

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Wildcats



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The highlight of December for me was enjoying the fantastic Christmas concert, together with all of you. The children had a lot of fun with it and we received lots of positive feedback from our parents about this year's Christmas concert; I agree, it was particularly well done. Thank you again to all our students and staff for working so hard in preparation for the performances!

Thank you, also, to all of our parents for attending the Student-led conferences in early December. It's always rewarding to see how involved students are in their own learning and in sharing their work with their parents.

Finally, this year, with the help of our PAC, the Webster's staff, and the Early Years Center, we were able to sponsor 5 families in need, this Christmas. It's particularly rewarding to know that we were able to support some families from our own community. Members of my staff shopped for the families and wrapped up all the gifts; some were even lucky enough to deliver the hampers in person. What a rewarding experience and what a great way to head into the new year, by sharing kindness with others :-)

Mr. Mehrassa



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Payton, Jaiden, Madison, Delylah, Ethan S., William, Dylan, Harvey, Jordan S., Jeremy, Aisha, Caiden and Nathan.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: Zachary, Annie & Phoebe
Div. 2: Sherwin, Rylan and Sophia
Div. 3: Angelina and Ibrahim
Div. 4: Breanna, Reece, Kennedy & Lili
Div. 5: Madison, Jake and Sadie
Div. 6: Alina, Kayleb and Hairi
Div. 7: Sophia and Jayke
Div. 8: Bryce, Taylor and Calia
Div. 9: Luca, Ava, Cruz, Danica and
& 10 Mariah

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration dates for the 2018/19 school year:

Sibling Registration – January 4-10, 2018
Choice Registration – January 18-22, 2018
General Registration – February 1-8, 2018
Late Registration – March 28-June 7, 2018
Open Registration – Late August 2018

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon)
Any child who turns 5 years old in 2018 (born in 2013) is eligible to register for the 2018-19 school year.

For more information see:

<http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

PARKING

Please be reminded that in order to park in the parking spot reserved for people with disabilities in the school parking lot, you must display an approved decal/sticker on your vehicle. We have had instances of vehicles taking this one spot, without having the proper identification. For example, a grand-parent who needed to use the handicapped spot during the Christmas concert was unable to do so because a car without a decal was in that spot. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

BC TRAINING AND EDUCATION SAVINGS GRANT

Sign your children up today for a \$1,200
B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant

British Columbians are encouraged to sign up for a \$1,200 grant for their children's post-secondary education and training.

To be eligible, the child applying must have been born in 2006 or later and must be at least six years of age when they apply. The child parents/guardians must both be residents of British Columbia.

Signing up for the grant is as easy as stopping in at your local financial institution and following these simple steps:

1. Bring social insurance number (SIN) cards for both the child and the parent/guardian.
2. Sign the child up as the beneficiary of a Registered Education Savings Plan.
3. Complete the application at your financial institution.
4. No additional contributions are required.

Learn more at the Ministry of Education website: <https://goo.gl/ep8bgl>

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

THINKING COMPETENCY



The **thinking competency** encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and awareness of thinking about thinking.

