

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It seems like each month at Webster's is a busy one! January ended strong with our Jump Rope for Heart stations in the gym. Our community did very well by surpassing our fundraising goal of \$2700 - wow! And we started February off with a bang or maybe we should say with a skate :-). February began with skating field trips for our students. A big thank you to all of our parents who were able to drive students to the skating rink. I feel very fortunate, as I was able to attend and take part in all of the skating field trips. We were also treated to a well-organized and informative assembly (on dog safety) put on by Mrs. Neumann's Division 3 students. Following this assembly, we were treated to a visit by the Mobile Dairy Unit, which included live cows and calves. The students really seemed to enjoy seeing the cows, up close and personal.

After an extra-long weekend for our students, we celebrated our return to school by wearing pink, red and purple on Valentine's Day. For our second

PEAK assembly of the month, we enjoyed a great presentation by the St. John's Therapy Dogs. Our students were mesmerized by these wonderful dogs and the good work they provide for our citizens. We ended the month by having our ROAR assembly, followed by a wonderful pizza lunch put on by our PAC.

Mr. Mehrassa



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Alexis L. Sasha L., Jordyn S., Aiden, Luke, Madden, Aaron, Ava E., Taven, Tess, Taryn, Jessica and Shepard.

ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who received ROARS at our assembly today:

Div. 1: Ben, Moises and Rebecca
Div. 2: Kali, Arthur and Logan
Div. 3: Jordyn, Emily, Ethan and Xavier
Div. 4: Alexis, Mya, Austin and Jack
Div. 5: Ethan, James and Emily
Div. 6: Shepard, Aisha and Murdoc
Div. 7: Sydney, Mehnaz, Tristan and Serenity
Div. 8: Isabel, Jessica and Mason
Div. 9: Drew, Madden, Ben, Caelynn,
& 10 Setayesh and Rhiley

BOOK FAIR

The book fair is running this week from Monday to Friday. It runs at lunch 12:00-12:40 and after school 2:20-2:50. The book fair will open from 12:00-3:30 on Thursday and from 9:00-3:30 on Friday.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Just a reminder to everyone that the drop-off/pick-up lane is for a quick turnaround in the mornings and after school. If you would like to walk your children to their outside classroom doors or come into the school, please park on 256th or Dewdney Trunk. When vehicles park in "no parking" zones, traffic gets snarled in our driveway and that puts our children at risk. Please do not block the entrance to the front of the school or park in front of the gym on the pedestrian crosswalk. Please respect the parking regulations and let's work together to keep our kids safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Remaining registration dates for the 2018/19 school year:

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.

KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION BOOSTER FAIR

The Fair will be held on June 6 and 7 at the Maple Ridge Health Unit.
Call the Maple Ridge Health Unit at 604-476-7087 to book your appointment.

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/>

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>

RIDGE MEADOWS COLLEGE

First Aid Hero

Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes first aid and learning through real life scenarios.

Wed. March 14, 2018

8:30am-3:30pm

\$63 / 1 session

Location: Riverside Centre

20575 Thorne Ave. Maple Ridge

To register, please visit Ridge

Meadows College in person or by phone / email 604-466-6555 (ext. 203) or rmc@sd42.ca

PAC NOTES

The next PAC meeting will be on Friday April 6th at 8:45am

THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE PRESENTS

**"I am awesome" Spring Break Day
Camp**

This course is designed to help young individuals with communication styles, triggers, "I" statements, looking at their special inner qualities, how to deal with stress and how to be a friend. We believe that if young people today have the knowledge and skills to believe in themselves then their capabilities are endless. This a special chance for 11-15 year olds to mentor those younger in the skills that they have learned in the first part of the course all supervised under an extremely qualified facilitator.

Price: Mentors: 11-15 yrs old \$175.
Kids: 6-9 yr olds \$86. Register on line
www.familied.bc.ca or call Karen at 604-467-6055

Dates: Mentors : 11-15yrs old: 8am-12pm
Mon-Thurs March 12-15 & 19-22 2018
Kids: 6-9yrs old: 8am-12pm Mon- Thurs
March 19-22 2018

Location: The Family Education and
Support Centre 22554 Lougheed Hwy Maple
Ridge

The Alouette River Management Society presents 2018 Spring Break Day Camps...

...The Science of Harry Potter!

