

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The last few weeks have certainly been busy ones for our school; lots of great learning in every classroom and also some amazing school-wide events. We were pleased to have most of our students recently participate in the Food Bank field trips (with invaluable help from parent drivers; a big thank you to all of you who could help with that task). In addition, we hosted our second annual Stone Soup PEAK Feast. This event, more than any other, exemplifies our school's community feel. Every student, staff and many parents were involved in the preparation of this meal. It was lovely to have our entire school enjoy a meal together (that we had made together) in the gym. Another amazing school-wide event was our recent Veterans Tea where we were thrilled to be able to again host a group of local veterans. Every class in our school presented to the veterans in the form of songs or poems; history came alive for our students that day and the veterans were visibly touched. And finally, recently, we were honoured to hold our annual Remembrance Day assembly. Our students did us proud by participating so respectfully for the entire hour and a half assembly. It truly makes me proud to be working at a school where caring, kindness and community service are at the heart of our daily lives.

Mr. Mehrassa



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Jake S., Bradley B., Rhiley, Shunan, Jordyn W., Nicki, Linda, Caelynn, Ava A., Tayne, Siarah, Nico, Dean, Sherwin, Jaxon, Sebastian V., Oceanna, Dayton, Daniel G., Logan M., Keenan and Dharma.

ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who received ROARS at the October assembly:

Div. 1: Keely, Danica, and Briana
Div. 2: Linda, Alex, Quinn, Shunan & Mason
Div. 3: Carolina and Lexi
Div. 4: Braiden, Taryn and Daniel
Div. 5: Ethan, Mariam and Kira
Div. 6: Malaya, Tess and Collin
Div. 7: Carson
Div. 8: Warner, Queylan and Dawson
Div. 9: Jaxon, Ava and Zainab
Div.10: Jack and Natalie

Our next ROAR assembly is Monday, November 27th at 10:45am. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you at school.



CROSS COUNTRY

We would like to congratulate the following students who took part in the district's Fall Cross Country Runs:

Intermediate:

Breanna, Kaitlyn, Lili, Jordyn, Alexis, Taryn, Jaiden, Yuma, Harper, Austin, Nicholas, Allie, Linda and Jade.

Primary:

Alina, Aisha, Kiana, Tristan, Bradley, Kayleb, Jessika, Tess, Callie, Mariam, Hairi, Tanner, Ethan and Jake.

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

(December 7th afternoon & all day on December 8th)

Teachers will be posting conference schedules on November 23rd, at 3:00pm.

As the Student Inclusive Conferences approach, please ensure that you have been in contact with your child's classroom teacher to set and confirm a conference time. Please do keep in mind that each conference is approximately 30 minutes in

length and that **your child is required to attend with you.**

If you have young children, it is requested that you make alternate childcare arrangements for them, as this will allow for an uninterrupted discussion about your child's learning while you and your child meet with his/her classroom teacher.

Please take a moment to read the information available on the SD 42 website and familiarize yourself with the procedures of the conference. For your convenience, you may visit:

<http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/parent-information/>.

The website includes answers to many common questions as well as videos and testimonials from parents.

To see what the conferences will look like for either primary or intermediate students, please click on the link below:

<http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/files/2013/04/What-to-Expect-at-a-Conference-for-the-Parent2.pdf>

Parent/Guardians, this is an opportunity for you to ask your child questions about their year so far. Please click on the link below for some suggested questions that you may want to ask your child:

<http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/files/2013/04/Discussion-Prompts-for-Parents.pdf>

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

COMMUNICATION COMPETENCY



The **communication competency** encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media. Development of this competency focuses on four key areas: connecting and engaging with others; acquiring, interpreting and presenting information; collaborating to plan, carry out and review constructions and activities; and explain, recount and reflect on experiences and accomplishments.

For more information about the new curriculum, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum>.

Coming in December – The Thinking Competency.



Maggie and Peyton connecting with the text: learning and communicating together.

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. Grade 5/6 students presenting to and learning from each other, using digital media.



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?

*The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication, personal and social, thinking**. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.*

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:

Obtaining your driving record
(Driver's abstract):

You can get a free copy of your BC driving record by any of the following three methods:

- 1) Go to the government agent at 175-22470 Dewdney Trunk Rd. or
- 2) Call 1-800-950-1498 and have it faxed or emailed or mailed or
- 3) Go online to

<https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/cli/>

You can have it faxed directly to the school at 604-462-8746.

