



Thank you to those who attended the PAC meeting for all parents via Zoom where we announced our new Kick Start Campaign.

Kick Start Campaign

COVID-19 has caused the PAC to shift our focus from major fundraising events, to simply meeting the fundraising needs of our school. Today, you should find a letter in your child's backpack that details our new Kick Start fundraising campaign and the ways you can donate to enhance classroom learning and the school experience this year.

PAC funding pays for teaching and learning resources for the classroom, gym and sports equipment, iPads and laptops, library books and furniture, and visiting or virtual performances or speakers. Without Munch-A-Lunch, Winter Fair, and Spring Fair this year due to COVID-19, the PAC has a **financial loss of about \$38,000**, which translates to about \$70 per student. Classrooms may have changed, but the commitment of Ross Road staff has not. Help us make this a great school year for our kids and for our community. A **contribution of just \$40 per child** will prevent the PAC from going into a deficit. More importantly, it will help teachers at the beginning of the year as they adapt to teaching during a global pandemic. Help support our teachers right now.

There are several ways to give:

1. By **cheque** written out to Ross Road School PAC. Please submit to your classroom teacher or ask your child to drop off your cheque to the school office. No tax receipt will be issued.
2. By **e-transfer** sent to treasurer@rossroadpac.ca. Please use the password kickstart. No tax receipt will be issued.
3. By making a donation via **School Cash Online**. A charitable tax receipt is available with this donation option. These funds will remain in a trust account for Ross Road PAC held by the North Vancouver School District.

Questions: We are happy to answer any questions, please contact rossroadpac@gmail.com

Ways you can serve the school:

Class Reps – We still need class reps for some classes. If you are able to help fill this role, please contact Beck Williams at beckwilliams01@gmail.com

Ross Road Valet (crossing guard) - We need your assistance for 25 minutes in the morning. Volunteer for one morning a week for the year, or for a set period or as an occasional helper. Tell us what your availability is. This

is a vital role that keeps kids safe and traffic flowing at school drop off time. Contact parent Ed Lathioor at e.lathioor@gmail.com for more information.

Gardening committee – Do you have a green thumb? We need a couple of parents who can help with beautifying the school grounds starting with the garden area around our school sign. Contact rossroadpac@gmail.com if this is a fit for you.

FreshSchools

Don't miss out on important information! Sign up for FreshSchools today!

FreshSchools will be used by The PAC and class reps for our communication to families. It is important that families sign up to stay connected to your class community for events, fundraisers and activities we have planned for this year! Please click the link below to get started:

<https://www.freshschools.com/app/schools/ross-road-elementary-a8baaa27-ec8c-478e-9d07-dc6517402936/register>

Class Assignments If you've already signed up, please log in to your child's profile, "edit" and choose your child(ren)'s class(es) from the drop-down "class" menu.

Parent Ed Speaker: Parker Johnson, This is Table Talk

On November 5 at 7:30pm, all parents are invited to a virtual talk by Parker Johnson, from [This Is Table Talk](#), an organization that creates space for communal conversations about race and understanding. The talk will look at racism, the bystander effect, implicit bias and self-exploration, the BIPOC experience in the school system, and more. This is an Argyle Family of Schools event jointly sponsored by the PACs of Ross Road, Lynn Valley, Upper Lynn, Boundary and Argyle Schools, and is open to the parents of all participating schools. Registration information and a link to attend the event will be provided closer to the date.

Ross Road Scares Hunger

Our school is collecting donations of food to give to Sage House. The Sage Transition House is an 18-bed transition house that provides safety and support to women and their children fleeing abusive situations. Donations to be in by Oct 30th.

Safety Reminders

- Wear a mask when it's hard to maintain physical distancing on the school grounds
- Exercise good hand washing
- Walk bikes on the school grounds
- For now, not sharing is caring when it comes to treats and snacks at school