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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 back on this beautiful and chilly Monday. We are looking forward to the week ahead. Last week, we celebrated the end of the first term House Team Challenge. The focus was on showing Safe behaviour. Congratulations to the white team for accumulating the most points! The challenge for term 2 is Respect.

Willy Wonka KIDS musical March 4th, 5th and 6th

Please read this important information from Ms. Morgan regarding the school musical. It is the story of Charlie and the Chocolate factory called *Willy Wonka KIDS*. All students will receive a copy of the lyrics this week to practice at home. If you would like the music to accompany them, it can be found on YouTube if you search "Willy Wonka KIDS musical". There, you'll see a playlist called "Willy Wonka KIDS Troy school 2", and that will have all the songs. There are many other productions that have been created over the years, so please be careful only to practice with this link to get the correct music!

Tickets are free to the shows and will be available soon from the school office. Your child's performance times are as follows:

Cast A Classes are: Mme Aiello, Mrs. May, Mme Belanger, Ms. Peters, Mme Simon/Tancon, Mme Noori/Kaburda, Mr. Ching, Ms. Brent, Mr. Coward, Mme MacDonald, Mme Dowling/Celine

Cast B Classes are: Mme Hewson, Mrs. Piccone, Mme Storry, Ms. Parker, Mme Donaher/Tancon, Mme Mahsa, Mr. Reczka, Mme Capelle, Mme Bulsara/Francis, Ms. Colangelo/Babich, Mme Christine/Celine

If your child is in grade 6 or 7 and is acting this year, they will be bringing home this week a page with their roles and their performances dates and times.

PROPS NEEDED! If you have any of the following items at home you could lend us for the stage, please email Ms. Morgan smorgan@sd44.ca **outdoor or indoor kids slide(3-5 feet high) with steps, a piece of plywood board 4 ft X 8 ft, decca style mic, tv crew style camera, very large props of any kind of candy**

LIGHTS NEEDED! LIGHTS TEAM NEEDED! I need a parent to champion and take charge of getting our gym lit up for the show. If you would like to volunteer to coordinate and make this happen, please email me. smorgan@sd44.ca The lights crew would put lights up on Thursday Feb 27th after school.

I'd like to have the gym lit up for the show with lights – **if you can lend us indoor outdoor decorative lights, fairy lights etc please email me and I'll put you in touch with the lights team.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN HELP for MAKEUP and COSTUMES! Please email me at smorgan@sd44.ca and let me know if you can help with any of the following times and dates: **Monday March 3rd 8:30 am -11 am; Tuesday March 4, Wednesday March 5, and Thursday March 6 – any of these dates at either 9:45 am to 11 am or noon to 1:30 pm.**

Grade 4 Ross Road Outdoor School Parent/Guardian Meeting

The grade 4 teachers would like to invite all grade 4 parents/guardians to an information session at the school on Feb 20th at 3:05pm in the library. Please mark your calendars. They will provide details of this overnight field trip and answer any questions you might have. All families are encouraged to try and attend. Don't forget about the optional orientation session at Cheakamus (info below).

Reminder: Parent/Guardian & Student Orientation at Cheakamus--Feb 1 An optional orientation session and **campus tour for Gr 3 & 4 students and their parents/guardians** is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10-1130am at Cheakamus. This opportunity is designed to support students and parents/guardians that may have anxiety or concerns regarding participation in either the Gr. 4 Outdoor School program or Gr. 3 overnight Skw'one-was program in the Cheakamus longhouse. **You are**

highly encouraged to attend this event with your child should you have any questions or concerns, or your child is feeling anxious about this overnight field trip. Ross Road will be hosting a meeting for families closer to the events.

Website Links: <https://cheakamuscentre.ca/>,
[https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/CheakamusCentre/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/CheakamusCentre/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

For reference, Ross Road Cheakamus Dates are on the school calendar:

Grade 4 ODS April 15-17

Grade 3 Skw'unc-was May 6-7 & 7-8

Submission deadline to attend the optional orientation session is January 24. Please RSVP here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RtUantX4ek-GDic4Z6NToBZnlM_azqZAuXiysLZ-OYZUODBGSKY4VUxNUzVBRldFQ0EyQ1k5RFVMMC4u

If you need help with this link or more information about the orientation session, please email info@cheakamuscentre.ca

Grade 4 & 7 2025 Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 & 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same

site under the *Results* section. The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

Athletics

Tripleball

Tripleball season started last week with the first practices. Games are scheduled from the beginning of February until beginning of March.