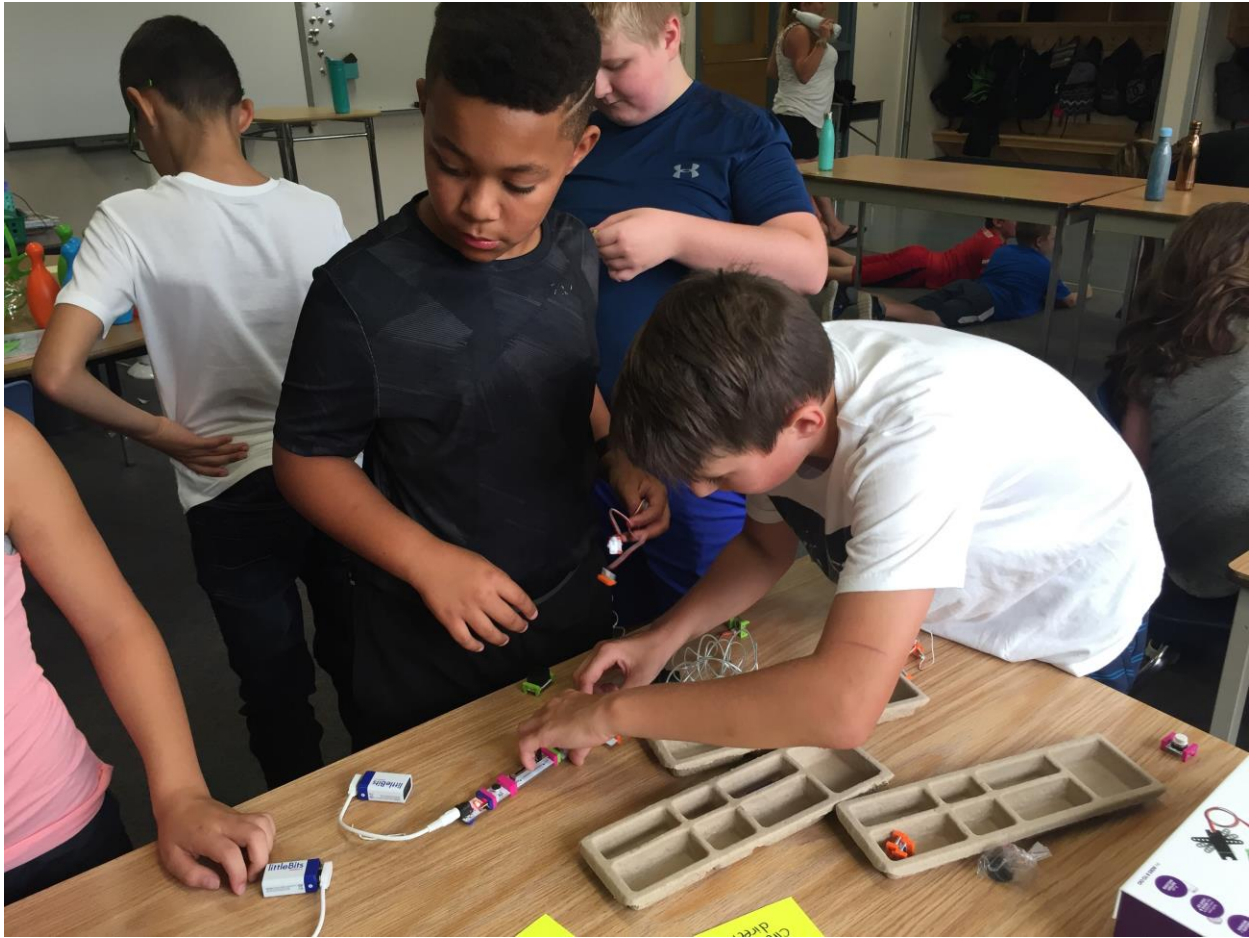
For more information about the new curriculum, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum>.

Coming in January 2018 – Personal & Social Competency.



Grade 6/7 students working on a math unit, analyzing and evaluating information.

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Grade 5/6 students planning and constructing circuits, as part of the Applied Design Skills and Technology curriculum.



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/clio/>

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 was held on Tuesday,
December 19th. Thank you to Mrs. Mann,
Ms. Blom, Ms. Qually and Mrs. Bzowy for
sponsoring our students at the lunchtime
and after school practices. The shows were
spectacular.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS WINTER 2018

Please see the attached brochure for
information about the programs and the
registration process.



LOST AND FOUND

Thank you to those parents who checked
our lost and found during the Christmas
concert for missing clothing items. The
remaining items were donated to the
Salvation Army.



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.

Students arriving to school up to 8:45am, are asked to go to their outside doors and/or outside entry points.

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

Our next PAC meeting will be on Friday, January 12th, 2018 at 8:45am in the library. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, January 10th at 9:30. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the PAC.

GINGERBREAD COOKIES

Thank you to our wonderful PAC for giving our students the opportunity to decorate the gingerbread cookies.

MAPLE RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Family Literacy Day, Saturday, January 27,
11 am – 2 pm**

The best family party in Maple Ridge!
Celebrate Family Literacy Day at Maple Ridge Public Library. Check out the community resource fair for lots of fun activities, performances by Showstoppers Academy or join in the Family Dance Party. Enjoy free popcorn and the chance to win prizes while taking in the sights, sounds and awesome activities!

For more information about Family Literacy Day, contact Maple Ridge Public Library at 604-467-7417 or check out our event information online at www.fvrl.ca.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 22	Last day before Winter Break
Dec. 25-Jan. 5	Winter Break
Jan. 4 – Jan. 10	Kindergarten Sibling Registration
Jan. 8	School reopens after Winter Break
Jan. 8	Caring Place
Jan. 9	Gifted sessions – 10:00-2:00
Jan. 10	Pancake Breakfast
Jan. 10	Active Kids Hour
Jan. 12	Caring Place
Jan. 15	ROAR Assembly 10:45
Jan. 15	Hot Dog Lunch
Jan. 16	Gifted sessions – 10:00-2:00
Jan. 17	Active Kids Hour
Jan. 18	PEAK Groups
Jan. 19	Caring Place
Jan. 19	Lunch Lady
Jan. 19	PAC Movie Night 6:30-8:00
Jan. 18-22	Kindergarten: Choice Registration
Jan. 22	PEAK Assembly
Jan. 23	Gifted sessions – 10:00-2:00
Jan. 25	PEAK Classrooms
Jan. 26	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
Jan. 29	Caring Place
Jan. 30	Gifted sessions – 10:00-2:00
Feb. 1	PEAK Groups
Feb. 1-8	Kindergarten: General Registration
Feb. 2	Caring Place
Feb. 2	Lunch Lady