

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you were able to spend lots of time with family and friends during the Christmas break and are now ready for great west coast winter months at Webster's!

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their emergency preparedness forms and provided the money for the emergency kits. We've received kit orders from approximately 80 students so far. Our goal is to have kits, whether bought or supplied by parents, for every student so, if you haven't attended to this matter, please do so as soon as possible.

January has certainly been a busy month. We continued our Webster's tradition of welcoming back students and families with our community pancake breakfast, hosted by our wonderful PAC and all the fantastic parent volunteers who helped out and enjoyed spending time with their children. Thank you also to the PAC for running Family Movie Night at the school on January 19th. It was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying the movie together - the popcorn was delicious too!!

This month, the Heart and Stroke Foundation also presented to our students and we've started the fundraising campaign. Our students will take part in the cardio circuit challenge later this month in the gym.

The After Schools program is now up and fully running. There are lots of great choices of programs, including Mad Science, Bricks4Kids and Hip Hop. I feel so fortunate that we are able to offer all of these programs at Webster's and at such a reasonable rate too.

Finally, the Early Years Centre (EYC) has recommenced their programs (which are all free!) after the renovations that took place in December. Some of the programs offered include community parenting, Mother Goose and Storytime (facilitated by the Maple Ridge Public Library). The EYC encourages you to stop by and check out what is on offer.

Mr. Mehrassa



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Omar, Blake, Chanel, Gabii, Queylan, Taylor, Cash, Breanne, Phoebe, Alex L., Jayke, Annie, Alexis B. Maggie S., Emma G. and Jessika

ROAD SAFETY

I would like to ask for your help with regard to road safety. Several times this school year, students have “jaywalked” across the street right in front of the school to be picked up by parents. Needless to say, this is a very unsafe practice. The last time students tried to cross the road without using the crosswalk, another parent had to stop traffic in both directions in order to ensure the safety of our students. PLEASE talk with your children about crossing Dewdney using the crosswalk at all times. Better still, please arrange to pick up children on the school side of Dewdney. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who received ROARS at our assembly earlier this month:

- Div. 1: Siarah, Dayton, Trent, Breanne, Hunter and Omar
- Div. 2: Dharma and Sasha
- Div. 3: Shryna, Garrett and Cate
- Div. 4 Nico, Yuma and Alex
- Div. 5: Delylah, Jaiden, Jackson and Callie
- Div 6: Jessika, Emily and Cash
- Div. 7: Colin, Bryson and Chase
- Div. 8: Quentin, Taven and Hannah
- Div. 9: Ava A., Alexis, Ava E., Ben, Dean and
- & 10 Keenan.

LEGION POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Chanel Sansalone for receiving the top prize for the Legion Poster Competition in the Junior category. Well done also to three of our primary students for winning the top 3 prizes in the Primary category. Congratulations to

Callie Korbely (first), Mariam Huber (second), and Sadie Setynski (third). Way to go girls. All four students will be presented with their prizes at the Legion’s next general meeting.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration dates for the 2018/19 school year:

- 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/>

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.

WEBSTER'S CORNERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The after-school programs provide expanded learning opportunities both educationally and emotionally to enable our children to be ready, able and motivated to learn.

Please see the attached brochure for the programs being offered. If you have any questions, contact Drea Owen at drea_owen@sd42.ca or at 604-346-9815.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 42

Have you thought about a career with our school district?

To see the opportunities we have available, visit us at: <http://www.sd42.ca/careers/>

WHEELHOUSE INFO NIGHT

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 23 & Tuesday,
January 30, 2018

Alouette Elementary
22155 Isaac Crescent
Maple Ridge

The Wheelhouse is a program in which students in grades 6 and 7 are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens.

Program highlights include:

- Weekly field study days where students learn outside the regular class setting;

- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents, and community mentors;
- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
- Wheelhouse students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, in which each student is assigned an iPad for the school year.

For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a *Wheelhouse* student, please visit *The Wheelhouse* online at <http://schools.sd42.ca/wheelhouse>.

Registration for The Wheelhouse begins at 7:30 am on Thursday, February 15 at Alouette Elementary.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION INFO NIGHT

Dear parents of grade 5 students,

The SD42 ***Late French Immersion Program*** is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2018 at Golden Ears Elementary School. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend our information meeting on **February 1** at Golden Ears Elementary.

