



## École Ross Road School

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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,

We hope this message finds you happy and healthy. We wanted to provide a brief staffing update. Ms. Jenny Simpson, the school counsellor, is currently on-leave. The counselling position has been posted and we are hopeful we will have someone in the position soon. Until then, if you need support please connect with your child's classroom teacher.

### Health and Safety Reminders

- With the nicer weather, we are so glad to see many students and families riding their bicycles and scooters to school. For everyone's safety, please remember to walk them as soon as you arrive on school grounds. Please use the PAC purchased bike and scooter racks to lock them.
- Drivers, please do not enter the cul-de-sac on Allan for drop-off/pick-up.
- Drivers, please do not enter the cul-de-sac on Bushnell past the crosswalk for drop-off/pick-up
- Continue to be respectful of our neighbours by not blocking their driveways, and following all posted signage.
- Please continue with a [daily health check](#) and keep your child(ren) 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](#)).
- Parents, guardians, and siblings are still asked to wait outside.

- Parents and guardians are still asked to make appointments (email or phone call) to meet with school staff before or after school.
- If you do enter the school for a scheduled meeting, all visitors must report to the office and complete the QR code sign-in process

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Our school will be participating in JUMP ROPE FOR HEART this month to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Our school goal is \$10,000 by April 30th. Please go to [jumpropeforheart.ca](http://jumpropeforheart.ca) to register so that your child may begin to collect donations and earn prizes. On Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> all students will participate in a fun 'jumpathon' throughout the school day. Also, our school will receive 10% of the funds raised as money that will go towards PE equipment.

### **Reminder: Grade 4 & 7 Parents/Guardians Student Learning Survey**

Each year the Ministry of Education conducts the Student Learning Survey. Information about this important survey was emailed to grade 4 and 7 families last week. This is a reminder to please take the time to complete the survey. The FINAL day for the survey is April 30, 2021.

### **Final Reminder: Rapid Antigen Tests for K-12 Students**

Please email [rossroad@sd44.ca](mailto:rossroad@sd44.ca) or call 604-903-3750 to make arrangements to pick up if you have not already done so.

### **Reminder: Ross Road School Musical April 26-28**

An important notice went home in hard copy last week (and by school messenger) in regards to how your child should dress (costume) for the upcoming musical. Please read it carefully and note what your child will need for their performance. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

As previously mentioned, we feel very grateful that we are able to proceed with our upcoming *Disney Frozen Kids* school musical and so we are asking everyone to please respect our request regarding spectator attendance. We are seeking your support as there will not be tickets issued for the musical. We are working on the honour system and asking that each child have a maximum of two adults attend a show. If you have more than one child but they are in the same show, then please stick to the rule of 2 adults in attendance. If you have children in both casts, you may attend one of each show to watch their performances. As a reminder, this performance will not take place in our school gym nor will it be on a stage therefore sight lines will be very limited. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.

Ms. Morgan is still looking for an adult who could put a door on base with castor wheels – please email her [smorgan@sd44.ca](mailto:smorgan@sd44.ca) if you could help this week with this piece of stagecraft.

We will need pop-up canopies ready if it is raining during the performances. We have a parent at the school who is willing to coordinate this. Again, please email [smorgan@sd44.ca](mailto:smorgan@sd44.ca) if you can bring your canopy to the school so we can have them ready to go, if needed.

We have a parent volunteer to help with costumes in the afternoon performances, but someone is needed for the 11am shows. If you are able to volunteer, please email [smorgan@sd44.ca](mailto:smorgan@sd44.ca)

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

Starting today, we are offering 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

### **Class Photos**

Please mark your calendar as we will be having class photos taken at the school on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Virtual Book Fair-Thank you**

Thanks to all who supported our Virtual Book Fair. More than 108 books were sold earning \$217.75 in free books for our library.

### **Grade 7 Fundraisers**

Two great ways to support the Grade 7s:

1. Samosa Fundraising Company: Stock your freezer with tasty samosas and other yummy food from the local Samosa Fundraising Company. Delicious meals to feed the whole family, perfect after school snacks, veggie and vegan options and easy to order!

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

PICK UP orders at school: Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-6pm

Link to order: <https://samosafundraiser.com/ross-road-samosa-fundraiser/>

2. Spring Flowers: Hanging baskets, patio planters, herbs, veggies and more to bring spring to your homes and gardens. Perfect Mother's Day gifts.

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Link to order:

<https://rossroadelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Thank you for helping our Class of 2022! The funds collected will be used to help subsidize end-of-year field trips and the farewell celebration.

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:**

April - [Sikh Heritage Month](#), Autism Awareness Month

April 2 – Ramadan begins (April 2-May 2), World Autism Day

April 8 – [Day of Silence](#)

April 13 – [International Day of Pink](#)

April 14 – [Vaisakhi](#)

April 11-14 [Climate Action and Sustainability Week](#)

April 15 – Good Friday (no school)

April 17 – Easter Monday (no school)

April 22 – Musical soundcheck, Earth Day

April 15-23 – Passover

April 25 – Musical dress rehearsal

April 26-28 - Spring Musical

April 27 – Administrative Professionals' Day

April 28 – [National Day of Mourning](#)

April 29 – 'Jumpathon' for Jump Rope for Heart

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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Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek, Vice Principal  
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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.***