

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Wildcats



June 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a terrific school year we've had, here at Webster's; it's been one with many highlights!! We did a lot of good in our school and community this year and it all came together with the tremendous aid of our families, students and staff. I'm so grateful to be working with such a wonderful community and I feel especially blessed to know that I'll be back at Webster's again next year. Even though this school year is winding down, I'm already looking forward to and planning for events for next year.

It would be remiss of me not to thank our PAC executive and all of the other parent volunteers who help and support us tirelessly with many activities throughout the year. The good work that we do at Webster's, including our PEAK program, would not be nearly as successful without their support. Thank you so much for all you do for us!

Congratulations to our PAC Executive for the 2018/19 school years: Jessica Underwood, Chair; Sarah Bunten, Vice Chair; Ira Javier, Treasurer;

Laurie Reilly, Secretary; Paula Blamey, DPAC Representative. I wish you all the best for a great upcoming school year and I look forward to working with you!

Sadly, June also is a time when we have to say goodbye to some of our staff as they move on to new and different adventures. We will really miss Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. McClain and Mr. Mitchell who will be teaching at other schools next year. We're also very sad to say good-bye to Mrs. Lilley, Mrs. Canning and Mrs. Rausch.

Although it will be difficult to replace the amazing staff who will be leaving, I've recently had the pleasure of hiring some fantastic people and I'm already looking forward to welcoming them into our wonderful Webster's community and working with them in the upcoming school year. We're excited to have Mrs. Birch and Mrs. Fuller back with us again next year! Also, those new to our school will be Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Duthie, Mrs. McMeeken, Mrs. Oxenbury and Mrs. Black. Webster's good reputation

must be strong because many of these new staff members commented positively to me about Webster's great community reputation; these new-to-Webster's staff are looking forward to working at such a caring school!

Webster's is continuing to grow and, for the 2018/19 school year, we will be adding a new division, with our population growing to about 225 students. Please do keep in mind that numbers may fluctuate quite a bit between now and September and so, as a result, final class configurations will not happen until the first full week of classes in September.

Thank you again to everyone in the Webster's community for helping us to have such an exciting and engaging learning year. I count myself very fortunate to have the privilege of working with a tremendously caring and dedicated staff, as well as incredible students and super supportive parents. I look forward to seeing everyone again in September, but until then, I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Mr. Mehrassa

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:
Setayesh, Warner,
Carson, Yuma, Steven,
Mariah, Gus, Tanner,
Tristan, Collin, Trinity,
Summer, Sydney, Lili,
Henry, Colton, Kaiah,
Malaya, Moises and Furqan.



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday in July or August:
Jackson H., Danica, Ibrahim,
Kiana, Maggie B., Keira M.,
Briana, Sadie, Tanner, James R.,
Mehran, Zainab, Emily E, Tyler,
Kennedy, Zeenat, Jensen, Ben
F., Alex E., Alina, Logan W.,
Garrett, Addisyn, Ethan P.,
Daniel H., Drew, Melanie,
Reece, Liam, Brooklyn,
Dawson, Zachary, Daniel F.,
Kali, Grayson, Bryson, Lincoln
and Jackson U.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: James, Melanie, Jade & Aaron

Div. 2: Carter, Asher and Alex

Div. 3: Jaxon, Daniel, Isabella,
Margaret, Celina,
Micheal & Chanel

Div. 4: Kaitlyn, Nick, Daniel,
Tyler and Liam
Div. 5: Yana, Harper & Kian
Div. 6: Caiden, Mehran and
Donnie
Div. 7: Bradley, Rayyan
Oceanna and Gus
Div. 8: Addisyn, Brooklyn and
Luke
Div 9: Asher, Keira, Lincoln,
&10 Yusuf and Hailee

LIBRARY

All library books are now due back. It would be great if you could please take a minute to look under your child's bed and in their special hiding spots for library books. Then please have your child return them to the school. Amounts owing for books not yet handed in have been sent home.

SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS

Since the purchase of the supplies represents a rather large sum of money to be paid upfront by the school, we would appreciate it if parents of students are able to make the \$47.50 payment to the school as soon as possible. Payments can be made online via the portal or cheques can be made out to "Webster's Corners Elementary". Thank you for your assistance.

