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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,

Last Friday, students in Mr. Coward's class had a visit from the Honourable Minister Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education. Students hosted the Minister and asked her questions in support of their study of government.

This is the final week students in grades K-5 will be discussing Emotion Management. This week, the focus is on Managing Learning Challenges. Students will put their learning all together to 1. Identify feelings, 2. Stop and name feelings, 3. Calm down, and 4. Manage learning challenges. When we are in a calm state we can learn better.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Spring Break (March 14-25). School resumes on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ukraine Conflict**

We acknowledge that the conflict in Ukraine and information being shared via media and social media may have an impact on our students, families, and staff. We wanted to share with families some resources that you might find helpful to support conversations and learning with your children.

[How to Talk with Students about the Russia-Ukraine War](#): Includes 5 tips to help teachers and principals talk to students thoughtfully and appropriately about what is going on in Ukraine.

[How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War](#): Common Sense Media gathers tips and conversation starters to help you talk to kids of different ages about the toughest topics.

Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of elementary school children: This article from the American Psychological Association can help adults guide their young children beyond fear and to resilience.

Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of middle school children: The American Psychological Association breaks out tips and strategies for parents and teachers of middle school-aged children.

National Child Traumatic Stress Network: Provides resources that can be filtered by topic or keyword and by audience with a focus on how adults can identify traumatic responses in young people and how to support them

**We need your help to keep everyone safe. Please:**

- Do not use Allan Road for pick-up and drop-off
- Walk bikes and scooters on school property before/after school
- Follow all posted signage for drivers
- Do not enter the Bushnell cul-de-sac for pick-up/drop-off

**NEW: Morning Intermediate (Grade 4-7) Homework Club**

After spring break, we plan to offer a pilot morning homework club. Students will be able to come to one scheduled morning session per week. The sessions will be in the library supported by Educational Assistants. Students will be able to enter from 8-8:15am only. Students should come with all the materials they need and EAs will be there to provide support. For more information, please connect with your child's teacher.

**NEW: Tsleil-Waututh "Wolf" song**

This past week, students explored the [communication competency](#) from an Indigenous lens. On Thursday morning, we are pleased to share that Gordon Dick, Indigenous Support Worker, alongside Sydney Doucet, Indigenous Support Worker, will lead us in singing the "Wolf" song to celebrate our learning together. Check out the song:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DB2\\_PQRjIAA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DB2_PQRjIAA)

**Important: Rapid Antigen Tests**

Ross Road has not yet received our shipment of Rapid Antigen tests from the Ministry. As soon as we do, we will communicate the plans around adults picking them up at the school. Please review recent [communication](#) from the Superintendent for any further questions.

**Reminder: 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: Early dismissal for conferences March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Report cards will be published today. Teachers will extend the opportunity to meet to discuss your child's progress, areas of strength and areas that still require growth. Teachers will communicate directly with you in regards to sign-up. Details are attached here if you need support to access your child's report card.

**Reminder: 'Out in Schools' Presentation for Grade 5-7 students March 8<sup>th</sup>**

As part of our work towards being a school that values diversity and is a 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.

**PAC Spring Chocolate Fundraiser**

Stock up on your favourite Easter Purdy's treats AND give back to Ross Road PAC at the same time! Just [CLICK HERE](#), then:

- Join Campaign
- Shop Online
- Use Marketplace

Order until March 28th, pick up Monday April 11.

**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 7 – Report Cards Posted to the Parent Portal

March 8 – Out in Schools presentation for grade 5-7 students & [International Women's Day](#)

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

March 11 – Last day of school before Spring Break

March 21 - [International Day of Nowruz](#)

March 26 – [Earth Hour](#)

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.***