: Black History Month

We recently put up a display of images of notable contemporary Black Canadians up and down the walls towards the library. Students have expressed excitement and interest in learning about the legacy and contributions of these Black Canadians. To complement this display, we will feature student-led daily announcements to highlight the history and achievements of Black Canadians. We encourage you to ask your child to share with you what they are learning at school.

Important Reminder for Grade 7 Parents/Guardians: Argyle Programming

Parents/guardians of grade 7 students at Ross Road are reminded about the important upcoming Argyle Secondary School Grade 7 into 8 Programming Information Session. It is scheduled today, Monday, February 7th, 2022 at 7:00pm. [Here](#) is the link to the parent meeting, however, the link is also available on the Argyle website under:

Argyle Website > Students > Course Programming > Grade 7 into 8 Transition and Programming > Virtual Parent Info Night

Parents/guardians should click on the meeting link at about 6:55pm in anticipation of a 7pm start.

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.

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 14 – Valentine’s Day

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.