



## École Ross Road School

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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,

We appreciate many of you volunteering or coming to cheer students and staff on for the annual Terry Fox Run last Thursday. Thank you for your generous contributions that have helped us to raise \$1796.76! We just need another \$203.24 towards our school goal of \$2000. THANK YOU. You are still able to donate in support of vital cancer research until the end of this week: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/RossRoadElementary>.

### Truth and Reconciliation Week & Orange Shirt Day

September 30, 2024, is a National Truth and Reconciliation Day to recognize the legacy and impact of Residential Schools in Canada. It is a time to come together and support those who survived, their families, and remember those who did not return home. You can read more about the 94 Calls to Action [here](#) from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. [Here](#) is a link to read about the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Finally, [here](#) is a link to explain what Orange Shirt Day is.

### Collaborative Communications

Proactive and productive parent/guardian-school relationships positively impact student success and well-being. The purpose of communication between parents/guardians and school employees is to create, maintain and enhance positive relationships in support of the student's educational plan. Communication should remain as close to the source as possible. [Here](#) is a North Vancouver School District guide to support any questions you might have.

## **Ross Road Athletics**

### **Cross Country**

Cross Country practices have begun for students in Grade 4-7. The team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-3:45pm. If your child would like to join, they still have an opportunity to do so. Extra permission forms are available at the office.

### **Basketball**

Basketball practices start this week for Grade 7 students.

Boys' practices are on Tuesday mornings from 7:50am – 8:35am and Thursdays at lunch. Girls' practices are on Wednesdays after school from 3:00pm-3:45pm and Fridays before school from 7:50-8:35am. Games will begin the week of October 7.

## **PAC INFORMATION**

### **Reminder: After-School Programs Start Next Week**

We're excited to remind parents/guardians that all after-school programs will begin next week. If you haven't registered your child yet, now is the time. Be sure to sign them up for the programs they are interested in. For any questions or help with registration, feel free to contact Linli Cui, After-School Program Coordinator, at [happyclinli@gmail.com](mailto:happyclinli@gmail.com).

### **The Card Project**

The students are putting the finishing touches on their masterpieces for The Card Project. This local small business makes beautiful, custom greeting cards, notebooks, tote bags, mousepads and tea towels with children's art. If you want to order items made with your child's art, you must complete the online consent form. Please go to [www.thecardproject.ca](http://www.thecardproject.ca) to sign up. The final deadline for the online consent form has been extended to Friday, October 11, 2024. Sign up to get a free card made with your child's art and to be able to purchase other items made with your child's art.

### **Munchalunch**

A reminder that the deadline for this Friday's hot lunch has passed. You are still able to order for subsequent Fridays, as long as you order and pay 10 days before the next lunch.

### **Parent/Guardian Social**

Tickets for the Boot Scootin' Boogie Parent/Guardian Social go on sale this Wednesday at 7am through Munchalunch. Don't delay!

## **North Vancouver School District Information**

## **Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities**

Family sessions on “Establishing Safe, caring and respectful Digital Communities” can be found [here](#).

These sessions are recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up.

### **Important Dates:**

September 23-27 – Truth and Reconciliation Week

**September 25** – Staff Collaboration, **early dismissal for students at 1:50pm**

September 27 –Orange Shirt Day

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

October 3 – Lockdown Drill at 10am (please see attached letter)

October 7 – Boys Basketball game

October 8 – Girls Basketball game

October 9 – Barn Dance (more info next week), and PAC Meeting on Zoom

**October 11** – **Individual Student Photos**

**October 14** – Thanksgiving, **no school**

October 21-24 – Grade 6 Outdoor School

**October 25** – **Professional Development Day** (no school for students)

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#/=>

Best regards,

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