

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



OCTOBER 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed spending some time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving long weekend. I am, personally, ever thankful to be working at Webster's, amongst such a wonderful community. As a lovely example of our feel-good community spirit, it was really nice to enjoy our first school pancake breakfast of the year, thanks to you, our parent community.

With fall firmly upon us, we are looking forward to what has now become an annual event at Webster's, our PEAK Feast on October 27th. The feast is part of our first PEAK theme for the year - PEOPLE. We were fortunate to have the Maple Ridge Museum come to our school on October 16th to talk to us about our Webster's heritage. I enjoyed learning more about our community, from a historical perspective. Continuing with the theme of PEOPLE, we'll also be delving into the

issue of poverty and how we, as a school community, can make a difference. During the month of October, we're planning to take all of our students on a tour of the Maple Ridge Food Bank. Of course, we have come to depend on our parent community in order to do some of these out-in-the community activities.

Information has been sent home with regard to both the PEAK Feast and the request for parent drivers for our field trip to the food bank.

As always, we're truly grateful for your help with our activities (and we hope that you enjoy participating too!) Without your assistance, our school would not be the amazing community it is today. Thank you so much.

Mr. Mehrassa

LIBRARY

Parent volunteers are needed to help out one or two hours a week in our Library. Duties include: Prepping new books, re-labeling, washing, and repairing older books, and other organizational duties. Please speak to Ms. Blom for more information or if you would like to help. She can be contacted at kblom@sd42.ca

NUT AWARE

The Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District, while not being able to guarantee an allergen-free environment in its schools, will take reasonable steps to provide an allergy-safe and allergy-aware environment for students with life-threatening allergies. As we have several students at Webster's who have life-threatening allergies to nuts (peanuts and tree nuts), we ask your cooperation in keeping the classrooms safe for all students by choosing snack and lunch foods for your children that are nut-free. Thank you in advance for being sensitive to this request

Nut-safe snack ideas: Wow Butter (see <http://www.wowbutter.com>), yoghurt, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, boiled eggs, nut-free granola bars, cottage cheese and fruit.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Keira H., Lauren, Ben S., Kira, Alex B., Rylan, Jade, Hairi, Miller, Calia, Kealan and Ben B.

ROARS

Our next ROAR assembly is on Monday, October 23 at 11:00 a.m. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you at school.

SCHOOL BUS

Please be advised that your child may **ONLY** ride the school bus if they are a registered bus student.

For all our bus students, please be sure to advise us on a daily basis before lunch time (wce_reception@sd42.ca) or 604-462-7595

if your child will not be taking the bus home on a particular day. We thank you in advance for helping to ensure that the bus departs on time.

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:

[Inclement Weather](#)

ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

WHO IS AN ABORIGINAL STUDENT?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. **No documentation is required and the ancestry can go back several generations.** Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact:

Diane Graves Principal,
Aboriginal Education Phone:
604-466-6271
Email: Diane_Graves@sd42.ca

HOSPITAL HOMEBOUND SUPPORT

Do you have a son or daughter who is ill or injured and unable to attend school?

School District No. 42 provides support to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The Hospital Homebound teacher works with elementary and secondary students who have not been allocated support teacher time through a special needs designation. Students may be absent due to a non-contagious illness or they may be recovering from surgery or an

injury. Instruction is provided in Ridge-Meadows Hospital or in the student's home.

How does Hospital Homebound support work?

The Hospital Homebound teacher provides direct instruction and support to students, with the goal of helping them return to class with as little interruption to their education as possible. The teacher also helps students maintain connections with the people and programs at their school. While receiving Hospital Homebound support, students continue to be registered at their school and in their classes. Students work on the core academic subjects. They often use the same materials and complete many of the same assignments as their classmates, although some adaptations may be necessary depending on the child's illness. Students typically receive two to three hours of support each week.

When can a student be referred?

Homebound students qualify for support if they are absent from school for 10 consecutive school days. Students who are hospitalized can be referred upon admittance to Ridge-Meadows Hospital.

