

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Wildcats



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March started with our term 2 reporting conferences and ended with the excitement of our PEAK Friendship Salad. Thank you to all parents for supplying the ingredients for the salad and those that were able to help and/or attend the wonderful celebration. We started April by continuing our tradition of welcoming back students from a holiday by hosting the PAC-sponsored Pancake Breakfast. As usual, we're so grateful for the support of our awesome parent community; these times when we celebrate together could not happen without you!

Thank you very much to all students and families who participated in our second annual Readathon. We are so happy and grateful that we were able to raise \$880!! Well done to Phoebe, Jack, Alexis, Sadie, Mehran, Isaac, Lachlan and Sierra for winning the pizza lunch for the most minutes read from each grade. Congratulations also to Tejasv and Mya for winning the draw for the Black Bond gift cards.

Once again, a huge thank you is due to our PAC for funding the Body Science sessions, for both the parent community and our students. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the evening informative session; it was good to see you there.

In sporting news, we are currently preparing for the Intermediate Track and Field meet in early June. Intermediate teachers have started practices with our students; all students rotate through different track and field stations on Wednesday afternoons. Other Webster's sports news must include a thank you to Mrs. Neumann and Mr. Wickham who are coaching the Ultimate team. Students have already started practicing and have had games against other schools in the district.

Last but definitely not least, our Intermediate students have started preparing and practicing their speeches. Our school Public Speaking competition will be held in our school gym on Friday, April 27th at 8:30. Winners from each grade level will then represent Webster's at the District Public Speaking event on May 2nd and 3rd.

Mr. Mehrassa



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Austin, Nick P., Tejasv, Tristan, Jaxson, Yusuf, Nia, Yana, Quentin, Danica, Asher, Rayyan, Mackenzie, Murdoc, Harper, Breanna B., Idriz, Jake, Isaac, Angelina, Isabel, James, Carter, Cole and Dino.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Rebecca, Alexis, Kayleb, Allie, Catharine, Hannah, Braiden, Mya, Emily M., Levi, Luca, Quinn, Colin, Bryce, Isabella, Mason, Logan, Callie, Cynthia and Chase.

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.

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

In June, teaching staff and administrations will prepare tentative and temporary class organizations to best plan for the opening of school in September. This process is complex and time-consuming; it must take into account many factors; the main ones are listed below:

- Total school enrolment and numbers of children in each grade
- Individual students' learning styles and academic needs
- Class size limits
- Class composition
- Gender balance
- Students' relationships with peers and individual social needs

As a staff, we spend many hours putting together what we believe is the best learning situation for all of the students. As a parent, you are welcome to add your input to the process, however, in doing so, we request that you do not mention names of specific teachers as they may or may not be available next year at your child's grade level. The kind of information that is most helpful to us is that which describes your child(ren)'s learning needs and the environment that best suits your child.

If you wish to provide written input, Parent Input for Class Placement forms will be available in the office BEGINNING MAY 1st. Please pick up a class placement form at the office. All requests are to be returned to the office by FRIDAY, MAY 25th. Submitting a placement request form does not guarantee your request will be

accommodated. It does guarantee, however, that we will read it and take your thoughts into serious consideration. Then, tentative class placements will be organized in June.

Because situations change over the summer with families sometimes leaving without notifying the school and new families moving into the area, the class lists that are made in late June must often change. Therefore, specific grade and teacher assignments are not finalized until the end of the first week of school in September.

INTERMEDIATE PUBLIC SPEAKING

The school public speaking competition will take place on April 27th in the gym. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

MUSIC FUNDRAISER

On Wednesday, May 16th at 6:30pm, Webster's Corners will be presenting their Spring Concert at our 5th annual music fundraiser. Students have been practicing since March and are very excited for the performance. There will be food, music, and a fun-filled silent auction of music memorabilia and much more! Bring your friends, family, and experience a musical night at Webster's!

