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Admin Update for PAC Meeting October 20th, 2021

The School Community of Ross Road strives to support potential for all that values diversity and is built in a safe and caring environment. Ross Road is welcoming, caring and inclusive. We foster a culture of engaged learners and critical thinkers who are responsible and respectful. As a school community we promote a sense of belonging for all.

Important Health and Safety Reminders

Please continue to monitor your children closely for illness.

- Complete a [Daily Health Check](#) and Stay Home when sick
 - [K-12 Health Check app](#)
 - Refer to the BCCDC's [When to test for COVID-19 document](#)
 - Staff, students and families can also use the BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- Remind your child to practice proper hand hygiene
- Send a mask!!
- Don't forget to send a water bottle
- For school exposure notification information from the school district please check [HERE](#)

Reminder: SafeArrival District Attendance Procedures Updates

Road began using SafeArrival on **Monday September 26th**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Ross Road Scares Hunger

Ross Road students will be supporting our local community this Halloween by collecting nonperishable items or grocery store gift cards for Sage Transition House starting today: Oct 18-29th.

Sage House: Sage Transition House is an 18-bed transition house that provides safety and support to women and their children fleeing abusive situations. Shelter, food, clothing, personal items, referrals, advocacy, individual support, and support groups are offered for up to thirty days.

<https://nscss.net/>

School goal- 1500 nonperishable items &/OR grocery store gift cards (Save-on, Safeway, Walmart, Superstore)

If we reach the goal, students receive an extra recess.

School Based Halloween, October 29th

We are pleased to recognize this upcoming holiday. As we honour diversity, we want our learning environments to be places where everyone feels safe, included, respected and valued. We therefore expect students and families to be thoughtful when planning for Halloween. As per the Superintendent's message shared with all families on [Oct 15, 2021](#), please be aware of the following:

- Costumes will be permitted at school on Friday Oct 29th. Students may come dressed in costume as there will be no opportunity to change.
- Please DO NOT send items that could be damaged during the day.
- As we are an Elementary school, please be mindful NOT to wear costumes that are overly scary or gory. No Halloween masks are permitted to be worn at any time.
- Replica weapons of any kind (e.g., guns, knives, etc.) are not allowed.
- Students should be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to any staff member when asked. Therefore, students' faces must be visible at all times. COVID masks are still an expectation K-7.
- Costumes that are offensive in any way will not be allowed. Please consider the rights maintained in the Canadian Human Rights Act when selecting costumes (e.g. race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, genetic characteristics, disability).
- It is inappropriate to wear costumes in poor taste (e.g., hypersexualized, culturally insensitive).
- The Ross Road code of conduct must always be followed, even when in costume. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property.

School Planning Meeting Recap

On Monday, October 18th, we hosted our first school planning meeting which included administrators, teachers, education assistants, and parents. We dissected our current school goals and brainstormed next steps in alignment with the "What? So what? and Now What?" thinking routine. We are excited to continue with this collaborative process that helps identify the strengths of our school and areas for further development for both students and ourselves. Stay tuned for more updates and ways to add your voice. Thank you Denise and Dorina for representing our parent community!

Parent Teacher Conferences November 16-18th

Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for parent teacher conferences the week of November 1st. Information on how to book along with the registration link will be included in the Monday message on November 1st.

Upcoming!

October 26 & 27: Cheakamus Grade 4 & 5

October 29th School Halloween

November 8th: National Indigenous Veterans Days

November 11th: Remembrance Day – No school

November 12th: Pro-D Day – No school

November 16th – 18th : Scholastic Book Fair