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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,

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone got a chance to rest and recharge and connect with loved ones during the break. The return to school will look a little bit different... once again.

Please take time to read the [March 24th letter](#) from our acting Superintendent, Sylvia Russell. This message contains important information and links that will answer many of your questions regarding the changes to our daily routines at schools in North Vancouver. The [school district website](#) has been updated and includes links to the [Federal guidelines](#) regarding mask wearing for 14 days for those that travelled outside Canada. Please keep in mind that some changes will be instantly visible, while others will take some time. We appreciate your patience, once again, as we shift our practices and procedures accordingly.

Here at Ross Road, for the first few weeks back we will continue to follow many of the routines that have been helpful in keeping Ross Road a safe and orderly place to learn.

- We encourage everyone to continue with a [daily health check](#) and to stay at home when sick
- Continue to practice healthy hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (careful coughing and sneezing)
- Masks are now optional, and we will respect everyone's choice to activate this layer of protection whenever needed (unless you have travelled outside the country then please follow [Federal Guidelines](#))

- As has always been the practice at Ross Road, students are asked to line up outside before school to be greeted by their teacher and will also continue to be dismissed from the same doors
- Parents, guardians, and siblings are still asked to wait outside. We have noticed a tremendous increase in student independence, particularly with our youngest students, when hallways are clear, and students can focus on their responsibilities upon arrival and preparation for departure.
- Parents and guardians are still asked to make appointments (email or phone call) to meet with school staff before or after school.

We are hopeful and excited for the changes, but this will take some time and we will carry out any adjustments with the needs of learners and space constraints at the forefront.

Rapid Antigen Tests for K-12 Students

Rapid Antigen Tests for K-12 students arrived at Ross Road and were distributed just before the break. If you were not able to pick up and wish to, please email rossroad@sd44.ca or call 604-903-3750 to make arrangements.

Ross Road School Musical April 26-28

We feel grateful that we are able to proceed with our upcoming *Disney Frozen Kids* school musical with some thoughtful adjustments in place. If you have been part of the Ross Road community for a few years, you are very familiar with this. This year's musical will look very different from past musicals so please be prepared to follow our school guidelines and protocols. This performance will not take place in our school gym nor will it be on a stage so sight lines will be limited. For this reason, along with a focus on keeping this a safe and orderly place, families will be limited to view one show with two family members in attendance. We will communicate more about this closer to the dates. Your understanding is appreciated.

At this time, Ms. Morgan needs your help! Please email her at smorgan@sd44.ca if you are able to volunteer for the following:

Door prop assembly - a full size door needs to be mounted on casters and a base.

Wardrobe volunteer - there are quite a few costumes for this production and the actors will need to be keep them organized. You would need to be available during the show week April 25th-28th.

Front of house & rain contingency crew - We are performing outside, so barring an atmospheric rain storm, the show will go on. We are hoping for some pop-up canopies from the school community to be made available and ready to go. If you could spearhead this with us and be ready to assemble canopies as needed on show week, we'd be grateful.

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

Starting next week on April 4th, 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 and will be from 8-8:35am. 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.

Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 7

PAC sponsored Saleema Noon-Body Science online learning platform

This year, in addition to what is taught in class as part of the Physical Health and Education curriculum, parents/guardians have been granted access to *Saleema Noon's Body Science Online* for 30 days for you to view at home together with your child.

Parents/guardians; to obtain access to Body Science Online, submit your email using the link below before March 31st 2022 at 8am. Please note that no extensions will be given beyond this deadline

<https://forms.gle/4ULDXkdm7KD5VRTWA> Deadline for Ross Road sign up is 8am on Thurs March 31st. For more information, please read the letter attached.

LAST DAY TO ORDER! 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.

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 28 – First day after Spring Break
April 2 – Ramadan begins (April 2-May 2)
April 6 – Seylynn Strings Festival, Centennial theatre 6:20-8:40pm
April 8 – [Day of Silence](#)
April 11 – PAC Purdy's fundraiser orders arrive
April 13 – [International Day of Pink](#)
April 14 – [Vaisakhi](#)

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 Tseil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.