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École Ross Road Elementary School strives to foster an inclusive school community where everyone is valued and supported to realize their fullest potential as individuals and as a collective.

Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

Students and staff have enjoyed a wonderful start to the school year. September is always a busy and exciting time for everyone. At Ross Road, we recognize that social-emotional learning forms the foundation for personal, social, and intellectual development. We are committed to fostering a caring and compassionate school environment for every child. As students settle in, we are focused on building routines, relationships, and understandings that will support a successful year of learning for all.

Today, we reviewed the Code of Conduct and key school rules, emphasizing how everyone can contribute to making Ross Road a kind, caring, and inclusive community. The [Ross Road Handbook](#), which includes the [Code of Conduct](#) and other essential information, is available on the [school website](#) and in student agendas. We encourage you to review it with your child.

For those new to Ross Road, we will be sending a weekly communication called "**The Monday Message**". It will provide important updates and information, as well as a preview of key upcoming dates.

Logging student absences or lates

Ensuring students arrive safely at school each day is one of our top priorities. Ross Road Elementary uses SafeArrival, which is part of the SchoolMessenger platform, for parents/guardians to report student absences. Using the SchoolMessenger app makes it quick and easy to report your child's absence (eg. illness, vacation, appointment), reduces the

time it takes school staff to verify student attendance, and makes it more efficient for staff to respond to unreported student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are able to report your child's absence *in advance* using any of these three options, which are available to you 24 hours/day, 7 days a week:

- **1. SchoolMessenger app.** Use your mobile device to download the SchoolMessenger app, available at the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store or go.schoolmessenger.ca.
- The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
- Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **2. SchoolMessenger website.** Open your browser and go to go.schoolmessenger.ca.
- The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
- Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **3. Automated phone system.** Call the toll-free number 1-833-259-7295 and follow the prompts to report an absence.

SafeArrival is the preferred method to report your child's absence, late arrival, or early dismissal. If you are unable to use SafeArrival, please call 604-903-3755 to report the absence.

Student permission forms

This week students will bring home a package that includes many important documents and forms for completion. Please return these to the classroom teacher no later than **September 20th**. We appreciate your support with these important documents. Please also remember to complete the forms in your [School Cash Online](#). If you need support, please call the office or email rossroad@sd44.ca.

Pick-up/Drop-off

This is a reminder to please follow posted signage and speed limits. The student pick-up and drop-off area on Bushnell is not for parking in. If your child(ren) need(s) to be picked up from or walked to class by an adult, please find a suitable parking spot.

- There is **no pick-up or drop-off on Allan** as per the posted signage.
- Do not drive past the crosswalk on Bushnell. The **roundabout area is not for parking** and is closed to cars except for staff members.
- Respect our neighbours by not blocking their driveways.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe in the community.

Pancake Breakfast

The staff at Ross Road is please to invite all students and their families to the Pancake Breakfast on Friday, September 13th starting at 8:00am.

Please bring your own plate, utensils, and mug. We welcome any cash donations you may wish to make. We hope you can join us for this fun community event!

Personal Digital Devices

Students are asked to keep personal digital devices at home or powered off in backpacks from bell to bell. Please refrain from communicating with your child during the school day by text. For any time sensitive communications, call the office staff for help delivering a message. Students have access to the office phone for emergencies and are encouraged to organize after school plans with friends before school.

Meet the Staff

If you have looked ahead on the calendar, you may have noticed a **Meet the Staff night** scheduled for the evening of September 19th. Please join us in the gym at 6:30pm to start with a brief introduction. Then you will proceed to your child's classroom to hear important classroom information for approximately 15 minutes. The teachers will repeat this session one more time. If you have information, questions, or concerns specific to your child, please schedule a meeting with the teacher.

Terry Fox Run

Ross Road Elementary is proud to be recognizing Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope on September 19th. Please join us and support this important cause by donating to: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/RossRoadElementary>. Together, we can all make a difference! Toonies or cash will also be accepted but *online donations are preferred* at this time. **We are looking for adult volunteers to help supervise the run and stop traffic. If you are able to help please email Mme. Elodie Capelle at ecapelle@sd44.ca.**

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The Card Project

Over the next few weeks the students will be completing their masterpieces for The Card Project! Be sure to register online. Every child who has completed the online consent form will receive a free greeting card that showcases their art with their name and the grade printed on the back. If you would like your child to participate in The Card Project this year, you must complete the online consent form. Please go to

www.thecardproject.ca to sign up.

Deadline to complete the consent form, so that your child can participate in The Card Project, is Friday, October 4, 2024.

MunchaLunch

Ordering for Munchalunch opens Tuesday, September 10th, with the first lunch starting Friday September 20th. The ordering deadline for each hot lunch is 10 days prior to the lunch. Please ensure you double check your order and pay. Orders that have not been paid for will not be delivered.

Please take a moment to place your child in their current classroom on Freshschools. This will ensure you do not miss out on important information from the Classroom Parent/Guardian. If you are unsure of how to do this, please see the handout being sent home this week.

Important Dates:

September 11 – PAC Meeting, 7pm in the library

September 13 – Pancake Breakfast, 8am

September 19 – 6:30pm Meet the staff night

September 19 – Terry Fox run

September 23-27 – Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 27 – Orange Shirt Day

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

Please remember to check the school [website](#) for important dates, a copy of all school newsletter 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#/=)

Best regards,

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