The practice schedule is:

- **Grade 6 Girls** - Wednesdays 3:00 - 3:45 / Fridays 12:15 - 12:45
- **Grade 7 Girls** - Thursdays 3:00 - 3:45 / Fridays 12:15 - 12:45
- **Grade 7 Boys** - Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:30 / Fridays 3:00 - 3:45

PAC INFORMATION

Last Chance to Join Brainiacs Adventures

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to join *Brainiacs Adventures*! This fun and engaging after-school program combines board games and chess to help students develop strategic thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. Currently, the program is at risk of cancellation due to student dropouts caused by scheduling conflicts with other activities. but the provider is committed to delivering a great experience for the enrolled students—and they hope to welcome more participants!

If your child enjoys games and learning in a collaborative environment, this is a fantastic chance to participate in a program designed to inspire creativity and critical thinking. The fee will be prorated. Secure your child's spot today and help keep this wonderful program running for our school community!

For more information and registration details, visit the PAC website: <https://rossroadpac.ca/after-school-programs/>

Movie Night

Mark your calendars for Ross Road Movie Night, Thursday, February 13th from 5:30-7:30. Snuggle up in the gym with friends and snacks for a fun and free night. The movie is "Migration". Bring your own camp chairs and pillows or blankets.

Spring Fest

It's time to start thinking about our Spring Fair! Planning is already underway but we need a few more parents with children in grades 2 and 3 to help on the committee. Please contact Laura Jamieson at rossroadpacchair@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

Grade 7 Committee

Seeking Business and Community Sponsors for Yearbook

The Grade 7 Yearbook Committee is working on our 2025 yearbook. As part of this tradition, we're reaching out to local businesses and community members to ask for support as sponsors. Please ask your friends and family if they'd like to sponsor an ad! For more info, please see attached 2025 Ecole Ross Road Elementary Yearbook Sponsorship Letter.

Grad 2025 Bottle Drive

Please support our Class of 2025 by donating your cans and bottles! It's easy:

1. Collect your empty bottles and cans in a clear/transparent bag.
2. When your bag is full you can drop it off at any Return It Express location (full list of locations can be found [HERE](#)).
3. Stickers are printed off at the kiosk when you arrive – you simply enter 604-657-3295 and the Ross Road Class of 2025 will be credited.

FlipGive Fundraising

Support the Grade 7 Class with everyday shopping! With just a few extra steps, you can contribute a percentage of every purchase you make to the Grade 7 Class.

How can I join?

1. Join the fundraiser by clicking the link below. You'll earn a \$5 bonus for the fund on your first purchase: [Join FlipGive Fundraiser](#)
2. Download the FlipGive app (use our team code: P4Y5FH).
3. Shop as usual! Buy digital gift cards for everyday purchases—gas, groceries, gifts OR shop online.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the 2025 Grade 7 class! Any Grade 7 Fundraising questions, please email grade7srr2025@gmail.com.

For detailed program information and registration links, visit the PAC Newsletter or the PAC website: <https://rossroadpac.ca/after-school-programs/>

North Vancouver School District Information

Public Comment Period Open - Proposed 2025/26 School Calendar

This is to confirm that the public comment period for the proposed 2025/26 School Calendar is now open. Students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members are invited to share feedback on the proposed calendar via an MS Forms survey, accessible from the school district's [public District Calendar web page](#).

The public comment period will close at midnight, February 11, 2025. The Board of Education will review the public comments received, and will finalize the school calendar for the 2025/26 school year at its February 25, 2025 Public Board Meeting.

Reminder: Late French Immersion Grade 5 Families

Family Information Session:

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Time: 6:00–7:00 PM

Location: Mountain View Room, 5th Floor, ESC (2121 Lonsdale)

Reminder: 2025-26 Elementary Band and Strings - Registration Opens January 13

Registration for the 2025/26 Elementary Band and Strings Program opens on Monday, January 13, 2025. The updated program information for 2025/26 is available on the NVSD Band and Strings webpage.

Registration Options and Fees:

1. Early Registration (January 13 – February 28, 2025):
 - Fee: \$550
 - Monthly installment plan available until September 1, 2025.
2. Late Registration (March 14 – September 29, 2025):
 - Fee: \$625
 - No installment plan available.

(Late Registration is subject to program availability and low early registration numbers may impact this option.)

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

Important Dates:

January 24 – Pro-d (no school for students)

February 14 – Pro-d (no school for students)

February 17 – Family Day (no school)

February 26 – Early dismissal for staff collab at 1:50pm & Pink Shirt Day

February 28 – Musical sound check

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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