



## 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 hope this message finds you safe and well. We understand that the heavy rains over the weekend may have impacted families in our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need and we can try and provide assistance.

### Halloween at Ross Road

Halloween is a time of celebration for many in the community. At Ross Road, if they want, students are able to wear their costume to school on Halloween. As our school and the North Vancouver School District honours the diversity within the community, we want to ensure teaching and learning environments are places where students and staff feel safe, included, respected and valued.

In preparation for a safe and fun Halloween for all, please be aware of the following and speak with your child as appropriate:

- As we are an Elementary School, students should not dress in overly scary costumes.
- Costumes should allow for students to be easily recognizable. No masks are to be worn at any time.
- Costumes that are in poor taste or offensive in any way (e.g., hypersexualized, culturally insensitive) are not allowed. Please consider the rights maintained in the [B.C. Human Rights Code](#) when selecting costumes (e.g., race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, age, etc.).

- School codes of conduct must always be followed. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property. Vandalism is a crime.
- Replica weapons (e.g., guns, knives, etc.) are not allowed.
- The possession and use of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited. Please visit the [City of North Vancouver](#) and [District of North Vancouver](#) websites for information on municipal fireworks regulations.

Families that might celebrate with fireworks and firecrackers are asked to please not use Ross Road as a place to set these off. We welcome adult volunteers Nov 1 before school, to help clean up the school grounds of leftover fireworks/firecrackers. Thank you for ensuring Halloween continues to be a fun and safe celebration for all community members.

## **PAC INFORMATION**

### **The Card Project**

Online orders open this Friday, October 25. You'll be able to see your child's art and order greeting cards, notebooks, sketchbooks, mugs, tote bags, tea towels and other products online. Our students have completed their masterpieces for The Card Project! 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. The free cards arrive on November 12. But you don't have to wait till then to order! If you would like to receive your order by the end of November, please place your order now.

To place your order:

1. Go to [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)
2. Click on "TO ORDER"
3. Click on "USE MY SCHOOL ACCESS CODE" and enter our School Access Code: RR97.
4. Find your child's class (use the dropdown menu to find the division and teacher) and then enter your child's first name.
5. You can personalize your products (if you wish) and then order the cards and products you like.

If you have any questions or need assistance with orders, please contact: Marcelle at The Card Project: [Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca](mailto:Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca); or Michele, PAC Coordinator for The Card Project: [mikeandmichele2009@live.ca](mailto:mikeandmichele2009@live.ca). Priority order deadline is Sunday, November 3 for delivery the week of November 25 to 29 - in good time for the Christmas mail! Final order deadline is Sunday, November 17 for delivery the week of December 9 to 13. The PAC thanks you for your participation in this great fundraiser.

## **PAC Halloween Dance**

The Halloween Dance is Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8pm in the Ross Road gym. Ticket sales were sure a Thriller, selling out in under 2 hours last week! While we truly wish we could accommodate all students and families, there are capacity limits. We acknowledge the challenge this brings to those who did not get tickets. We have a lot of people on the waitlist hoping for a chance to attend. Please, if you have more tickets than you need, have changed plans, have signed up to volunteer (and therefore no longer need your own ticket), or if you can make a plan to send your child with a friend or another responsible adult...let us know ASAP by emailing Vivian [rossroadlunch@gmail.com](mailto:rossroadlunch@gmail.com). We want to give as many Ross Road students as possible the opportunity to enjoy this event. Thank you to all who have already signed up to volunteer. We still need a few more people to help with set-up, so if you can come between 3 and 5pm, please sign up. Unfortunately, we cannot have kids in the gym during this time but if they can play independently on the playground then we would appreciate any extra help. We want to send a shout out to Lynn Valley Life (<https://lynnvalleylife.com/>) for generously sponsoring our snack station and keeping things popping. And don't forget to visit Laity Farms South (<https://laitypumpkinpatch.com/south/>) for your pumpkin patch experience. We can't wait to welcome you all to this spooktacular event!!

## North Vancouver School District Information

There is a link to the Superintendent's Updates [here](#) and the Halloween message & other helpful district links for Parents and Guardians [here](#).

### **Important Dates:**

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

October 31 – Halloween

November 4 – Boys basketball game

November 5 – Girls basketball game

November 6 – Kindergarten hearing screening by VCH

November 8 – National Indigenous Veterans Day, Remembrance Day assembly (Guides, Scouts, Cadets, etc, invited to wear uniforms to 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#/=>

Best regards,

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