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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,

As part of our Second Step focus, students at Ross Road are learning about being respectful. Students are identifying how being respectful helps everyone feel welcome and safe.

Don't forget that Friday is a professional development day, so there is no school for students. Also, next Wednesday is early dismissal for staff collaboration.

School Musical

For families new to Ross Road, we are excited to share that all students will be part of the Ross Road school musical! This year the musical is 'Winnie the Pooh KIDS'. The dates for the musical have been added to the school calendar and performances will be during the day in the last week of February, on February 28th, March 1st, 2nd. Grade 6 and 7 students interested in acting will have the opportunity to audition in November.

Halloween Safety at Ross Road

We are pleased to recognize this upcoming holiday. As we honour diversity, we want our learning environments to be places where everyone feels safe, included, respected and valued. We therefore expect students and families to be thoughtful when planning for Halloween. We are seeking to partner with you to ensure this holiday is safe and fun for everyone. As per the

Superintendent's message shared with all families last year on [Oct 15, 2021](#), please be aware of the following:

- Costumes will be permitted at school on Monday Oct 31st. Students may come dressed in costume as there will be no opportunity to change during the school day.
- Please DO NOT send items that could be damaged during the day.
- As we are an Elementary school, please be mindful NOT to wear costumes that are overly scary or gory. No masks are permitted to be worn at any time.
- Replica weapons of any kind (e.g., guns, knives, handcuffs, chains etc.) are not allowed.
- Students should be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to any staff member when asked. Therefore, students' faces must be visible at all times.
- Costumes that are offensive in any way will not be allowed. Please consider the rights maintained in the Canadian Human Rights Act when selecting costumes (e.g. race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, genetic characteristics, disability).
- It is inappropriate to wear costumes in poor taste (e.g., hypersexualized, culturally insensitive).
- The Ross Road code of conduct must always be followed, even when in costume. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property.

Reminder: Ross Road Scares Hunger

Don't forget that Ross Road is collecting donations that 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!

Important Dates:

October is ADHD & Dyslexia awareness month

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)

October 31 - Halloween

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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