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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,

Thank you so much to the adults who helped pick up debris and garbage on the field after Halloween. Your efforts, combined with that of the school custodian and school staff, made a big difference.

erase = expect respect & a safe education

[erase](#) is about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, families, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. erase started in 2004 through the provincial government's Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools Strategy, and has since evolved.

Families are encouraged to review the resources and information found on the erase website with their children, including about online safety, mental health and well-being, substance abuse, bullying, racism, sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and more. There is also a [reporting tool](#) to get help and support.

Starting on November 16, the school district and school websites will feature erase on the homepage rotating banner. We are doing this to increase awareness of this resource. You can expect to see erase shared on school district and school websites periodically throughout the school year.

Poppy Donations

During this week of Remembrance, we will be collecting donations for the Poppy Fund. All students will receive a poppy on Friday for our Remembrance Day assembly. Students can hand the money to their classroom teacher. Thank you for your donation to the Poppy Fund. Through your generosity, the Legion is able to help all of Canada's Veterans and their families.

We will have very limited seating for a few caregivers for the assembly scheduled for 10:40am. Students who are part of organizations such as guides, scouts, cadets, etc, are encouraged to wear their uniforms on Friday to be part of a symbolic honour guard as students and adults enter the gym for the assembly.

PAC INFORMATION

The final deadline for orders for The Card Project is **Sunday, November 19**. These orders will be delivered in the week of December 5 to 9.

To place your order:

1. Go to www.TheCardProject.ca
2. Click on "TO ORDER"
3. Click on "USE MY SCHOOL ACCESS CODE" and enter our School Access Code: RR97.
4. Find your child's class (use the dropdown menu to find the division and teacher) and then enter your child's first name.
5. Select which products you would like to order and then customize your products (at no extra cost).

If you have any questions or need assistance with orders, please contact:

Marcelle at: Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca; or

Michele, PAC Coordinator for The Card

Project: mikeandmichele2009@live.ca

The PAC thanks you for your participation in this great fundraiser!

Winter Craft Fair

Save the date: Ross Road Winter craft Fair

Date: December 14th, 2023

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Details to follow.

Winter Holiday Shopping Event

The Grade 7 Committee is thrilled to offer you a variety of fundraising shopping options this holiday season. Share the order links with your friends and family to support our Grade 7 students!

Purdy's Chocolates

Get ready for the holiday season with delicious chocolates from Purdy's! Whether you're looking for gifts for your family, friends, neighbours, or just a treat for yourself, you can find everything you need in one convenient location. Ordering is easy! Simply login or create a new account at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1767669-108254>, click JOIN A CAMPAIGN, shop online, use marketplace, start shopping, and invite your friends and family to shop as well.

DeVry's Poinsettias & Wreaths

Order beautiful poinsettias, fresh holiday wreaths, and indoor & outdoor holiday greenery arrangements from DeVry's. Order link: [Ecole Ross Road School - Support our Grade 7 Students! \(growingsmilesfundraising.com\)](https://www.growingsmilesfundraising.com)

The deadline for ordering Purdy's & DeVry's is November 20th, 2023. Order pick-up will be at the school on December 7th, 2023.

The Pie Hole - Handmade Pies

Choose from 10 flavours of local, handmade pies, including Chunky Monkey and Bacon Cheeseburger. Order link: rossroad.thepiehole.com

The deadline for ordering pie is November 16th, 2023. Order pick-up will be at the school on November 23rd, 2023.

District Information

Strategies for Supporting Anxious Youth with Neurodivergent Needs – November 16

Hosted by Foundry North Shore, and in partnership with the North and West Vancouver School Districts and Ministry of Children and Family Development, this presentation will provide an overview of evidence-based practical parenting strategies for supporting anxious children and youth with neurodivergent needs. The online presentation takes place on Thursday, November 16, 7 to 9 p.m. [Register for this presentation through Eventbrite.](#)

Student Inclusive Education Sub-Committee opportunity

The Student Inclusive Education Committee is a sub-committee of the school district's Inclusion Committee and was created in 2022. The sub-committee provides neurodivergent students and students with disabilities an opportunity to ensure support for students' education and school journey by:

- Sharing their experiences and perspectives.

- Providing advice to the NVSD on all matters pertaining to students with disabilities, autism and/or intellectual disabilities.

Participation is open to students in Grades 6-12. All students have the option to attend meetings with the support of a family member, peer or support person. Meeting locations and schedule will be determined with the participants.

If your child would like to participate on this sub-committee for the 2023-2024 year, please email InclusiveEducation@sd44.ca and provide the student's name, school, grade and contact information. The number of sub-committee participants will depend on the number of applicants.

Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities – November 8, 28, 30

Recommended for families and youth ages 10 and up, these [erase](#) sessions cover all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, to how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Concerns surrounding the use of social media, smartphones and artificial intelligence will also be discussed. Use the links below to register to this online session offered on the following dates:

- [Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.](#)
- [Tuesday, November 28, 7 to 8 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, November 30, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.](#)

Important Dates:

November 6 – Photo Retakes

November 8 – PAC AGM

November 13 – No School, Remembrance Day holiday

November 16 – Grade 6 Immunizations (only for students' whose guardians have signed and returned consent)

December 6 – Ross Road Band, Strings and Intermediate Choir concert
6:30pm at Ross Road

December 8 – Winter Strings Concert 6:30pm at Windsor

December 14 – PAC Winter Fair 5-8pm, Report Cards Published

December 22 – Last day of school before the winter holidays

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#/="](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.