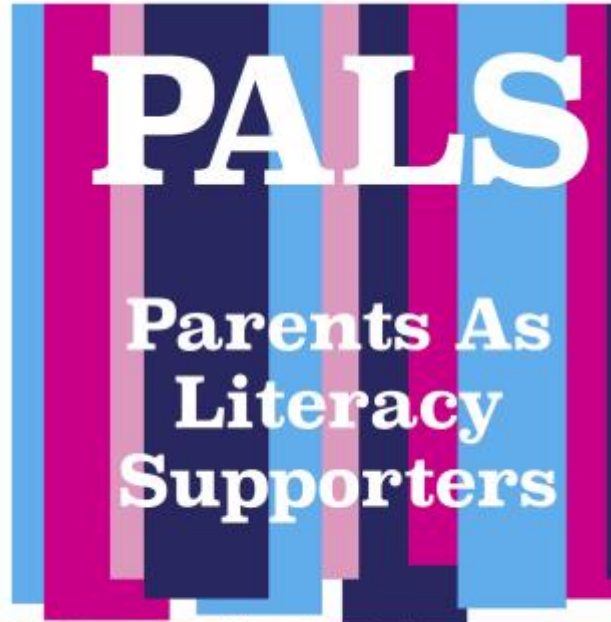
How do I refer my son or daughter?

Contact your child's teacher, counselor, or administrator. He/she will complete the Student Support Services referral form. A physician's authorization form is also required (available at the school). For more information contact Natalie Gehm, the Hospital Homebound Teacher, at 467-1101, or by email at ngehm@sd42.ca.

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be on November 3rd, 2017 at 8:45am

DISTRICT EVENTS



PALS (Parents as Learning Supporters) is a free literacy program for parents/caregivers and their kindergartners or children ages 3 & 4. Children receive a FREE BOOK with each session.

Please call the school to register for a session:

Ablion 604-463-4848: March 29, May 10 (3-4pm)

Alouette 604-463-8730: Nov. 15, Feb. 21, Apr. 18 (3-4 pm)

Davie Jones 604-465-9908: Nov. 23, Jan. 18, Feb. 15 (3-4pm)

Eric Langton 604-463-3810: Nov. 15, Feb. 21, Apr. 18 (4-5:30pm)

Glenwood 604-463-9512: Nov. 21, Feb. 6, Apr. 24 (3-4pm)

Kanaka Creek 604-467-9050: Feb. 23, May 25 (3:15-4:15)

Laltry View 604-463-7108: March 28, April 25, May 30 (3-4pm)

Pitt Meadows Elementary 604-465-5828: Nov. 20, 3, Apr. 23 (2:45-3:45pm)

Harry Hoope Elementary 604-463-0966: Oct. 23, F, Apr. 16, **APALS**(Aboriginal Parents as Literacy Support) 3:00 – 4:00

Katzie Health and Community Centre 604-465-8921: Oct. Feb. 22, Apr. 26 **APALS**(All Parents Literacy Support) 5:00 Dinner provided, 5:30 APALS Session
RSVP to Torrie@katzie.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Ridge Meadows Early Childhood Development Committee Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2018

What's On

Free or low cost programs for families with young children in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows & Ka



Ridge Meadows
Early Childhood
Development
Committee

RMECDC supports and promotes community engagement in improving the health and well-being of all children from pre-natal to age 6 in the communities of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Kettle First Nation.

RMECDC is a sub-committee of the Community Network and a member of the Provincial Child First Initiative.

RMECDC welcomes community involvement. Call 604-916-1551 or email: info@ridgemeadows.com for more information about the Early Childhood Development Committee and its work or to find out how you can become a member of the committee.