Date: Wednesday, May 16th
Time: 6:30 – 9:00pm
Where: Gym

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/>

NEW WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

In March 2018, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District implemented a new program that simplifies waste collection, diverts more of our waste from the landfill, and reduces the environmental footprint of our schools. To learn more about this program, please download the [SD42 Waste Collection Program Flyer](#) or visit <http://www.sd42.ca/waste-collection-program>

SD42 Diversity Presentation for Parents

7:00 - 8:30 pm, Monday, April 30
Thomas Haney Secondary School
23000 116 Avenue, Maple Ridge, V2X 0T8

The SD42 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) invites parents and guardians to attend a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) diversity presentation on **Monday, April 30 at Thomas Haney** by award-winning author and renowned performer Ivan Coyote.

Coyote uses personal narrative and the well-honed timing of a gifted raconteur to deliver a powerful message of hope and resilience, working to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all students. On April 30, Coyote will deliver the keynote presentation "Somewhere Over the Rainbow Sticker."

This particular invite is for parents/guardians only. **Please RSVP before April 23. [For more information and to register click here.](#)**

SD42 OPEN HOUSE INVITATION: **EAST ZONE ELEMENTARY CATCHMENT REVIEW**

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Samuel Robertson Technical (gym)
10445 – 245th Street, Maple Ridge
register@sd42.ca

The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 invites you to participate in a **6:30 pm Tuesday, April 24, 2018** public Open House event at **Samuel Robertson Technical** on **draft catchment boundaries for the new elementary school in the South Albion area of Maple Ridge**. This new elementary school, located at 240th Street and 104th Avenue, is currently under construction and will open September 2019.

At the Open House, senior staff will present draft recommendations for the revised East Zone catchments and ask for your feedback. An online survey will be made available from **April 25 to May 1** for community members who are unable to attend the Open House but want to participate in our public engagement process.

Pre-register for this Open House by email at register@sd42.ca.

To learn more about the new school, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/strategic-facilities-plan/albion-neighbourhood-proposed/>

We look forward to your participation!

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

PLACE-BASED LEARNING

Place-based learning connects students to the landscape, heritage and cultures in their community. They explore their own community and environment through project-based learning and outdoor education. It makes learning relevant as they look at real-life problems and situations and figure out ways to be involved and to help. Spending time outside can help students build independence and self-esteem and builds confidence through hands-on learning. Outdoor learning also allows them to build problem-solving and teamwork skills. When students feel connected to a place, they are invested in the long-term well-being of their community and environment.

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

Coming in May – Inquiry Learning.



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The photos illustrate how the PEAK program helps students to understand the importance of their environment and their community. Through place-based learning at Rolley Lake and the Caring Place, learning is made relevant and real to Webster's students.



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/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

PAC NOTES

Our next PAC meeting is on May 11th in the library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

GRADE 7 STUDENTS

Please see the attached flyer about exciting summer learning opportunities at Thomas Haney Secondary this summer!!

UPCOMING DATES

Apr. 20	Caring Place 11:40am
Apr. 20	Lunch Lady
Apr. 24	Panorama photo
Apr.25	Art Starts "Flyin' Bob"
Apr. 25	Track & Field – int.
Apr. 27	Public Speaking
Apr. 27	Caring Place 11:40am
Apr. 27	Lunch Lady
Apr. 30	No school Non-instructional day
May 2	Track & Field – int.
May 2	Ignite Camp Gr. 6
May 4	Caring Place 11:40am
May 4	Lunch Lady
May 7	Caring Place 11:40am
May 9	Drama Workshops
May 9	Active Kids Noonhour Gr. 3
May 9	Track & Field – int.
May 11	PAC meeting
May 11	Drama Workshops
May 11	Caring Place
May 11	Lunch Lady
May 14	ROAR assembly
May 16	Music Fundraiser
May 16	Drama workshops
May 16	Active Kids gr.3
May 16	Track & Field int.
May 17	Caricature artist Gr.7
May 18	Drama Workshops
May 18	Caring Place 11:40am
May 18	Lunch Lady
May 24	No school Victoria Day