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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,

Welcome to this week's edition of the Monday Message. We appreciate you taking the time to read the weekly updates to keep you informed about things that are happening at Ross Road. We hope you have a great week.

Snow Clearance Volunteers Still Needed

Winter is coming, and so is the snow. We are on the lookout for brave, snow-savvy volunteers to help us keep the walkways clear when the flakes start falling. Think of it as a free outdoor workout with the added bonus of ensuring everyone can get into school without turning it into a figure skating event. If you can wield a shovel, throw some salt, and don't mind the cold, we'd love to have you join our Snow Clearance Squad! Please email rossroad@sd44.ca for more info—snowman building skills not required, but highly encouraged.

And, for all families, please remember when things get frosty, use the main east side entrance. It's our safest (and salted) route. Students with classes in the portables will have their own salted paths, and the Bushnell Place sidewalk will also be salted.

CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

Intermediate Choir for grades 4-7 starts this Thursday at 12:15 with Ms. Morgan and Mr. Coward. To join, simply come to the first rehearsal. Choir is a club, and we have only 5 rehearsals so attendance at each rehearsal is mandatory. We will be going on two field trips and have other performance

opportunities in the school! Choir members will receive all information in the coming weeks.

Library Book Club is welcoming Intermediate students to these groups:

- **Red Cedar Awards** group will read and discuss at least six of twelve Canadian authored middle school novels and vote in May 2025 on their preferred book. The vote informs the provincial choice for B.C.'s choice for best Canadian novel for 9-12 year olds.
- **Battle of the Books** group will read 12 middle school novels and discuss the works in preparation for the April 2025 district competition at the Board Office. The competition involves 8-12 schools in game show style questioning on novel content.
- **Open reading.** Students explore the collection, read and may check out books.

To sign up, attend the Friday 12:15-12:45 meeting in the library or talk to Mme McAllister mmcallister@sd44.ca

PAC INFORMATION

Winter Holiday Shopping Event

Thank you to everyone who has already ordered chocolate, festive greenery and coffee! All fundraising profits support Ross Road Grade 7 farewell activities, so every order makes a great difference to us. Even if you can't buy from us, it would mean the world if you could share these fundraising opportunities with your friends and family and pick up and deliver their products for them.

Purdy's Chocolates – Ends Monday, Nov 25

Stock up on your favourite Purdy's treats AND support a great cause at the same time—it's the best of both worlds.

To Order:

- Click on link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1983579-120148>
- Click "SIGN IN" – if you have registered and ordered with Purdy's before OR - Click "Join a Campaign" and then fill out the registration form
- If asked, our campaign number is 62332
- Click 'Shop Online', Add Items to Bag and Proceed to Checkout
- Share the link with your family and friends and pickup their treats for them

DeVry Greenhouses Poinsettias, Wreaths & Succulent Arrangements – Ends Monday, Nov 25

Order fresh holiday wreaths, poinsettias and indoor holiday greenery to help

decorate your home for the holidays.

To Order:

- Click on link: <https://rossroadelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com>
- Click 'Order Now'
- Share the link with your family and friends and pickup their greenery for them

Moja Coffee – Ends Sunday, Dec 1

Delicious organic whole bean coffee proudly roasted on the North Shore! Buy 400g bags for \$16 (sold in-store for \$17.50). These are great stocking stuffers for the coffee lover in your family.

To Order:

- Through Munch a Lunch: <https://munchalunch.com/fundraising>
- Feel free to order for family and friends on their behalf through your Munch a Lunch account, and pickup their coffee for them.

ORDER PICK-UP FOR ALL WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 FROM 2:30-4:00 PM. Any questions, please email grade7srr2025@gmail.com.

FlipGive Fundraising App

The Grade 7 Committee recently introduced FlipGive - a fundraising platform/app that earns cash towards the 2025 Ross Road Grade 7 Fund. The Fund receives up to 17% on every purchase AND all proceeds subsidize Grade 7 farewell activities, reducing cost to families. This fundraiser is ongoing until May 31, 2025.

How does it work?

- Click the link to join and the fundraiser will earn a \$5 bonus the first time you shop:
- https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?fundraiser_name=Megan&joincode=P4Y5FH
- Download the FlipGive app (Our team code is: P4Y5FH)
- Buy a digital gift card to use for purchases you would make like gas, groceries, gifts, OR shop online – For example Erin bought a \$250 Esso gift card, which immediately earned the Fund \$10!

SAVE THE DATE – Friday, November 29 is Popcorn Friday!

The Grade 7 Committee will be selling freshly popped popcorn afterschool in front of school on Friday, November 29. All proceeds go to Grade 7 fundraising!

Thank you EVERYONE for your continued support for the 2025 Grade 7 Class!

North Vancouver School District Information

Upper Lynn Elementary (ULE) Speaker Series Presents - Sharon Selby
(Monday December 2nd, 7-8pm at Upper Lynn Elementary)

"Parenting in the Digital Era - Understanding the Risks and Mental Health Correlation"

Registered Clinical Counsellor and Founder of Toddler to Teen® Anxiety Solutions, Sharon Selby is passionate about reducing the high levels of anxiety increasingly impacting children and youth, which has led her to be awarded the *2020 Metro Vancouver YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Connecting the Community*. She has been counselling children, teens and families for over 27 years and runs a busy private practice at Sharon Selby Counselling in West Vancouver. <https://sharonselby.com>

Please register your attendance at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrJsbuwF5cn_dcMW1RnRYkr-G53UXGoPff0vgxEqPeD-81lw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Reminder: District Chess Championship Update

This year, the tournament date has been moved from February to Monday, May 5th (District Pro D Day). As in previous years, the event will take place at Sutherland Secondary, with registration opening in late January or early February.

In the meantime, families can find more information on our tournament homepage at [Home - North Vancouver School District Chess Championship](#) or by emailing chess@sd44.ca.

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

Important Dates:

November 20 – PAC GM Meeting 7pm Library (everyone welcome)
December 6 – Curriculum Implementation Day (no school)
December 9 – Choir, Band, and Strings Concert 6:30pm
December 12 – PAC Craft Fair
December 13 – Learning Update published (report card)
December 20 – Last Day before winter break

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,

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