

The Northstar, Ross Elementary National School of Character

Happy Spring to all! It is hard to believe that April is already upon us. There are many opportunities in April to celebrate our students and to come together as a community. We hope to see many of our families at the District Art Show on April 22nd and 23rd as well as the Cardinal Game on April 25th to hear our choir perform. One of my favorite traditions at Ross is the Donut Dash (formally referred to as the Fun Run). The Donut Dash is an opportunity to walk and or run for a great cause. Be sure to look for sign up information very soon.

As many of you know, Ross is getting a new and improved parking lot that was part of the recent bond issue. I have shared the plans and the blue prints at PTO Meetings and Principal Coffees. I've included a copy of the blue prints so all families can have a sneak peek! We are very excited about the improvements because the lot will offer a separate carpool lane and a longer bus lane to help keep buses off Ross Rd. The new lot will also add 19 additional parking spots to support the front of the building as well as new landscaping to beautify the school. The work for the parking lot will begin in early May with the completion occurring before we begin the 2017-2018 school year.

UPCOMING DATES

- 4/01 PTO Trivia Night
- **4/03 Choir 8am**
- 4/04 5th Grade NEMS 9:15-10:30 am
- 4/05 Late Start Day School Begins @11:05am Ross Coloring Club 4:10-4:45 pm
- 4/06 Running Club 8am Kindergarten Piggy Opera 6:30pm PTO Dairy Queen Night 4:00-8:00 pm
- 4/07 5th Grade Planetarium 9-2pm
- 4/10 Choir 8am Principal's Coffee 9-10 am
- 4/12 Ross Coloring Club 4:10-4:45 pm Parkway Board Meeting
- 4/13 Running Club 8am Spelling Bee Prelims 9:15am

Ross Coloring Club 4:10-4:45 pm (last one)

- 4/14 NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
- 4/17 Choir 8am
 Project Parkway (North High)
- 4/18 2nd Grade Butterfly House 9:15-11:30 am
- 4/20 Running Club 8am
- 4/21 4th Grade Hannibal 7:30-3:30 pm Skate Night 5:45 pm
- 4/22 All District Art Show 10-4pm
- 4/23 All District Art Show 12-4pm
- **4/24 Choir 8am**
- 4/25 Ross Night@ The Ball Park 7:15pm
- 4/26 Secretary Appreciation Day
- 4/27 Running Club 8am
- 4/28 5th Grade JBiz Town
- 4/29 Ross Donut Dash 9:00 am

MAP Testing for grades 3 through 5 will occur from April 18th through April 27th



Wednesday, April 19, 2017

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

First Impact is a 60-minute evidence-based traffic safety program that educates parents about Missouri's Graduated Driver License (GDL) law. The goal for First Impact is to reduce new driver crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities by increasing parents' awareness and enforcement of Missouri's GLD law.

Objectives of the program are to increase:

- Awareness of teen driving risks
- Understanding of Missouri's GLD law
- GDL monitoring and enforcement at home
- Importance of being a positive role model

The program is delivered by trained facilitators who coach parents by presenting key facts and proven strategies to help parents lower their teens' crash risk by utilizing the Missouri GLD law.

Starting the Conversation

Raising Emotionally and Mentally Healthy Kids A Program for Parents and Caregivers

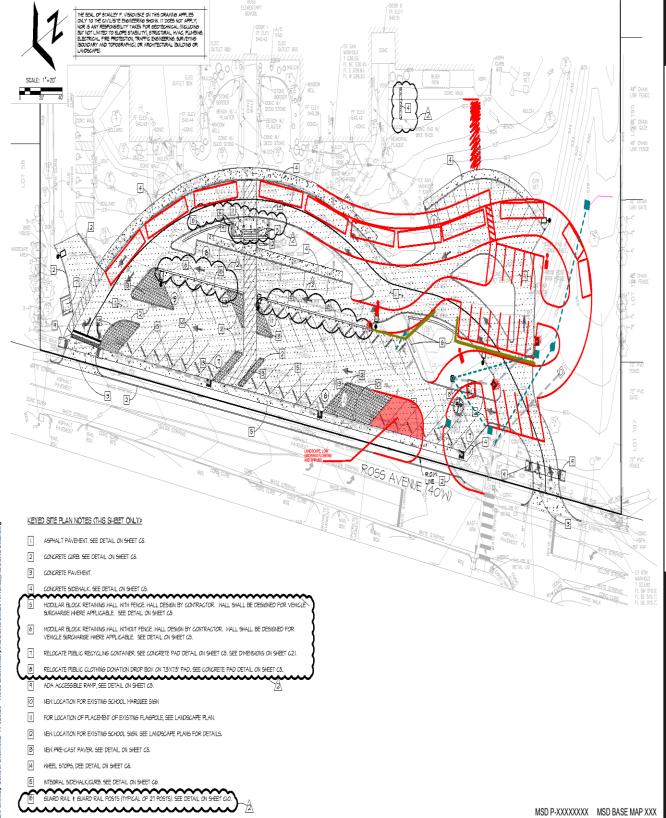




What to Expect

- Hear stories from parents and caregivers with real-life experiences
- Help your child talk about changing emotions and challenging circumstances
- Make emotional health part of your everyday conversations with your child
- Learn about free local resources that are easily available







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