

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Wildcats



May 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May has been a busy and eventful month at Webster's! During the first week of May, all students participated in a literacy assessment spearheaded by the district and our literacy helping teacher. By the second week of May (and running through to the end of this month), all classes began their three sessions of drama workshops, generously funded by our supportive PAC. We were also fortunate enough to have some free workshops on empathy and pro-social behaviours, offered to all students by the Family Education & Support Centre.

Another major event in May was the Spring concert/Music Fundraiser. Thanks so much to all parents who attended this fantastic event, as well as for your generous donations. We were able to raise over \$3300 for the music program, all while being treated to a terrific performance by our students - way to go Webster's community! Thank you to Mrs. Blom for preparing the students so well for this lovely concert.

Other major upcoming events include Welcome to Kindergarten and the Shoreline Cleanup at Rolley Lake. This will be our 3rd annual Cleanup trip where our whole school, together, does the important work of taking care of the environment. As in the past, we rely on our parent community to help us

transport students to and from the lake. This year, we will also be having a barbeque after the Cleanup, courtesy of our PAC, which will surely add to our fun times on that day. Thank you in advance to all of our volunteer driver parents; we truly couldn't hold these memorable events without your kind help. Please note: in order to be a parent driver, you must have a current driver's abstract on file in our school office.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents who've already paid next year's student supplies fees. Anyone who has paid the fees by June 15th will have their name entered in a draw for a free laptop computer and accompanying protection package, valued at over \$800.

Mr. Mehrassa



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Kaitlyn, Allison, Carter B., Emily G., Hailie, Sophia, Addyson, Micheal, Elisabeth, Hunter, Adam, Lexi, Shryna, Kiptyn, Sierra, Serenity, Trent, Keely, Hailey, Hannah and Olivia.

ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who received ROARS at the April Assembly:

- Div. 1: Payton, William, Kevin,
Hannah and Kealan
Div. 2: Harvey, Alex and Allie
Div. 3: Kaiah, Carter, Mackenzie,
Idriz and Cynthia
Div. 4: Sebby, Nicholas, Adam and
Aidan
Div. 5: Nathan, Tanner and Jeremy
Div. 6: Levi, Logan and Keira
Div. 7: Maggie, Serenity and
Tanner
Div. 8: Jensen and Jake
Div 9: Cole, Zeenat, Summer, Geno,
&10 Sierra, Kavan and Lachlan.

Congratulations also to the following students who received ROARS at the May assembly:

- Div. 1: Logan, Mohammad & Miller
Div. 2: Hailie and Emma
Div. 3: Tristan, Colton, Ibrahim, Trinity
and Dino
Div. 4: Elisabeth, Jordyn, Taryn & Steven
Div. 5: Nia, Adela, and Blake
Div. 6: Kiana, Tayne and Addyson
Div. 7: Kiptyn, Lauren and Tejasv
Div. 8: Hailey, Grayson, Olivia, Daniel and
Isaac
Div. 9 Gabii, Henry, Ian, Jackson & Jordan
&10

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.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to the following students who represented Webster's Corners at the district Public Speaking event on May 2nd and 3rd.

Grade 7: Siarah Dawson

Grade 6: Rebecca Schwarz

Grade 5: Elisabeth Schmitz

Grade 4: Kennedy White

MUSIC FUNDRAISER

This year's event was held on Wednesday, May 16th. We raised over \$3300. A big thank you to Paul and Kelly Mayo, Amanda Murray and Mrs. Blom for organizing the fundraiser and Spring Concert. Thank you also to our PAC parents who helped decorate the gym as well as running the concession. A terrific concert and a great team effort.

YEARBOOK

Webster's Corners Elementary Yearbooks are back! Please stay tuned for details about pricing and release date.

IMPORTANT SUPERVISION AND SAFETY REMINDER

Just a reminder to all parents that supervision is provided from 8:25am onwards in the morning. After school supervision is provided in front of the school and at the bus lines until 2:35pm or until the bus has departed. The playground and field are not supervised at this time and parents are responsible for their children before and after the stipulated times listed. Also a reminder that skateboarding, bike riding and roller blades are prohibited on school grounds for student safety.

DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD

The district track and field event will take place on Thursday, June 7th for those in Grades 4 and 5 and on Friday, June 8th for those in Grades 6 & 7.