Follow RMECDC on Facebook: Ridge Meadows Early Childhood Development Committee
Twitter: @ridgemeadows Website: www.ridgemeadows.com



October, November & December Programs and Events

PROGRAMS AT THE HIVE

Westcoast Family Centres' Nobody's Perfect FREE program for parents with children birth to 5. Discuss real life parenting situations & discover positive ways of parenting. Free childcare available. Thurs, Oct 5 - Nov 23, 10:30 - 12 p.m. Registration required at bit.ly/nobodysperfect

For the following two programs, please register at sentinel.projects@meadowsoffamily.org with your name, phone #, child(ren)'s age(s) and indicate which program you are registering for:

Westcoast Family Centres' Mother Goose For parents and their babies or young children (0-5 years) to help build healthy relationships and develop early learning and language skills through rhymes, songs and stories. Older siblings welcome. Includes a small snack. Wed, Oct 4 - Nov 28, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Westcoast Family Centres' Intergenerational Mother Goose - Seniors from Westcoast Seniors Living Community will join in this unique Mother Goose intergenerational experience. Fri, Oct 6 - Nov 23, 10-11:30 a.m. - 12:00 PM @ 190A Ave. Pitt Meadows

PROGRAMS AT THE EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Webster's Corner Elementary School, 23534 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Maple Ridge The Early Years Centre has moved from Blue Mountain Elementary. Some programming will remain at Blue Mountain in the StrongStart room opposite StrongStart times beginning late September. Programming at the new Webster's Corner Early Years Centre will begin late October. For updates, check back regularly at www.ridgemeadows.com

BABIES FOR BABIES Friends in Need Feedbank provides milk and eggs with a hamper, as well as a one-time toyset containing baby items once the baby is born for any mother who is expecting or has a child up to age one. To register, contact (604) 466-3663

MAPLE RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION Parent & Child Drop-In Playtime at the Leisure Centre for families with young children. Mon, Wed, Fri, 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$1 per child.

PITT MEADOWS PARKS & RECREATION Parent & Child Drop-In Playtime at the Family Recreation Centre for families with young children. Mon, Wed, 10-11:30 a.m. \$1 per child.

FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE

12334 Lougheed Hwy. Maple Ridge
Families Supporting Families - self-help group by trained facilitators. Parenting information in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Free on-site childminding available.

Single Mom Mom, Dinner & Childminding group **Young Parents** Wednesdays, 2 - 4 p.m.
Parenting Young Children group Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call Christine Smeaton at (604) 467-0555 or www.familiesupport.ca FREE bar registration is free

Mental Wellness Parenting - FREE 8-week program for parents experiencing depression, bipolar disorder and generalized anxiety disorder. Features mental wellness material, parenting information and support delivered with an emphasis on parental mental health. Tues, Oct 17 to Dec 3. Contact Karen Ray at (604) 467-0555 or email to smh@familiesupport.ca

HEALTHY BABIES is a Westcoast Family Centre program supporting pregnant women and new mothers (babies up to 6 months) who need extra help support and who have limited financial resources. Socialize, eat lunch together, receive information healthy pregnancy, lifestyle, nutrition and baby & public health nurse attends. Mondays 11:30-1:00 register or (604) 944-2505. **Healthy Babies** is a meeting at the Family Education & Support Centre

HR/PM COMMUNITY SERVICES

FAMILY PLACE COMMUNITY PARENTING CEN 23259 119th Ave. Free programs for families with young children. (604) 466-8484 or (604) 788-7888
Dinner for a Mom Come spend some quality time your child while meeting other families at Family Place about community resources, and participate your child's learning and exploration of the centre activities. Mon, 9 - 11 a.m.; Tues, 9:30 - 11:30; Wed, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Thurs, 10:30-12:30 p.m.; Fri, 10:30 - 12 p.m.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL - 11901 St. Free referrals & information for parents need childcare or preschool; help with child care subsidies; large educational toy lending bin (annual fee \$3.00) for families with children up to 12; support for home based child care provider (membership is free). Call (604) 467-2273 or online at www.communitylink.bc.ca

TWIN BROTHERS CHOICES Supports and empowers young mothers to become independent, confident members of their community while giving the best start to their children. Contact (604) 813-5525 jennifer@twinbrotherschoices.org for more info

