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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,

This week at Ross Road we will recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. Students that participate in activities such as: Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Scouts, Cadets etc are encouraged to wear their uniform to provide an honour guard for the assembly on Thursday.

The Second Step focus for Social Emotional Learning this week is on Focusing Attention. Students are discussing how to listen with their ears, eyes and brain.

### **Updated Volunteer Procedures**

There are opportunities to volunteer and help at Ross Road. We are so thankful for the volunteers! If you are volunteering to drive or in another area you must complete the volunteer application form and then the confidentiality document. The person you are volunteering with will conduct a short interview with you. The next step, in many cases, will now include getting a criminal record check (CRC). This will be free. If you are approved to volunteer, school district office staff will email you with the steps to take to get your CRC. Thank you for your understanding and support with this process.

### **Resources and Support: Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning**

The school district has a [website](#) dedicated to supporting social emotional learning and mental health. There is a page for [parents/guardians](#) full of

resources. There is also a [community supports](#) page that includes how to access counselling for a youth. I encourage you to check it out. Families and caregivers play an important role in the development of good SEL skills and positive mental health and the more that schools and home can align their efforts, language, and strategies, the more young people with benefit. This is why the weekly focus for Second Step is included in the Monday message. It allows for families to reinforce the skills being taught and modeled at school.

### **Reminder: Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences**

Information went home last week about the upcoming conferences. Please use this [link](#) to sign up if you have not already done so. If none of the times work for your family, please communicate with the teacher directly to arrange a time.

### **Reminder: Scholastic Book Fair November 2022**

November 10, 14

8:10-8:40 am, 12:15-12:45, 3:00-3:45pm

November 15-17 - P/T conference (early dismissal) days:

8:10-8:40 am, 12:15-12:45 pm, 2:00-3:30pm

We are seeking parent volunteers to work at the fair. Please email our librarian Ms. Maria McAllister at [mmcallister@sd44.ca](mailto:mmcallister@sd44.ca) to sign up. *Be sure to complete the Parent Volunteer Application form available at the office.*

### **PAC Information**

#### **PURDY'S and POINSETTIAS Grade 7 Fundraiser**

The Holiday Fundraising campaign kicks off now with yummy Purdy's chocolates and beautiful greenery -- fresh wreaths, poinsettias and more -- from 'Growing Smiles'/DeVry Greenhouses. There is a lot of variety! The funds raised will go towards our Grade 7 Class of 2023 events and year-end celebrations.

Order Purdy's [HERE](#) (enter your email address and "[Join a Campaign](#)")

Order DeVry Greenery [HERE](#)

**Ordering for both Purdy's and DeVry closes November 27th.** Please pick up at the school on Monday December 12th.

#### **Spirit Wear is BACK**

We've got Spirit, yes we do! Our **Ross Road Spirit Wear is available NOW** for a limited time! Be sure to check out our *limited edition* hoodies and toques at

our online store [HERE](#). **Ordering closes November 15th.** Proceeds from sales will go back to the PAC.

### **Reminder: The Card Project**

The final deadline for order for the card project is **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. These orders will be delivered in the week of December 5 to 9.

To place your order:

1. Go to [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)
2. Click on "TO ORDER"
3. Click on "USE MY SCHOOL ACCESS CODE" and enter our School Access Code: RR97.
4. Find your child's class (use the dropdown menu to find the division and teacher) and then enter your child's first name.
5. You can personalize your products (if you wish) and then order the cards and products you like.

If you have any questions or need assistance with orders, please contact: Marcelle at The Card Project: [Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca](mailto:Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca); or Michele, PAC Coordinator for The Card Project: [mikeandmichele2009@live.ca](mailto:mikeandmichele2009@live.ca)

### **Important Dates:**

November 8 – National Indigenous Veterans Day

November 10 – Remembrance Day assembly-students invited to wear uniforms (guides, scouts, cadets, etc)

November 10, 14, 15-17 – Scholastic Book Fair (specified times only)

November 11 – Remembrance Day, no school

November 14 – Photo retake day

November 15, 16, 17 – Early dismissal at 1:50pm for Conferences ([Link](#) to sign up)

November 17 – Grade 6 immunizations & F05, F08 Bike safety lesson

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

Kind regards,

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