



## 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,

We hope this week's message finds you well. As mentioned last week, we have started the process of planning for the **2024-2025 school year**. If you wish to provide input for consideration in the class building process, you have until May 31 to submit using the form ([link](#)). Please contact the office if you need support to complete the form or would like us to print you a copy.

### Track Qualification Meet

Wednesday, May 15, there is a Track Qualification Meet at Sutherland Secondary for student athletes in grade 4-7. All students participating in track have been invited to run in events at the qualification meet. Coaches have let students know which races they will be running in. The meet is scheduled to start at 12:00pm, therefore it is important to be there by 11:45am. We have been asked to encourage carpooling and park on the street, not in the school parking lot, and to remind you that no dogs are allowed on school property. Please ensure your child checks in and out with **Mme Belanger** upon arrival and departure.

### Fun Day

Friday, May 17 is fun day! Students will participate in a fun filled day of games and school community building events. If possible, we encourage students to wear the colour of their house team. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure of which house they are on.

### **Volunteer Tea**

So much of our school's success depends on volunteers! Field Trip support, Hot Lunch team, PAC, Class reps, Crossing Guards, in-class helpers, Skw'one-was elders...

With thanks, we invite you all to join us for the Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Everyone is welcome.

Friday May 24, 2023

8:15-8:45 am

Main Lobby of Ross Road

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served

Childminding will be available

### **New Buddy Bench to honour Chanel**

You may have noticed a new brightly coloured, butterfly adorned, bench near the garden. This bench is to remember a student that we lost last year, Chanel. We are in the process of creating a presentation for all students to share the spirit of friendship of Chanel's legacy at Ross Road and the action required by all when you see someone seated alone on the bench. We will be hosting an official bench opening ceremony in a few weeks after school, and all families will be welcome to attend. We will provide more information soon. We want to acknowledge that reading about this can be upsetting, so please take good care of yourself (support information [here](#)).

### **Thank you-Artist in Residence Diane Espiritu**

Last week, all students participated in a PAC sponsored clay lesson with artist Diane Espiritu (her [website](#)). We are so thankful for this visual art lesson and for the PAC support to make it happen. We look forward to sharing the collaborative art piece that will get displayed in the main entrance once it is complete.

### **PAC INFORMATION**

#### **SpringFEST 2024 - Friday, May 31st from 5-8pm**

École Ross Road's spring carnival is only a few weeks away! This annual event is not only great fun, but also an important PAC fundraising event, and your help is crucial in making it a success!

We are still looking for **40+ volunteers** to help supervise games and activities. The shifts are only 1-hour long so you will still have lots of time to enjoy the carnival. Please sign up for a volunteer time slot on the FreshSchools App today: <https://www.freshschools.com/app/events/ecole-ross-road-school-pac-springfest>

Cake Walk donations are also needed! We are looking for cakes, pies, cookies, muffins, and other delicious treats. Please contact Crystal at [crystal@crystalhiggins.com](mailto:crystal@crystalhiggins.com) if you can provide some baking.

Thanks, SpringFEST 2024 Committee

Please check out the PAC website for important information and updates.  
[Ross Road PAC | École Ross Road School – Parent Advisory Committee](#)

### **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

For more public input opportunities, NVSD events, NVSD registrations, and additional information and opportunities please check the NVSD website [News Item - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#).

#### **Important Dates:**

May 15 – Zone Track Qualification Meet

May 16 – Immunizations Grade K & 6 (only for students who have returned signed permission forms)

May 17 – Fun Day

May 20 – No school for Victoria Day

May 22 – Field Qualification Meet 3:30-5:30pm

May 23 – Ultimate Game for Ultimate Team members

May 24 – Volunteer Tea 8:15-8:45am (all are welcome)

May 27-31 – Bike to School Week & National AccessAbility Week

May 31 – Welcome to Kindergarten for 2024-25 students, SpringFest 5-8pm

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#/=>

Warmly,

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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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