October, November & December Programs & Events for Families with Young Children

STRONGSTART CENTRES

Free, early learning drop-in program for parents/caregivers and their children ages 0-5 years. Play and explore in a healthy, safe and inspiring environment.
Maple Ridge 8:30 - 11:30 daily
Eric Langton - 12138 Edgemoor St., Maple Ridge
Glenwood - 12410 Glenwood Ave., Maple Ridge
Hastings - 11320 260 St., Maple Ridge
Holly Ridge - 12280 230 St., Maple Ridge
Highland Park - 18961 1st Ave., Pitt Meadows
Maple Ridge 8:30 - 11:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Arlene Woodley - 1130-8-30
Blue Mountain - 12132 248 St., Maple Ridge

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Doris Jones - 12030 Wilby Rd., Pitt Meadows
Folville - 12299 268 St., Maple Ridge

Register with your child's birth certificate the first time you drop in or on-line at: www.scd2.ca/strongstart-centres. Call (604) 463-4300 for more information

PALS (Parents as Learning Supporters)

Free literacy program for parents/caregivers and their kindergarten or children ages 3 & 4. Children receive a FREE BOOK with each session.
Phone the school directly for times and to register
Alouette - 604-463-8733, November 18
Beaumont - 604-463-8733, November 23
Eric Langton - 604-463-8733, November 15
Glenwood - 604-463-8733, November 21
Pitt Meadows Elementary, 604-463-5525, November 20

Watch for details of Winter and Spring PALS sessions in upcoming newsletters

APALS in consultation with Elders and other Aboriginal community members.

Alouette - 604-463-8733, November 18
Beaumont - 604-463-8733, November 23
Eric Langton - 604-463-8733, November 15
Glenwood - 604-463-8733, November 21
Pitt Meadows Elementary, 604-463-5525, November 20

Kettle Health and Community Centre

19700 Sechin Rd. Pitt Meadows, Thurs, Oct 25, dinner provided - 2 p.m. followed by APALS - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

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RIDGE MEADOWS ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM - Free support and information groups for parents of children and youth with special needs. Groups meet regularly. Offer a speaker presents information based on the parent's interests. For more information or to be added to our email distribution list to receive invitations to meetings, please contact:

Troy Newell at tnewell@meadowsof.com or (604) 467-8700 ext 119.

RIDGE MEADOWS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

If you have questions or concerns about your infant, toddler or young child's development, call (604) 463-5861. Speech & language therapists, occupational and physiotherapists as well as family support workers can help. For information, visit www.ridgemeadows.com

Family Connections Program - The Key Worker serves families whose children have Complex Developmental/Behavioural Conditions in neurological or brain-based condition with associated challenging behaviours. Includes: autismed or confirmed Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Please (604) 463-5861

WHAT'S ON FOR FREE AT THE LIBRARIES

PITT MEADOWS LIBRARY - 8120 - 12099 Hwy 66

Babytime - Mondays, October 2 - December 4, 10:15-10:45 a.m. (closed Oct 9 & Nov 13 for statutory holidays)
Storytime - Tues, Oct 3 - Dec 4, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Registration required
Baby Social - Wed, Oct 4 - Dec 6, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Storytime - Thursdays, Oct 5 - Dec 7, 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Family Drop-In - Fri, Oct 5 - Dec 7, 10:15-11 a.m.
Family Movie Afternoon - Fri, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Oct 27 - Captain Underpants (PG)
Nov 24 - Ice Age: Collision Course (PG)
Night Time Tales Puppet Shows
November: Maple - Mon, Oct 22, 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.
Christmas Countdown - Tues, Dec 5, 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.

MAPLE RIDGE LIBRARY - 130 - 22470 Dewdney Trunk Rd

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Storytime - Tues, Thurs, Sat Oct 3 - Dec 5, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
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FREE AT THE MAPLE RIDGE HEALTH UNIT

Call (604) 476-7200 for information on any of the following:

Breastfeeding Support One-to-one breastfeeding support with a public health nurse

Postnatal Breastfeeding Class Focus is on breastfeeding basics and early success with breastfeeding. Call (604) 476-7200 to register for one of the sessions. Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 28, 6-8 p.m.

