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

Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

Students and staff have had a great first week at school. September is a busy and exciting time for everyone. At Ross Road, we acknowledge that social emotional learning sets the foundation for personal, social and intellectual growth and we are committed to working together to provide a caring and compassionate school environment for all children. Students are settling in and we are working on establishing routines, understandings and relationships that will help us experience a successful year of learning.

Today, we reviewed the Code of Conduct and important school rules and heard about how everyone can help make Ross Road a kind, caring and inclusive place. The [Ross Road handbook](#), including the Code of Conduct and other important information, can be located on the school website as well as inside student agendas. You are encouraged to review it with your child.

For those of you new to Ross Road, we will be sending home a weekly communication called "The Monday Message". It includes important updates and information we wish to share as well as a look ahead at important upcoming dates.

Logging student absences or lates

Ensuring students arrive safely at school each day is one of our top priorities. Ross Road Elementary uses SafeArrival, which is part of the SchoolMessenger platform, for parents/guardians to report student absences. Using the SchoolMessenger app makes it quick and easy to report your child's absence (eg. illness, vacation, appointment), reduces the time it takes school staff to verify student attendance, and makes it more efficient for staff to respond to unreported student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are able to 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.
- 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.
- 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.

SafeArrival is the preferred method to report your child's absence, late arrival, or early dismissal in advance. If you are unable to use SafeArrival, please call 604-903-3755 to report the absence. *Please note SafeArrival is not checked after 9am each day. To log an absence after 9am for that day, please call the office.

Student permission forms

This week students will bring home a package that includes many important documents and forms for completion. Please return these to the classroom teacher no later than **September 22nd**. We appreciate your support with these important documents. Please also remember to complete the forms in your [school cash online](#). If you need support, please call the office or email rossroad@sd44.ca.

Pick-up/Drop-off

This is a reminder to please follow posted signage and speed limits. The student pick-up/ drop-off area is not for parking in. If your child(ren) need(s) to be picked up from or walked to class by an adult, please find a suitable parking spot. The area on Bushnell in front of the playground is for students to hop out independently and walk to class. There is no pick-up or drop-off on Allan Road as per the posted signage.

Pancake Breakfast

The staff at Ross Road are please to invite all students and their families to the Pancake Breakfast on Friday, September 15th, starting at 8:00am. **Please bring your own plate, utensils, and mug.** We welcome any cash donations you may wish to make. We hope you can join us for this fun community event!

Meet the Staff

If you have looked ahead on the calendar, you may have noticed a Meet the Staff night scheduled for the evening of September 21st. Please join us in the gym at 6:30pm to start with a brief introduction. Then you will proceed to your child's classroom to hear important classroom information. The teachers will repeat this session one more time. If you have information, questions, or concerns specific to your child, please schedule a meeting with the teacher.

Terry Fox Run

Ross Road Elementary is proud to be recognizing Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope on September 21st. Please join us and support this important cause by donating to: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/32149>. Together, we can all make a difference! Toonies or cash will also be accepted but *online donations are preferred* at this time. **We are looking for adult volunteers to help supervise the run and stop traffic. If you are able to help please email Mme. Elodie Capelle at ecapelle@sd44.ca.**

PAC INFORMATION

The Card Project is underway!

Over the next few weeks the students will be completing their masterpieces for The Card Project! Be sure to register online. Every child who has completed the online consent form will receive a free greeting card that showcases their art with their name and grade printed on the back. If you would like your child to participate in The Card Project this year, you must complete the online consent form. Please go to www.thecardproject.ca to sign up. Deadline to complete the consent form, so that your child can participate in The Card Project, is Sunday,

October 1.

MunchaLunch

Ordering for Munchalunch opens **Monday, September 11th**, with the first lunch starting **Friday September 29th**. The ordering deadline for Term 1 hot lunch is **October 10, 2023**. Please ensure you double check your order, and pay. Orders that have not been paid for will not be delivered.

Please take a moment to place your child in their current classroom on Freshschools. This will ensure you do not miss out on important information from the Classroom Parent/Guardina. If you are unsure of how to do this, please see the handout being sent home this week.

Important Dates:

September 13 – PAC Meeting, 7pm on Zoom

September 15 – Pancake Breakfast

September 21 – 6:30pm Meet the staff night

September 21 – Terry Fox run

September 26-30 – Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day, first Munch-a-lunch

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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