



## École Ross Road School

2875 Bushnell Place, North Vancouver, B.C. V7J 2Y9

Phone: (604) 903-3750 Fax: (604) 903-3751

Email: [rossroad@sd44.ca](mailto:rossroad@sd44.ca)

<http://nv44.bc.ca/schoolsites/RossRoad.aspx>

2022-02-22

***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, grade K-5 classes are discussing how to stop and name feelings and how when we have strong feelings it is hard to stop and think about what to do. The first step is to use a stop signal to catch our own attention and tell ourself to stop. Next, we need to recognize our feelings so that the thinking part of the brain can start to manage them. The goal this week is to pick a stop signal.

### **School Safety and Rules Reminders**

- Please remember to walk bikes/scooters/skateboards on school property before and after school
- Reminder that dogs are not permitted on school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Please follow all posted signage for drivers and obey parking rules around the school while also respecting our neighbours

### **Report Cards and Parent/Guardian-Teacher & Student Conferences**

With the end of the term on February 25th, students will soon be receiving their report cards (published on the parent portal March 7<sup>th</sup>). Teachers will extend the opportunity to meet to discuss your child's progress, areas of strength and areas that still require growth. These conferences will look different in different classes. Teachers will communicate directly with you in regards to sign-up. Some classes may host in-person meetings with all safety measures in place. Look to your email on February 28<sup>th</sup> for a communication directly from your child's teacher with further details.

### **District Chess Event-Congratulations Oscar!**

We are excited to share that a grade 6 Ross Road student, Oscar Brackstone, participated in the District Chess event a few weeks ago and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations Oscar! If your child is interested in participating in the Elementary online chess tournament, please email [jwong@sd44.ca](mailto:jwong@sd44.ca) (VP at Carson Graham Sec). Students can expect a tournament once a month with the next one scheduled for Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### **Reminder: Ross Road Scholastic Virtual Book Fair**

Ross Road is sponsoring a virtual book fair February 21-March 4th 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://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175024>

### **Reminder: Pink Shirt Day February 23rd**

This week is pink shirt day! We are pleased to remind you that the “We R Us”, student-named SOGI club, has created activities, announcements, videos, and posters in support of [Pink Shirt Day](#). Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Reminder: District Engagement Opportunities**

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

### **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

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 21 – Family Day (no school)

February 23 – [Pink Shirt Day](#)

February 25 – Term 2 ends

March 2 – PAC Meeting (virtual)

March 7 – Report Cards Posted to the Parent Portal

March 9 – Early dismissal at 1:50pm for Conferences

If you have any questions or concerns, please communicate with your child's classroom teacher or contact us at the school.

Kind regards,

Kate Lechleiter, Principal  
[klechleiter@sd44.ca](mailto:klechleiter@sd44.ca)

Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek, Vice Principal  
[bobrienkopacek@sd44.ca](mailto:bobrienkopacek@sd44.ca)

***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.***