Baby Time Drop-In for parents of children younger than 12 months. A Public Health nurse will attend / present on Oct 30 & Nov 27. Mondays, 10:15 a.m. - 2nd Floor "Story Room" at the Maple Ridge Library

Baby Social - Wed, Oct 4 - Dec 6, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Pitt Meadows Library. A Public Health nurse will attend / present on Oct 4, Nov 1, and Dec 6.

Breast Milk Depot in Maple Ridge. Did you know you can donate your breast milk? Screened donors can drop off their milk at the Milk Health Unit for shipment to BC Women's Hospital Milk Bank. Milk is given to the most fragile babies in the province and these newborns in our community who require supplementation in hospital. Register at www.breastmilkbank.ca Call (604) 476-7200 to drop it off.

Speech & Language monthly drop-in clinic for children 3 and younger to receive a brief screening. Sessions are 5-10 minutes and are on a first come, first served basis. Call the Health Unit for dates. Immunization reminder is your child due for 18 months

immunizations! Call (604) 476-7200 to book an appointment

BABY CAFE - Come meet other new parents in the community for casual conversation in a warm atmosphere. Baby home baked goodies, coffee, and tea. There are car seats and toys for babies to play. FREE. Toddler welcome. St George Anglican Church, 23350 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Maple Ridge. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MOM & BABY YOGA - Free yoga class designed for moms offers a unique opportunity to rebuild connection with your body, bond with your baby, and meet other moms. Tues, Oct 4 - Dec 4, 1:30 p.m. Presented by Cythra Thompson House Society and Central White Yoga. Call Marla at Cythra to register: (604) 467-8939 ext. 231

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 23	ROAR Assembly 11am
Oct. 23	Hot Dog Lunch
Oct. 23	Intermediate Cross-Country at Alouette Lake
Oct. 24	Div 9 & 10 Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 24	Gr. 6 immunizations info session with Public Health nurse
Oct. 24	Girls' Volleyball game at HOME versus Albion
Oct. 24	Primary Cross-Country at Albion Sports Complex
Oct. 25	Active Kids Noon Hour
Oct. 25	Div 1&2 Great Escape
Oct. 26	PEAK Groups 1pm
Oct. 26	Grade 7 Parent meeting at 6pm
Oct. 27	PEAK Feast 11am
Oct. 27	Lunch Lady
Oct. 27	Boys' Volleyball game AWAY at Whonnock
Oct. 30	Food Bank tours
Oct. 30	Boys' Volleyball game AWAY at Fairview
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1	Active Kids Noon Hour
Nov. 2	PEAK Groups 1pm
Nov. 3	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
Nov. 3	Lunch Lady
Nov. 6	Food Bank tours
Nov. 6	Boys' Volleyball game HOME versus AR
Nov. 7	Veterans' Tea 1pm
Nov. 7	Girls' Volleyball game at AWAY at Golden Ears
Nov. 8	Active Kids Noon Hour

Nov 9	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am
Nov. 10	Non-Instructional Day- School not in session
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day - School not in session
Nov. 14	Girls' Volleyball game at AWAY at Whonnock
Nov 15	Gr 6 Immunizations
Nov. 15	Active Kids Noon Hour
Nov. 16	PEAK groups 1pm
Nov 17	Lunch Lady
Nov. 17	Boys' Volleyball game HOME versus Albion
Nov. 20	Food Bank tours
Nov. 20-21	Ignite Camp (grade 6)
Nov 22	Active Kids Noon

	Hour
Nov. 23	PEAK Groups 1pm
Nov. 24	Lunch Lady
Nov. 27	ROAR Assembly at 11:00
Nov 29	Active Kid Noon Hour
Nov. 30	PEAK Groups 1pm
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