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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 hope you enjoyed some extra time with family members this weekend. We are so thankful for our beautiful school grounds and all the amazing fall colours. We hope you got a chance to enjoy the outdoors this past weekend.

Communicating Student Learning (Reporting)

Starting this 2023-2024 school year, The Ministry of Education and Childcare has updated the policies on reporting. As you know, communicating student learning is a vital component of the learning process. It is ongoing throughout the school year and involves the teacher, the student, and the parent/guardian.

Learning Conferences

Starting the week of Oct 23, you will notice some early dismissals on the calendar. These are to facilitate an opportunity for you to connect with the classroom teacher and your child to discuss areas of strength, areas for further growth, share insights and observations on progress, work together to discuss the goal(s) your child has set, and share how to best support student learning. Your child's teacher will communicate more information about these upcoming learning conferences. [The link to sign-up will be emailed home from the school on Wednesday.](#)

If you would like to know more about the new reporting you are encouraged to read [K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers |](#)

[Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](#). We have also attached Ministry prepared documents about reporting intended for parents and caregivers.

Overview: [Parenting one pager \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

What will the report card look like: [Microsoft PowerPoint - K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

No more letter grades: [Microsoft PowerPoint - K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

Descriptive feedback: [Microsoft PowerPoint - K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

Self-reflecting and setting goals: [Microsoft PowerPoint - K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers Package \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

Ross Road Scares Hunger

Starting this week, Ross Road students will be "scaring hunger" by participating in a food drive to support our local community. To participate, please send in non-perishable food items and grocery store gift cards. The items will be collected at the end of the month by:

Sage House: Sage Transition House is an 18-bed transition house that provides safety and support to women and their children fleeing abusive situations. Shelter, food, clothing, personal items, referrals, advocacy, individual support, and support groups are offered for up to thirty days.
<https://nscss.net/>

Thrive Family Centres:

Thrive Family Centres offer free programs where you can play, learn, and connect with your children from birth to six years of age. Enjoy child-led play, crafts, songs, and stories while interacting with other parents, grandparents, and caregivers. The experienced staff provide support, resources, and referrals to give you the help you need to ensure your child has a healthy start in life.

[Thrive Family Programs - Family Services of the North Shore](#)

If you are a family that requires support you may find helpful information about resources here [Food Access - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#). You can also email rossroad@sd44.ca or klechleiter@sd44.ca to discuss support options.

Hoedown "Harvest time on the farm"

Next Wednesday, students will be participating in the Ross Road Hoedown. The attached letter has costume information if students choose to wear them.

Important Dates:

October 9 – Thanksgiving, no school

October 11 – PAC Meeting 7pm in the library

October 17 – Lockdown drill (see letter attached)

October 18 – Hoedown (more information attached)

October 19 – Earthquake drill, Cross Country Meet at Loutet @3:30pm

October 20 – Professional Development Day, no school for students

October 23, 24, 26 – Early Dismissal for Conferences 1:50pm

October 25 – Early Dismissal for Staff Collaboration 1:50pm

October 25 – Cross Country Meet at Loutet @3:30pm

October 27 – PAC Halloween Dance

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](#).

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Kind regards,

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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, upon whose unceded traditional territory École Ross Road Elementary and the North Vancouver School District resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.