



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,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. We hope you enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the winter break. With colder temperatures in the forecast, please ensure students are dressed and ready for the weather. We encourage a change of clothes as well.

If it is icy or snowy, the safest way to walk on school grounds is via Bushnell. The main sidewalks get cleared and salted by the District of North Vancouver while the custodian, Principal and Vice Principal, work together to clear a path at the front of the school (east side only) and to each of the portables. When the bell rings, students can enter using the main front doors and proceed to the class.

Reminder: Snow Clearance Volunteers still needed

Are you interested and available to help us clear paths when it snows? We are still looking for adult volunteers to help us. Please email rossroad@sd44.ca and we will send you more information. Thank you!

Library: There are still a few spots in the Battle of the Books Club

Grade 4-7 students read the twelve shortlisted Canadian novels and vote in the Red Cedar Award, BC's Young Reader's Choice.

Meetings are Fridays 12:15-12:45pm.

For information contact Mme. McAllister mmcallister@sd44.ca

Cybersafe from Exploitation, presented by VCH

We have been asked by Vancouver Coastal Health to share about this upcoming presentation open to all families at Ross Road. For more information, please contact Vancouver Coastal Health.

Key Note Speaker:

Tiana Sharifi is a well-known expert in the field of anti-human trafficking and sexual exploitation. With a background in Counselling Psychology, and 10 years of experience directly in this field, she is the founder of the Exploitation Education Institute, where her school-based programs, collectively known as Sexual Exploitation Education (SEE) are at the forefront of prevention education on this pressing issue and receive support from the Ministry of Education's ERASE initiative.

Tiana has been called upon to provide consulting services for Indigenous organizations and research institutes, and as a keynote speaker for nation-wide conferences. She has educated more than 80,000 students, educators and frontline workers in her lifetime maintaining an approach centering around the root causes that lead to exploitation.

Overview of presentation: Addressing modern day sexual exploitation amongst youth in the North Shore community

- Gain insights into current trends of child and youth sexual exploitation, including online threats and grooming tactics when it comes to peer exploitation, non-consensual image sharing, sextortion, online predators, and trafficking.
- Learn how to recognize potential victims of sexual exploitation and the appropriate language and practical strategies for preventing this vulnerability
- Understand what makes a youth vulnerable or at risk, and what elements of the digital space interact with those vulnerabilities
- Discover strategies for building trust and open communication
- Having a trauma-informed approach to provide support to affected youth
- Discover methods for promoting resiliency and raising awareness among youth

DATE & Time:

Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024

7-9 pm

LOCATION:

Kay Meek Arts Centre – West Vancouver

PAC INFORMATION

Please check out the PAC website for important information and updates.

[Ross Road PAC | École Ross Road School – Parent Advisory Committee](#)

DISTRICT INFORMATION

For details on events and district information please use this [link](#).

Important Dates:

January 8 – School re-opens

January 10 – PAC Meeting 7pm library

January 26 – Professional Development Day, no school for students

January 29-February 1 – Grade 6 Outdoor School

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.

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