



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

### Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

We want to welcome everyone back to the second week of the school in this new year. We hope you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating winter break.

The Second Step focus this week is on showing compassion. Students are learning how to understand how someone else is feeling and then to do something to show they understand. These actions include listening, saying kind words, and helping.

Recently, neighbours to Ross Road have noticed an increase in litter and things such as rocks and sticks being thrown on their property. We are working hard to encourage students to make good choices during the school day and would appreciate your support with this and include reminders for after school and weekends.

### Reporting Student Absences

Please remember to report a student absence to the office before the start of the school day. The preferred method is using the [School Messenger app](#).

You can report your child's absence *in advance* using any of these three options, which are available to you 24 hours/day, 7 days a week:

- **SchoolMessenger app.** Use your mobile device to download the SchoolMessenger app, available at the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store or [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).

- The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
- Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **SchoolMessenger website**. Open your browser and go to [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).
  - The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
  - Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **Automated phone system**. Call the toll-free number 1-833-259-7295 and follow the prompts to report an absence.

### **MUSICAL Winnie the Pooh KIDS FEB 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1, and March 2**

Ross Road will be presenting the musical Winnie the Pooh KIDS on February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> in our school gym - please make note of the following times your child will be performing. The entire school is hard at work to create the show, especially the grade 6 and 7 students who are acting. Get ready for an adorable adaption of the most loveable stuffies from this classic story! Information about the limited free tickets to the performances be available in a few weeks. We will also soon provide information about what the students are to wear to their performance. Primary classes were given a sheet with the lyrics to practice at home. In order for your child to sing along, We recommend searching Youtube (with adult supervision). The musical is 30 minutes long- just make sure you search "Winnie the Pooh KIDS" to get the right one. Families who have a grade 6/7 student who is acting in the musical will receive different information about their performance times –thanks! Please also check out the attachment to our Ross Road Monday message as we have sent you information about parent volunteers for makeup, costume help and props needed

We thank Ms. Morgan for all her hard work! [smorgan@sd44.ca](mailto:smorgan@sd44.ca)

### **Cast A – performing at 11 am on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mme Aiello, Mrs. Piccone, Mme MacDonald/Hart, Mme Simon/Tancon, Ms. Peters, Ms.Colangelo/Carlyle, Mme Capelle.

Ms. Guy and Ms. Babich/Burghardt on Tuesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> show only; Mme Dowling /Koch and Mme Bulsara on Wed March 1<sup>st</sup> only.

### **Cast B –performing at 1:15 on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mme Zayonc, Mme Belanger, Ms. Booker, Mme Storry, Mme Noori/Kaburda,  
Mme Francis, Mme Mahsa/Tancon, Mr. Coward  
Mme Gagnon/Cullen's class on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mme Piteux 6/7 class on Tuesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mme Bourgeois 6/7 class on Wed March 1st

### **Grade 6/7 Tripleball**

Students are starting practices for tripleball this week. Here is the schedule:

Grade 7 Girls - Monday and Wednesday Morning **7:50-8:40**

Grade 6/7 boys - Monday and Wednesday Lunch **12:15-12:50**

Grade 6 Girls - Wednesday after school **2:50-3:50** and Friday Morning **7:50-8:40**

Please make sure you have returned the permission form to the coach.

### **District Information**

#### **2023-24 Elementary Band and Strings-Registration Open January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Registration for the 2023-2024 Elementary Band and Strings program will open on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### **Late French Immersion Information Session & application period – January 23**

An information session for Grade 5 students and their families interested in the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) will be held at École Secondaire Argyle Secondary School on Monday, January 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. [Sign up for the session here.](#)

Applications to the program will be accepted beginning Monday, January 23 through to Friday, March 3.

#### **Secondary Enhanced Programs & Academies Night – January 26**

Families with students in Grades 7 to 11 are invited to learn more about the various enhanced programs and academies offered at secondary schools throughout the school district. The event will take place on Thursday, January 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Sutherland Secondary School (1860 Sutherland Avenue). [Sign up to attend here.](#)

#### **White Hatters: Digital Literacy and Internet Safety – January 11**

Presented by NVPAC, this webinar, taking place on Wednesday, January 11 at 7 p.m., is designed to help families and caregivers understand both the enabling power of technology and mobile communications and how to mitigate the sometimes unintended consequences of high-risk or challenging

online behaviour.

## White Hatters: Gaming Concerns, Balance, Addictions & Opportunities — January 25

Presented by NVPAC, this webinar, taking place on Wednesday, January 11 at 7 p.m., is designed to help families create a healthy game plan while delving into the research, stories, and firsthand examples of the positives and negatives in the gaming industry.

### **PAC Information**

#### **MunchaLunch REMINDER**

First, office staff and teachers would like to remind families to please send a substantial snack on hot lunch days. Students are frequently reporting they have no snack and are hungry at recess.

The MunchaLunch system sends a reminder to families the day before each hot lunch. It lists the food items that you have ordered for your child. It is helpful if you remind your child what food items they will be receiving. *\*If you do not receive an email, this means that we do not have an order from you for that week and you will need to send a lunch with your child. While we try to supply children with lunches when they don't have one, we don't always have extra food available. You can log into your "[Munch](#)" account at any time to view your paid orders.*

#### **After-School Programs**

Lights Up Theatre (Mondays) and STEAM4Kids (Tuesdays) are starting this week. Zen Maker Labs (Wednesdays) starts next week.

#### **Important Dates:**

Jan 11 Kindergarten Dental and Audio screening

Jan 13 Black Excellence Day

Jan 17, 19 Ocean Wise school presentation

Jan 18 PAC Meeting 7pm

Jan 22 Lunar New Year

Jan 25 Staff Collaboration-**students dismissed at 1:50pm**

Jan 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Jan 30 School-based professional development Day-**no school for students**

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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