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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,

It is hard to believe that it is already October. Last Friday, Ms. Brent's, Mr. Coward's, Mme Mahsa's, and Mme Cappelle's classes contributed to and led the Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day assembly at Ross Road. Their leadership and important message was appreciated by all.

Optional Beaver Computing Challenge grade 4-7

This year, Ross Road is offering students in grades 4 to 7 the opportunity to participate in the Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC). The BCC is an online, multiple-choice contest designed to introduce students to computer science concepts and problem-solving techniques. It aims to foster interest in computer science while providing students with a platform to showcase their computational and logical thinking skills in a fun and engaging way. Students in Grade 6 or below are eligible to participate in the Grade 5/6 BCC, and students in Grade 8 or below can take part in the Grade 7/8 BCC. Your child can choose which level to participate in (for example, a Grade 6 student may participate in the Grade 7/8 BCC). The completion of this optional contest will not impact your child's grades; its goal is to provide a unique mathematical experience. This 45-minute math challenge will be organized at the school between Monday, November 4, 2024, and Friday, November 15, 2024 (date and time TBD). The contest fee is \$3.00 per participant.

If you are interested, please contact Madame Capelle directly via email at ecapelle@sd44.ca, providing your child's full name, grade, division, and contest choice (5/6 or 7/8 BCC) by Thursday, October 17.

To learn more about the Beaver Computing Challenge, see previous contests, and access practice materials, please visit the website: [Beaver Computing Challenge | University of Waterloo - CEMC \(uwaterloo.ca\)](https://www.uwaterloo.ca/cehc/computing-challenge/)

Newcomer Families-Welcome to Ross Road!

To assist newcomer students and their families settle into their school and community, the North Vancouver School District has a school-based outreach program, in partnership with Impact North Shore, called Settlement Workers In Schools (SWIS). The primary focus of SWIS is to provide assistance to families with first-year settlement needs through referrals and cross-cultural education.

More specifically, the SWIS program is intended to:

- Help children adjust to school culture and focus on learning, while providing families with information and resources on settlement and immigration issues.
- Increase families understanding of Canadian culture and the BC school system.
- Increase family involvement in the school and community.
- Assess the needs of immigrant families and the barriers to successful integration.
- Increase access to and improve the effectiveness of programs, services and employment.

SWIS services are available in Farsi, Korean, Mandarin and Cantonese. You are encouraged to reach out to Impact North Shore for more information or email the school at rossroad@sd44.ca for help.

[Impact North Shore Information](#)

Barn Dance – Oct 9

Dance is part of the BC [curriculum](#) at all grade levels. Students learn elements of the arts related to dance in both their own classroom, and when they are in class with Ms. Morgan. At Ross Road, we gather yearly as a school community to celebrate and perform specific elements of dance related to different styles of folk dancing. Students may choose to wear clothing in support of the theme “harvest time on the farm”. It recognizes that at this time of year, farm produce is being stowed away for the upcoming season while celebrating the hard work of the harvest. We have changed the name of the event from Hoedown, which literally means putting the hoe down, to Barn Dance to try to get the focus back on the folk dancing and harvest time. As part of Truth and Reconciliation, we endeavor to decolonize and incorporate Indigenous perspectives when teaching the history of celebrations such as Thanksgiving which is connected to harvest time. We strive to not misrepresent or appropriate Indigenous cultures while doing so. Unfortunately, we don't have room in the gym to invite parents/guardians to watch the Barn Dance.

Goal Setting Conferences

Goal setting conferences are scheduled for three days the week of October 14th with early dismissal at 1:50pm October 15th, 16th, and 17th. These learning conferences are an opportunity for you to connect with the classroom teacher and your child to discuss all together areas of strength, areas for further growth, and set a goal. A link to sign-up will be coming soon. Classroom teachers will connect directly to families with more specific details.

Ross Road Athletics

Basketball

The first week of practices have been exciting with lots of effort and hard work. Basketball games for grade 7s begin next week.

Boys' games are on Monday Oct 7, Friday Oct 18, Monday Oct 21 and Monday Oct 28.

Girls' games are on Tuesday Oct 8, 22 and Tue Oct 29

Students will be updated by their coaches, and we will add details to the school calendar.

Cross Country

Students have been working hard at practices and running lots!

There will be no practice this week on Thursday, October 3

Important dates to note:

Wednesday October 9 Grades 4-7 Race at Upperlynn McNair Park

Wednesday October 16 Grade 4-7 Race at Loutet Park

Thursday October 24 Grade 4-5 Race at Loutet Park

Wednesday October 30 Grade 6-7 Race at Loutet Park.

More information will be communicated closer to race dates. Families are reminded that they need to make arrangements to transport their child to and from all races.

PAC INFORMATION

Co-Treasurer Needed

Our incredible Treasurer is looking for a number crunching buddy! We need someone who likes to count every penny so we can continue to offer our school and teachers all the support they deserve. If you secretly love to categorize expenses and create color-coded pie charts (and your sense of fiscal responsibility is rock-solid), you have what it takes to be our PAC co-treasurer. Proficiency in Quick Books is needed. Please contact Ross Road PAC at rossroadpacchair@gmail.com

Winter Craft Fair Committee

It's that time of year! We need to quickly assemble a committee to put together the Winter Craft Fair, scheduled to take place on December 12th. This is a responsibility assigned to the Grade 4 & 5 parents. Please email Laura at rossroadpacchair@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping out or have any questions.

The Card Project

Over the next few weeks, 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 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 11, 2024.

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.

Kindergarten Information Session – October 7

Families of children who will enter Kindergarten in September 2025 (children born in 2020) are invited to learn more about the school district, Kindergarten and the registration process. The information session will take place on Monday, October 7, starting at 7 p.m., at Carson Graham Secondary School (2145 Jones Avenue). While you do not need to RSVP to attend, by [RSVP'ing](#), you will receive a reminder leading up to the session.

Standing Committee Meeting - October 8

A Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. and will discuss Mental Health and Well-Being. Visit our [Public Meetings](#) web page for information on how you can participate and to review the meeting agenda, which is posted on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting.

Link to Superintendent's Updates [here](#) & other helpful district links for Parents and Guardians [here](#).

Important Dates:

October 3 – Lockdown Drill at 10am

October 7 – Boys Basketball game @Upper Lynn Elementary

October 8 – Girls Basketball game @Upper Lynn Elementary

October 9 – Barn Dance, Cross Country Mini Meet at McNair Park, and PAC Meeting on Zoom

October 11 – Individual Student Photos

October 14 – Thanksgiving, no school

October 15-17 – Goal Setting Conferences, dismissal at 1:50pm

October 16 – Cross Country Race @Loutet

October 17 – Great Shakeout Earthquake drill

October 18 – Boys Basketball game @Eastview

October 21-24 – Grade 6 Outdoor School

October 21 – Boys Basketball game @Lynn Valley

October 22 – Girls Basketball game @Boundary

October 24 – Cross country race grade 4/5 @Loutet

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

October 28 – Boys Basketball @Argyle

October 29 – Girls Basketball @Argyle, PAC Halloween Dance

October 30 – Early Dismissal at 1:50pm for Staff Collaboration, Cross Country Race grade 6/7

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#/=>

Thank you,

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