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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, grade K-5 classes are discussing how to calm down. It is great to explore what strategies work best for your child to use once they have engaged the 'stop signal' identified last week. Is it deep breaths, positive self-talk, counting or something else? You are encouraged to make this part of your family conversations this week and share what you do when you have strong feelings to calm yourself down.

### **Good News Stories about Ross Road**

We are so proud of what students are doing and learning while at school. We are excited to share that Ross Road was featured in two good news stories on the Superintendent's blog last week. Please check them out!

[Pink Shirt Day at Ross Road Elementary.](#)

[Black History Month at Ross Road Elementary](#)

### **Lost and Found Items-will be donated March 11th**

Please come by and check out the lost and found. Items will be placed outside daily for you to check. We will be donating any items left on March 11<sup>th</sup> (unless we can find a name inside).

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

Report cards will be published on 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 today, February 28<sup>th</sup> for a communication directly from your child's teacher with further details. Details are attached here if you need support to access your child's report card.

### **Musical Disney's "Frozen" kids**

Ms. Morgan and all Ross Road students, have been working hard rehearsing for the Disney "Frozen" kids musical. The musical dates are Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to perform outside and we may be requesting family support around things such as tents and other items including set-up/take-down- please stay tuned. We are also not able to share how families will get to view this performance at this time. Students in grade 1-3 will be getting lyrics to bring home to practice.

### **'Out in Schools' Presentation for Grade 5-7 students March 8th**

As part of our work towards being a school that values diversity and is safe and caring place for everyone, students in Grade 5-7 will be listening to a virtual presentation from [Out in Schools](#) on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Students will engage in a meaningful presentation meant to facilitate allyship through action.

### **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: 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:**

March 2 – PAC Meeting (virtual), new time of 7:15pm for this meeting only  
March 4 – Lockdown drill 11:15am (letter today with details), last day to order from the Book Fair  
March 7 – Report Cards Posted to the Parent Portal  
March 8 – Out in Schools presentation for grade 5-7 students  
March 9 – Early dismissal at 1:50pm for Conferences  
March 11 – Last day of school before Spring Break  
March 28 – First day after Spring Break

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.***