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>

SOLO GIRLS

Sole Girls is an empowerment program that combines fun physical activity, discussion and mentorship to give girls the tools they need to live a confident and healthy life. Over the course of the program, girls learn life skills, confidence, being responsible and being healthy in a safe and interactive environment. They will also learn how to be a positive peer, make new friends and goal set as part of an active lifestyle.

Each set runs for 9 weeks, 1.5 to 2 hours per week. Through each 9-week set the girls also prepare mentally and physically and develop skills to complete a 5km fun run, with a fun wrap-up party in the last session.

Please see the attached flyer.

CATCHMENT AREAS

Board of Education approves revised East Capital Zone elementary catchment areas

Following a public consultation that included an Open House and an online survey, the Board of Education approved at its May 16, 2018 public meeting revised East Capital Zone elementary catchment areas, including the catchment for the new elementary school scheduled to open September 2019 at 104th Avenue just east of 240th Street.

To learn about these changes, including how these changes impact regular student transportation services for the East Capital Zone, visit the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/announcement/approves-elementary-catchment>

STRONG START CENTRE

Blue Mountain Strong Start Centre Relocation

Due to the need to accommodate ongoing elementary enrolment growth both in the Blue Mountain catchment and more broadly in the East Capital Zone of the district, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District recently applied to move the StrongStart Centre located at Blue Mountain Elementary to Garibaldi Secondary school. The district has now received approval from the Ministry of

Education for this move, which will come into effect September 1, 2018.

The school district highly values the early learning programming support that our Strong Start program provides to the Blue Mountain community and surrounding communities, and is therefore pleased to be able to retain this program in the neighbourhood it is intended to serve.

Assistant Superintendent David Vandergugten, who oversees Strong Start programming in our school district, will attend the June 14, 2018 PAC meeting (7:00 pm in the school library) at Blue Mountain Elementary to share further details and to answer any questions. Up-to-date information on all of the SD 42 Strong Start Centres can be accessed at our school district web site at <http://www.sd42.ca/program/strongstart/>.

PAC NOTES

Our next PAC meeting will be on June 8th in the library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

RED CROSS BABY SITTING COURSES

Ridge Meadows College is offering the attached Red Cross Babysitting courses on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 and Wednesday, August 29, 2018 for children 11 and over.

FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT CENTRE



STARFISH PACK CAR BOOT SALE

Burnett Fellowship Church is hosting another Car Boot Sale and 100% of the funds raised will go to the Starfish Pack program that supports families in our communities. The Starfish program provides food for children in need on the weekends.

The Car Boot Sale takes place Saturday, June 9th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at:
Burnett Fellowship
20639 – 123 Ave. Maple Ridge
604-465-4418

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

INQUIRY LEARNING

Inquiry Learning is a process where students investigate and explore answers to questions. Inquiry questions provide a focus for learning the curricular content, encourage students to develop important skills when answering questions and make learning more meaningful and relevant. Inquiry questions provide a framework for teachers to more easily meet the needs of each student while allowing students to be more engaged in the content they are learning.

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

Coming in June – How Do We Assess and Celebrate Learning?



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The photos illustrate our school-wide and multi-age group inquiry projects about water filtration. Students worked in their K-7 PEAK groups to come up with the best water filtration system and demonstrated the results in a school-wide assembly.



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.*

UPCOMING DATES

May 24	PEAK
May 25	Drama workshops
May 25	Lunch Lady
May 28	Drama workshops
May 30	Drama workshops
May 30	Gr. 7 visit to highschoools
May 31	Div. 1 Sierra Club workshop
May 31	Welcome to K event
June 1	Shoreline Cleanup
June 1	Lunch Lady
June 4	Gr. 7 leaving ceremony
June 6	Tropical Theme Day
June 7	Environmental Expo
June 7	District Track Gr. 4/5
June 8	District Trace Gr. 6/7
June 8	Lunch Lady
June 8	PAC meeting 8:45am
June 11	ROAR assembly
June 12	Parent / Staff Appreciation Tea
June 15	Lunch Lady
June 18	Pow Wow Dancing and Metis jigging
June 21	Cultus Lake Waterslides
June 21	Gr. 7s Loon Lake
June 22	Multiples Day
June 25	Goodbye Assembly
June 26	Fun Day
June 27	Last day for students

