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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,

As part of our ongoing school-wide learning connected to social-emotional learning and self-regulation using the “Second Step” program, the focus for the next four weeks for students in K-5 is on Emotion Management. This week, classes are discussing ‘Feelings in My Body’. Students are learning that everyone feels a lot of different feelings. Some of these are conformable and others are not but all of them are okay. Students are learning to pay attention to the feelings and see if they can name them. Students in grade 6 & 7 are covering a variety of topics including mindset and goals, recognizing bullying and harassment, thoughts, emotions and decisions, and managing relationships and social conflict.

Reminder: Health and Safety Information

The Vancouver Coastal Health Rapid Response Team has prepared a new resource, [Daily Health Check & What to do When Sick](#). This document has been posted to the [district Covid-19 webpage](#) and replaces outdated versions.

- 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

Ross Road Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Ross Road will be sponsoring a virtual book fair February 21-March 4pm in support of the school library. This is a great opportunity to add to your home library. Books will be shipped to the school and distributed to students before Spring Break. Visit and preview the Ross Road School Virtual Book Fair site now:

<https://bookfairtoolkit.scholastic.ca/webportal/WebPortal.htm?l=>

Reminder: 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 is 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. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink on February 23rd.

Reminder: District Engagement Opportunities

- Provide feedback on proposed 2022-23 calendar [HERE](#) until Feb 28th
- Provide feedback on 2022/23 budget priorities [HERE](#) until March 15th

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. If your child is in French Immersion grade 7 and you would like them to transfer to English for grade 8 at Argyle, a formal transfer request is required by the date listed above. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher to discuss this further.

Reminder: Late French Immersion Application Period

A pre-recorded information session for Grade 5 students and their families interested in registering in the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) is available for viewing [HERE](#). Note: Priority placement for Late French Immersion runs until March 4 at 4 p.m. For more information about the program and registration process, click [HERE](#).

Reminder: Elementary Band and Strings Program Registration

This program is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for Band and Grades 4 – 7 for Strings. Registration for the 2022/2023 school year runs until March 4. While there is a Late Registration enrolment period, this is subject to program availability and class size at a student’s school site, and is

dependent on sufficient registrations received by March 4. More information, including program fees, is available [HERE](#).

There are many other opportunities and information in the latest [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

March 2 – PAC Meeting (virtual)

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.