



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,

It is a busy time of year with many different things happening. We appreciate you taking the time to read all about them.

This week, it is Bike to School Week and AccessAbility Week. PAC is hosting different activities each day to support Bike to School Week. We encourage all families to participate and thank PAC for all their organization of activities. You may have noticed additional bike and scooter storage around the school. These are thanks to PAC! In support of everyone's safety on school grounds, please remember to dismount once you arrive at school and walk your bike before and after school. THANK YOU!

AccessAbility Week

We are taking the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities, as well as to promote accessibility and inclusion.

The North Vancouver school district is committed to the ongoing work of identifying, removing and preventing barriers for persons with visible and invisible disabilities. See our 3 Year Accessibility Plan here: [Accessibility - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#). Check out this link for opportunities you may wish to engage in as a family: [National AccessAbility Week | Rick Hansen Foundation](#).

To Learn More:

- BCTF - [Celebrating neurodiversity: Creating neuro-affirming spaces for all learners \(bctf.ca\)](#)
- CAST - [CAST: About Universal Design for Learning](#)
- My Brain is Autistic [My Brain Is Autistic » NeuroClastic](#)

Videos – The following videos can be shared to build understanding of accessibility, inclusion and disability.

- [Autism Ontario - See the Potential with Michael McCreary – YouTube](#) - This video, which features the incredible Michael McCreary, is a wonderful introduction to autism spectrum disorder.
- [Just Like U – YouTube](#) – Rick Hansen Foundation - This video introduces Elena, Jaelyn, and Tai as well as their friends and family, who encourage all of us to create a more inclusive world. Speaking from their experience of young people living with a disability, they share their dreams about what is possible when we all choose to see the person first, with all of their potential.
- [El Deafo – A Note from the Author | Apple TV+ - YouTube](#) - Cece Bell, author and executive producer of El Deafo, explains her childhood experience with hearing loss and how the character of El Deafo becomes a super power because of her differences.
- [Indigeneity and Disability in our Schools – YouTube](#) - Indigenous communities value every one of their members for their gifts and talents, beyond their challenges and differences; it is a community effort. We have much to learn from Indigenous perspectives on disability and inclusion.
- Let's Talk about ADHD [Let's talk about ADHD - YouTube](#)
- [Amazing Things Happen! - YouTube](#) - Introduction to autism that aims to raise awareness among young non-autistic audiences, to stimulate understanding and acceptance in future generations.

Code of Conduct Updated

The School District has been working hard to revise the code of conduct and create a foundation that is consistent for all schools. We have been asked to share this with our school community. Of particular interest may be the cell phone use policy. This updated code of conduct has been created and reviewed by all stakeholders and is attached here for reference.

Final Reminder: Class Building 2024-2025

This is the final reminder that 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 and Field

Congratulations to all track athletes who participated in both Track and Field qualification meets. Students who have qualified for Swangard will be given notice this week with more information.

Swangard is on Tuesday June 4 from 8:30-3:30. Families are responsible for transporting their child to and from Swangard in Burnaby. Students must sign in and out with a teacher at Swangard. Good luck Ravens!

Library

The last day for book exchange is May 31 except for students who have library on Friday. Their last book exchange is June 7. Please remind your child/ren to promptly return library books. All books must be returned by Friday June 14. The Lynn Valley Public Library's Summer Reading Club and Teen Reading Challenge promotional visits will be June 10-19.

Volunteers Needed-Rainbow Walk

June is Pride Month, and like last year, all students will be invited to dress in a colour to show support for 2SLGBTQI+ communities. We are looking for adult volunteers to mark the route that intermediate students will be walking. If you are able to help on June 14 at 2pm, please email Mme Lauren Bourgeois at lbougeois@sd44.ca.

Reminder: June 5 Celebration: New Buddy Bench to honour Chanel

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the new bench on June 5 after school. We will be hosting a little unveiling celebration. This bench is to remember a student that we lost last year, Chanel.

PAC INFORMATION

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

École Ross Road's spring carnival is this week! 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!

If you are able to **volunteer** to help supervise games and activities, 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>

Please contact Crystal at crystal@crystalhiggins.com if you can provide some baking.

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

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

June – National Indigenous History Month and Pride Month

June 4 – Swangard District Track and Field Meet for qualified athletes

June 5 – Celebration of the new Buddy Bench

June 7 – Professional Development Day, no school for students

June 10-12 – Grade 6 Outdoor School

June 12-14 – Grade 3 Skw'úne-was

June 14 – Rainbow Walk

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 26 – Grade 7 Farewell

June 27 – Last day of school for students

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#/=>

Have a great week!

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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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