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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 well and you were able to enjoy the beautiful weather this past weekend.

Last week on Wednesday, Ross Road staff, alongside school district staff, participated in impactful professional development at Argyle led by Dr. Joanne Archibald in our journey towards Truth and Reconciliation in schools.

This week, the Second Step focus is on being safe and how we act in kind and respectful ways in the classroom, hallways, and on the playground.

Ross Road Scares Hunger

Today, our school community will be kicking off this year's Ross Road Scares Hunger initiative. All contributions will be given to SAGE Transition House, a North Shore organization that helps women and families in need.

From October 11th - 28th, classes will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items, such as canned tuna or salmon, school snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks etc.) and pastas. Additionally, gift cards can be helpful for families to shop for themselves (Dollarama, Dollar Tree, Walmart, and Superstore are of particularly high need).

We deeply appreciate all donations that you are able to give at this time. If you are donating non-perishable food items, we kindly ask that you check that the expiry date of food products is after December 1st, 2022. This will ensure that the maximum number of donations can be used to provide women and families with the items they need. Thank you for your support and contribution!

PAC INFORMATION

The Card Project

The students are putting the finishing touches on their masterpieces for The Card Project. This local small business makes custom greeting cards, notebooks, tote bags, mousepads and tea towels with children's art.

If you want to order items made with your child's art, you must **complete the online consent form**. Please go to www.thecardproject.ca to sign up. **The final deadline for the online consent form is this Friday, October 14.** Sign up to get a **free card** made with your child's art and to be able to purchase other items made with your child's art.

PAC Family Halloween Dance

The **Halloween Dance** will be held on **Friday, October 28th 6-8pm** in the school gym. This Halloween-themed Family Dance is for *all* grades!! The evening will include a DJ, Photo Booth and fun games!

This event is *completely free* to all Ross Road families. Free Tickets are reserved through the **MunchaLunch** website; your emailed receipt will be your family's ticket needed for entry the night of the dance. There is a limited number of tickets so please don't delay!

We will also require PARENT VOLUNTEER SUPPORT to ensure this event is a success. Please visit the **FreshSchools Calendar**, and click on the "**Halloween Dance**" event for volunteer shift info.

Please remember that ALL students must attend with a parent/guardian.

Important Dates:

October is ADHD & Dyslexia awareness month

October 14 – Final day for card project consent

October 15 – Municipal Election Day

October 17 – Waste reduction week

October 19 – PAC Meeting

October 20 – The Great Shakeout Earthquake drill

October 21 – Provincial professional development day (no school for students)

October 24 – Diwali & Canadian School Library Day

October 25-28 Grade 6 Outdoor School

October 26 – Early Dismissal for Staff Collaboration (pick up students at 1:50pm)

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#/=>

Kind regards,

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