You can have it emailed directly to the school: wce_reception@sd42.ca

Volunteer drivers are very important to the success of school activities. We appreciate your help in enriching the children's learning experiences.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

This year our Webster's Corners Christmas Performance will be held on Tuesday, December 19th.

There will be **TWO PERFORMANCES** on **ONE DAY ONLY.** THE MORNING performance will be from **9:00-10:00 a.m.** and the AFTERNOON performance will be from **1:00-2:00 p.m.** Please note that each class will be performing in both performances. Seating will be on a first come first served basis. Admission to the concert is FREE but we encourage families to bring a non-perishable food item to donate. We would also ask that parents and relatives **stay for the whole (one hour) performance, in order to give a full**

audience for all of our performers; our students appreciate it!



LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your child(ren) to check our lost and found to check for any missing clothing items. Lost and found clothing items will be on display outside of our library during our Student Inclusive Conferences (Dec. 7th and Dec. 8th). Please take a moment to see if anything belongs to your child(ren).



REMINDER-WEATHER CHANGES AND CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather. Most days,

students will be outside for recess and lunch. A bit of fresh air and exercise is good for all of us. With the wetter and colder weather now upon us, **we ask that you send a change of clothes to school with your child on a daily basis.** This saves a lot of phone calls home if your child accidentally slips in the mud or in a puddle. This change of clothes can be kept in a plastic bag in their backpacks. Thank you!

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL:

1. Log into your Parent Portal account (<http://parents.sd42.ca>) and click on the "Report Absence" tab in the main menu.
2. Select your linked child from the drop down menu. Your child's grade and division will automatically appear.
3. Select the days of absence and provide the school with a reason for the absence and any other information you feel is relevant.
4. Click on the "Submit" button. The system will send a notification email to the school, and will also send a confirmation email to the email address linked to your Parent Portal account.

If you are reporting your child's absence through the Parent Portal, you do not need to call the school.

You may also email in your child's absence to:
wce_reception@sd42.ca

LATE ARRIVALS

We are asking for your help in making sure your child arrives at school on time. Not only does a late arrival have a negative impact on any student's academic achievement and progress, but also, when students arrive late, their entrance into the classroom interrupts the teacher and disrupts the learning of the other students. Thank you for your support with this matter.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY CLOSURES

On the rare occasion, school may be cancelled due to extreme winter weather conditions. Public announcements affecting the closure of schools will be made only by the Superintendent of Schools. The decision to close schools will be made by 6:00 am and information will be:

- posted on the SD42 Website (www.sd42.ca)
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed (SD42FACEBOOK)
- posted on the SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news)
- shared with **All News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690** radio stations

For more information about the SD42 inclement weather policy, please click on the link below:

<http://www1.sd42.ca/inclement-weather-procedures>

PAC NOTES

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who participated in our cookie dough fundraiser. Cookie Monster is really happy it was a great success! Pick up of orders is on Monday, November 20th

GINGERBREAD COOKIES

Our PAC is once again providing for our students to decorate Gingerbread Cookies on December 7th. If you are able to assist on the 7th, please contact the office. Your help is much appreciated!

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 20	Pick up Cookie Dough orders
Nov. 20	Food Bank tours
Nov. 22	Ignite Camp (grade 6)
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Nov. 24	Lunch Lady
Nov 24	PAC movie night
Nov. 27	ROAR Assembly at 11:00
Nov. 27	PAC Hot Dog Lunch
Nov. 30	PEAK Groups 1pm
Nov. 30	Skating Div. 6
Dec. 1	Lunch Lady
Dec. 6	Active Kids Noon Hour
Dec. 7	Early Dismissal at 11:30
Dec. 7	Reporting Conferences 12:00pm
Dec. 8	Reporting conferences – school not in session
Dec. 13	Active Kids Noon Hour
Dec. 15	Lunch Lady
Dec. 18	Christmas Concert rehearsal
Dec. 19	Christmas Concert
Dec. 20	Pizza Hot Lunch
Dec. 22	Lunch Lady
Dec. 22	Last day before Winter Break
Dec. 25-Jan. 5	Winter Break
Jan. 8	School reopens after Winter Break