



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,

With the darker days, it is important that you review with your child the best way to travel to school safely. Drivers, please be cautious for pedestrians and do not park blocking intersections or crosswalks. Students are encouraged to travel to school with others, remain on the sidewalk, or on marked trails, and use cross-walks to cross the street. They should be vigilant and remove noise cancelling headphones. Students are reminded to walk bikes, scooters, and skateboards as they cross the street after first stopping to make eye-contact with the driver before proceeding into the intersection. Please also make sure your child knows to stay away from water such as Hastings creek. It is also helpful if they know what to do if they should come across a [bear, coyote or other wildlife](#). A [map](#) was created that outlines the best walking routes to Ross Road and suggestions for 'Drive to 5' for those that need to drive students.

Learning Conferences

Learning Conferences are scheduled for three days this week on **Oct 23, 24, 26 starting at 1:50pm** 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. If you have questions, please communication with your child's teacher(s).

Important Reminder: Halloween Safety at Ross Road

This is a reminder to please be thoughtful when planning for Halloween. We are seeking to partner with you to ensure this holiday is safe and fun for everyone. As we honour diversity, we want our learning environments to be places where everyone feels safe, included, respected, and valued. Please read the [letter](#) sent from the Superintendent on Oct 19, 2023.

- Costumes will be permitted at school on Tuesday Oct 3st. Students may come dressed in costume as there will be no opportunity to change during the school day.
- Please DO NOT send items that could be damaged during the day.
- As we are an Elementary school, please be mindful NOT to wear costumes that are overly scary or gory. **No masks are permitted to be worn at any time.**
- Replica weapons of any kind (e.g., guns, knives, handcuffs, chains etc.) are not allowed.
- Students should be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to any staff member when asked. Therefore, students' faces must be visible at all times.
- Costumes that are offensive in any way will not be allowed. Please consider the rights maintained in the Canadian Human Rights Act when selecting costumes.
- The Ross Road code of conduct must always be followed, even when in costume. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property.

Reminder: Ross Road Scares Hunger

Thank you for sending non-perishable food items, grocery gift cards, and new-in-box toiletries to support Sage House and Thrive Family Centres. Please carefully check the expiry date of any items you might be donating.

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.

PAC INFORMATION

Winter Craft Fair

Calling all Grade 4 and 5 Ross Road Parents! This year our Grade 4 and 5 parents and caregivers are tasked with organizing our 2023 Winter Craft Fair. We are looking to put together an organizing committee and we need some volunteers. The date for the Winter craft fair is December 14th, 2023 and is approaching quickly. It is a great fundraiser for the school and a fun event for friends and families of Ross Road Elementary School. Please

contact Jessica Bottiglieri if you are interested
at jessica.bottiglieri@gmail.com

Important Dates:

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

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

October 26 – Grade 6/7 Cross Country Meet at Loutet @3:30pm

October 27 – PAC Halloween Dance 5:30-8pm

October 31 – Halloween

November 6 – Photo Retakes

November 8 – PAC AGM

November 13 – No School, Remembrance Day holiday

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.