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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,

It is with mixed emotions that we share some news. On Friday, District Administrative changes were announced. Ms. O'Brien, current Vice Principal at Ross Road and grade 6/7 teacher, will be moving to Queen Mary Elementary School after the winter break. Queen Mary is lucky to be getting such a talented leader, who has excellent relationships with students, staff and families, and cares deeply about the work that we do. We are excited to share that Ms. Colangelo, current grade 4/5 teacher at Ross Road, will be taking on the role of Vice Principal at Ross Road. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Colangelo on this new position and wishing Ms. O'Brien well on the next part of her leadership journey!

Winter Weather

Please ensure your child(ren) has appropriate clothing and footwear for winter conditions and allow extra time to get to school (and a change of clothes where appropriate). All NVSD schools will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30am and announced through the media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites, shared with parents/guardians via School Messenger (email and/or text) and emailed to staff. For more information, please visit the [Severe Weather Information](#) web page. If it is icy outside, when the bell rings students are welcome to enter via the main doors on the east side of the school. This area is prioritized for

shovelling and salting along with the path to the portables to and from the main school building.

SNOW TEAM VOLUNTEERS are still needed

With the current forecast, we are really hoping for some more snow team volunteers! Are you available and interested in volunteering on the Ross Road snow team? On snow days, the administrators start early in the morning clearing and salting the primary paths to the school. We welcome adult volunteers to help! If you are available, please email rossroad@sd44.ca and we will connect with you to explain your role and next steps.

Reminder: Winter Charity

Ross Road is proud to support The Family Services of the North Shore Caring Schools Initiative. Starting today, Ross Road will be collecting gift cards for the Youth to Youth gift card campaign. If you are able to support they are suggesting \$25 gift cards to Sephora, Sports Chek, Hot Topic, Best Buy, EB Games, Zara, Urban Planet, H&M, Park Royal or Happy Teen. You can also make a direct donation using this link: [Caring Schools - Family Services of the North Shore](#) and select Ross Road. This campaign is open from Nov 28-Dec 9. If you have questions, please connect with Ms. McAllister mmcallister@sd44.ca. Thank you Ravens!

If you are a person who needs support at this time, you can follow this link to find out more information [Christmas Bureau - Family Services of the North Shore](#).

Reminder: Enviroclub

Please remember to send reusable utensils (straws, forks, spoons, chopsticks) anytime your child needs them and especially on Munch-A-Lunch Fridays.

Reminder: Ultimate Frisbee Club

The Ultimate Frisbee Club for grade 5-7 students at Ross Road is back. The Ultimate Club will run from November 29-February 23. Ultimate is a sport that encourages cooperation, fair play and integrity through the concept of the Spirit of the Game.

PAC Information

The Ross Road Winter Craft Fair December 8, 5-8pm

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! Tickets can be purchased through MunchaLunch until Dec 2nd. Login to your MunchaLunch account and look for the 'Winter Craft Fair!' tab. Tickets will be sold (or collect the ones you have pre-ordered through MunchaLunch) before and after school December

7th and 8th. The table will be located at the front of the school from 8:30am to 9:15am and 2:30pm to 3:15pm. Tickets will also be sold at the Fair. CASH ONLY PLEASE. These tickets can be used for Bake Sale items, the 'Make Your Own Craft' table and games.

Raffle Basket tickets will be for sale at the school on Dec 7th and 8th and on the night of the craft fair only.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!: You can sign up for time slots via Fresh Schools. Each time slot is 1 hour, except for set-up (2 hours). There are lots of fun choices for volunteering, so please check it out. To access the sign up please go to Fresh Schools

-> click Calendar

-> Click the Winter Craft fair day (Dec 8th)

-> Then choose your volunteer choices

Thank you in advance for your help with this, we couldn't do it without you!

BAKE SALE: Calling all bakers! We are looking for parents or students to get out the muffin tins, cookie sheets and mixers and make yummy treats to sell at the Winter Craft Fair! Items will be *donated* from the baker, and all proceeds from the bake sale will go to the PAC. Contact Andrea Wnuk acwnuk@gmail.com if you are interested in donating baked goods for the fair!

GLASS JARS: We are still seeking clean small to medium sized glass jars, (Spaghetti, Salsa, Mason etc.) to use at our 'Make Your Own Craft' Table at the fair. You can drop them off to Bronwen any school morning/afternoon outside Mme Zayonc's F13 - Grade 1 Classroom. North/West corner of the main building.

PAC General Meeting this Wednesday

Our PAC General meeting is this Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00pm in the library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Agenda and Financials can be found on our website here: [PAC GM Agenda and Financials](#)

Free babysitting will be available on request. Please contact Denise Dehestani denisedehestani@gmail.com should you require babysitting.

Important Dates:

Nov 30 – PAC AGM 7pm

Dec 3 – International Day of Persons with a Disability

Dec 8 – PAC Winter Craft Fair 5-8pm

Dec 9 – Report Cards published to the Portal

Dec 13 – Band Concert Ross Road gym 7pm

Dec 15 – Strings Concert Windsor Secondary 6pm

Dec 16 – Last day of classes before schools close for winter holidays

Jan 3 – School opens, full day

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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