7-8 pm, February 1, 2018
Golden Ears Elementary (activity room)
23124-118th Avenue, Maple Ridge

To see Late French Immersion in action, drop by Golden Ears Elementary between **1-2 pm on February 6, 2018** and see for yourself.

Late French Immersion registration opens at **7:30 am on Tuesday, February 8, 2018** at Golden Ears Elementary on a first come, first on list basis.

For more information, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.463.7108 or shelley_linton@sd42.ca

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>

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/ep8bgJ>

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

PERSONAL & SOCIAL COMPETENCY



Positive personal and cultural identity, personal awareness and responsibility, and social responsibility are a set of competencies that relate to the development of an individual's personal, social, and emotional capacities. Growth in these skills helps students thrive as individuals, understand and care about themselves and others, and find and achieve their purpose in the world. Learning in these areas is successful when schools, communities, and families value and support academic progress alongside the personal, social, and emotional development of their children.

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

Coming in February – Collaborative Learning.



Webster's students honouring local heroes at our Veteran's Tea event.

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*



Students helping each other in their PEAK multi-age groups, preparing food for our school communal meal.

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Webster's students volunteering their time to serve others at the Caring Place.



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:

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

To drive students (other than your own children) on any school outing, a driver's abstract needs to be filed at the school. Here is how to obtain 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

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

PAC NOTES

Our next PAC meeting is on Friday, February 16th at 8:45am in the library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

DADDY & ME

Want a fun evening activity for you and your child? (newborn to 5 years) Looking to get together with other_dads?

Join in on Wednesdays Jan. 10 to April 11, from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Family Place, 22359 119th Ave. Call Darren at 604-467-6911 ext. 1155 for more information.

QMUNITY

Learn how to honour the diversity in the LGBTQ2S community, starting with your words.

Monday, Feb. 26, 2018

8:30am -12:30pm

@ the Family Education & Support Centre
\$45

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

At its January 24, 2018 regular public meeting, the Board of Education received the **2018/19** and **2019/20 Proposed District School Calendars** for information and passed a motion requesting district staff to begin the consultation process.

To review the proposed calendars and provide your feedback, please go to:

<http://www.sd42.ca/proposed-district-calendars/>

The consultation period on the proposed calendars runs from Thursday, January 25, 2018 to Friday, February 23, 2018. All feedback will be reviewed by senior team and the calendars will be adjusted if required before being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at the **March 7, 2018** regular public meeting.

Once they are approved, the calendars will be posted on the district website and submitted to the Ministry of Education by **March 31, 2018**.

UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 25	PEAK
Jan. 26	Non-Instructional Day – school not in session
Jan. 29	Caring Place 11:40am
Jan. 31	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 1-8	General Kindergarten registration
Feb. 1	PEAK groups
Feb. 2	Caring Place 11:40am
Feb. 2	PAC meeting 8:45am
Feb. 2	Hot Lunch Day
Feb. 5	PEAK Assembly 10:30am
Feb. 5	Caring Place 11:40am
Feb. 5	Skating Div.2,5,9
Feb. 6	Skating Div. 1,4,8
Feb. 7	Skating Div. 3,6,7,10
Feb. 8	PEAK –dairy visit
Feb. 9	School not in session
Feb. 12	Family day - School not in session
Feb. 13	Curriculum Implementation Day – School not in session
Feb. 15	PEAK groups
Feb. 16	PAC Meeting 8:45am
Feb. 16	Caring Place 11:40am
Feb. 16	Hot Lunch Day
Feb. 19	PEAK Assembly – Service dogs
Feb. 19	Caring Place 11:40am
Feb. 22	PEAK
Feb. 23	Caring Place 11:40am
Feb. 23	Hot Lunch Day
Feb. 26	ROAR Assembly 10:45am
Feb. 26	Pizza Lunch Day
Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 28	Active Kids Hour – Gr3
Mar. 1	Early Dismissal at 11:30am
Mar. 1	Student-Inclusive Conferences 12:00pm
Mar. 2	Student-Inclusive Conferences – School Not in Session