



## 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 are responsible and respectful. As a school community we promote a sense of belonging for all.***

### Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

Students and staff have had a great first week at school. September is a busy and exciting time for everyone. At Ross Road, we acknowledge that social emotional learning sets the foundation for personal, social and intellectual growth and we are committed to working together to provide a caring and compassionate school environment for all children. Students are settling in and we are working on establishing routines, understandings and relationships that will help us experience a successful year of learning.

Today, we reviewed the Code of Conduct and important school rules and heard about how everyone can help make Ross Road a kind, caring and inclusive place. The [Ross Road handbook](#), including the Code of Conduct and other important information, can be located on the school website as well as inside student agendas. You are encouraged to review it with your child.

For those of you new to Ross Road, we will be sending home a weekly communication called "The Monday Message". It includes important updates or information we wish to share as well as a look ahead at important upcoming dates.

### **Student permission forms**

This week students will bring home a package that includes many important documents and forms for completion. Please return these to the classroom teacher no later than **September 23rd**. We appreciate your support with these important documents. Please also remember to complete the forms in your [school cash online](#) account; photo permission, safe use of technology and walking field trip permission form. None of these require any payments. If you need support, please call the office or email [rossroad@sd44.ca](mailto:rossroad@sd44.ca).

### **Pick-up/Drop-off**

This is a reminder to please follow posted signage and speed limits. The student pick-up/ and drop-off area is not for parking in. If your child(ren) need(s) to be picked up from or walked to class by an adult, please find a suitable parking spot. The area on Bushnell in front of the playground is for students to hop out independently and walk to class.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

The staff at Ross Road is please to invite all students and their families to the Pancake Breakfast on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00am. **Please bring your own plate, utensils, and mug.** We welcome any cash donations you may wish to make. We hope you can join us for this fun community event!

### **Meet the Staff**

If you have looked ahead on the calendar, you may have noticed a Meet the Staff night scheduled for the evening of September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us in the gym at 6:30pm to start with a brief introduction. Then you will proceed to your child's classroom to hear important classroom information. The teachers will repeat this session one more time. If you have information, questions, or concerns specific to your child, please schedule a meeting with the teacher.

### **Terry Fox**

Ross Road Elementary is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest heroes by recognizing Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us and support this important cause by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/RossRoadElementary>. Together, we can all make a difference! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation Toonies or cash will also be accepted but *online donations are preferred* at this time. **We are looking for adult volunteers to help supervise the run and stop traffic. If you are able to help please email Mme. Elodie Capelle at [ecapelle@sd44.ca](mailto:ecapelle@sd44.ca).**

## **PAC INFORMATION**

### **FreshSchools - Please sign up today!**

FreshSchools is an online platform that the Ross Road PAC uses to communicate with families. All PAC newsletters and communication is distributed by FreshSchools only. Don't miss out on our upcoming events and fundraisers, sign up today! If you are new to FreshSchools, please sign up here: [FreshSchools Sign Up](#)

How to add your child to their class (must be logged on from the website):  
CLICK on the coloured circle found at the top left of your screen (It sits under the school logo and above your name). This will bring you to your parent screen.

SCROLL down to find the name of your child(ren).

CLICK on their name to bring you to their profile.

At the top right of this screen you'll find an edit button.

CLICK edit.

Find the class field and use the drop-down menu to SELECT your child's class

Be sure to SCROLL down to the bottom of the page and select SAVE.

### **MunchaLunch**

Want to take a break from making school lunches and contribute to a great Ross Road fundraiser? MunchaLunch is back! Ordering opens September 15<sup>th</sup>. The first lunch will be delivered October 7<sup>th</sup> and orders need to be placed and paid for by September 30<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to order lunches!

### **PAC Kindergarten Welcome Coffee**

Kindergarten families, please join us on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for the Kindergarten Welcome Coffee. We will be set up at the front of the school from 8:30am, so bring your mug, have some coffee and find out about all the fun events we have planned for the year.

### **Card Project PAC Fundraiser**

Over the next few weeks, the students will be completing their masterpieces for The Card Project! Every child who has completed the online consent form will receive a free greeting card that showcases their art with their name and grade printed on the back.

***If you would like your child to participate in The Card Project this year, you must complete the online consent form. Details on how to complete the consent form will be included in next week's newsletter.***

## District Events and Registrations

You are encouraged to review the district events and registration information ([Link](#)). It was emailed to you on September 9<sup>th</sup> and included information on:

### Events

- Standing Committee Meeting - September 13
- Workshop: How to be an anti-ableist in education - September 14
- Public Board Meeting - September 20
- Paths - Exhibition opens September 24
- General Local Election 2022 - October 15
- Kindergarten Information Session - October 26

### Registrations

- After School Art classes - Registration opens September 13 (noon)
- Elementary Band & Strings - Late registration ends September 29
- 2023/2024 Kindergarten - Registration begins October 31

### Additional Information and Opportunities

- School district permission forms
- Settlement Workers in Schools program

### **Important Dates:**

September 16 – Pancake Breakfast

September 21 – PAC Meeting 7pm

September 22 – 6:30pm Meet the staff night

September 23 – Terry Fox run

September 25 – Rosh Hashanah

September 26-30 – Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

Please remember to check the school [website](#) for important dates, a copy of all school newsletter and other important information. You are also encouraged to subscribe to the [school calendar](#).

[https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Kind regards,

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