Part 1: March 12 - 16 | Mon - Fri: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Part 2: March 19 - 23 | Mon - Fri: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Age: 7Y - 13Y Fee: \$180/full week - or - \$40/day

- ♦ Impress muggles with your new magic tricks
- ♦ Discover ways to turn plants into potions
- ♦ Hold an owl or touch a snake
- ♦ Soar in a game of Quidditch

Explore the science, technology, engineering, arts and math of Harry Potter through a range of outdoor engagement and play.

The Alouette River Management Society is here to bring your child's favorite games, hobbies, and characters to life. ARMS specializes in environmental education and is committed to redirecting children back to nature and outdoor play. We encourage teamwork, creativity, independence, and building new friendships. Join in the fun this spring break!



Register at www.recre4u.ca | Contact Greta for details at arms@alouetteriver.org

**Children can be registered in one or both camps. Activities will differ from week 1 to week 2*

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 or emailed directly to the school at wce_reception@sd42.ca

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Collaborative learning is an educational approach to teaching and learning that involves groups of students working together to solve a problem, complete a task, or create a product. This approach requires students to be highly engaged in their learning, with a focus on process rather than on the right answer.

Students are expected to come prepared to discuss and collaborate. Teachers build in accountability with group marks and individual student assessments. Students teach each other through working on challenging class problems with the teacher as facilitator or coach. The goal is to shift learning from teacher-centered to a student-centered model.

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

Coming in April – Place-Based Learning.



Students in Mrs. Mann's class are collaborating to build battery-operated vehicles. Together, when creating their product, they are learning about how all of the components of a vehicle work together in order to make a car move.

The Redesigned Curriculum at Webster's Corners



Students in Mrs. Bzowy's class are working collaboratively when trying to create the tallest freestanding structure possible, using the building materials provided.



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.

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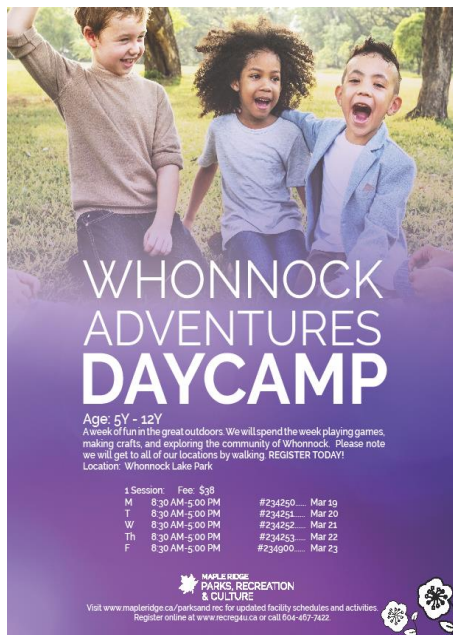
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UPCOMING DATES

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
Mar. 5	Caring Place
Mar. 6	Fire Safety Presentations Gr. K-3
Mar. 7	Purdy's orders due
Mar. 7	Div. 1 Field Trip
Mar. 7	Active Kids Hour Gr.3
Mar. 8	PEAK-Animal button blanket
Mar. 9	PJ Day
Mar. 9	Caring Place
Mar. 9	Hot Lunch Day
Mar. 12 –Mar. 23	Spring Break
Mar. 26	School reopens
Mar. 26	Caring Place
Mar. 27	Purdy's orders to be picked up
Mar. 28	PEAK groups – salad prep
Mar. 28 to June 7	Late Phase K registration
Mar. 29	PEAK – friendship salad
Mar. 30	Good Friday – school not in session
Apr. 2	Easter Monday – school not in session
Apr. 3	Body Science parent session (7:00pm)



WHONNOCK ADVENTURES DAYCAMP

Age: 5Y - 12Y
A week of fun in the great outdoors. We will spend the week playing games, making crafts, and exploring the community of Whonnock. Please note we will get to all of our locations by walking. REGISTER TODAY!
Location: Whonnock Lake Park

1 Session	Fee: \$38	
M	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	#234250 Mar 19
T	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	#234251 Mar 20
W	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	#234252 Mar 21
Th	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	#234253 Mar 22
F	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	#234254 Mar 23

MAPLE RIDGE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
Visit www.mapleridge.ca/parksandrec for updated facility schedules and activities.
Register online at www.recreg42.ca or call 604-462-7622.