BATTERY DRIVE

Thanks to all those who sent in their old batteries. We collected 2,260 batteries which works out to 13,360 Zinc Tablets.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Remaining registration dates for the 2018/19 school year:

Open Registration – Late August 2018
The registration period opens 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.

YEARBOOK

Webster's Corners Elementary
Yearbooks will be ready for pick up shortly for those who ordered them.

DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to our athletes.

We had a terrific turnout for track & field this year, with over 55 students qualifying for the event at MRSS.

Well done to the following students for placing in their individual events:

Track and field Results 2018

Grade 4:

Tyler Jones	5 th 100m
	2 nd long jump
Austin McKellar	3 rd Long Jump
Blake Rossiter	6 th Place Shotgun

Kaitlyn Fairbairn 8th 200m
Jordyn Schmidt 4th 200 m
8th High Jump

Grade 5:

Maggie Saunders 10th High Jump
Braiden Callaghan 8th Shot Put

Grade 6:

Hunter Dellala 7th High Jump
5th Long Jump
Breanne Craig 5th Discus
Hannah Sandry 2nd High Jump
3rd 100m

Grade 6 Girls 4x100 Relay
6th place

Celina Pearson, Hunter Dellala,
Hannah Sandry, Melanie Patasi-
Coates

Grade 7:

Rylan Mallais 4th High Jump
Kealan Holton 10th 400 m
Phoebe Olson 9th High Jump

OTHER ATHLETICS

Congratulations also to Jordyn Schmidt who won 3 gold medals at a regional gymnastic competition in Saskatoon. Way to go also to Taryn Morris for getting three 1st place ribbons at a horse jumping show. Also, well done to Alex Evans for backstopping his lacrosse team to a gold medal at a tournament in Kamloops.

ARE YOU MOVING?

If your child(ren) will be attending a different school in September or if your family is moving over the summer, please let the office know ASAP. If an unexpected move occurs over the summer which will necessitate a change of schools, we would really appreciate knowing. If the office is closed, leave a message on the answering machine or email wce_reception@sd42.ca with details. The office will reopen during the last week of August.

PICK UP MEDICATIONS

Have you sent any medication for your child to school? (i.e. Benadryl, Advil, prescription medications, EPIPEN etc.) Please come to the office on the last day of school to pick up your child's medication. Any medication, which has not been collected, will be available for pick up in September.

FIRST DAY BACK:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Students will be dismissed early on the first day. School begins at 8:30am and dismissal will be at 11:00am.

RETURNING students will go to last year's classroom and/or teacher.

NEW students will meet in the library. If your child will be absent on the first day of school, please let the office know. This will help us when we are confirming students and finalizing classes for the first full week back.

PAC

The PAC at Webster's Corners Elementary is an integral part of our school community and donates their time and effort in order to provide a more positive school experience for our students. Our PAC is in charge of planning and hosting many school events and fundraisers. In the past, the PAC has contributed in part or in whole toward activities such as the school Pancake Breakfasts, our annual Fun Day, the Shoreline Cleanup BBQ, funds for the Water slides, as well as contributing to the purchase of school resources such as books.

PAC meetings will be held the second Friday of the month at 8:45 am in the library. Our first PAC meeting of the 2018/19 school year will be on September 14th. Our PAC is very welcoming and eager to have new members. For more information, please contact the PAC Executive by emailing them at the following email address: websterscornerspac@hotmail.ca

PAC EXECUTIVE (2018/2019)

Chair: Jessica Underwood
Vice-Chair: Sarah Buntin
Treasurer: Ira Javier
Secretary: Laurie Reilly
DPAC Rep.: Paula Blamey

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>

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. 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/>.

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.

UPCOMING DATES

June 20	Sundae Celebration (1:00)
June 21	Cultus Lake Waterslides
June 21	Gr. 7s to Loon Lake
June 22	Multiples Day
June 25	Goodbye Assembly at 10:45
June 26	Fun Day (10:30-2:00)
June 27	Last day for students – Early Dismissal at 12:00pm
Sept. 5	First day back to school Dismissal at 11:00am
Sept.10-14	Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 13	Open House 5:30-7:00
Setp. 14	PAC meeting at 8:45am
Sept. 25	School not in session - Curriculum Implementation Day

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

HOW DO WE ASSESS AND CELEBRATE LEARNING?

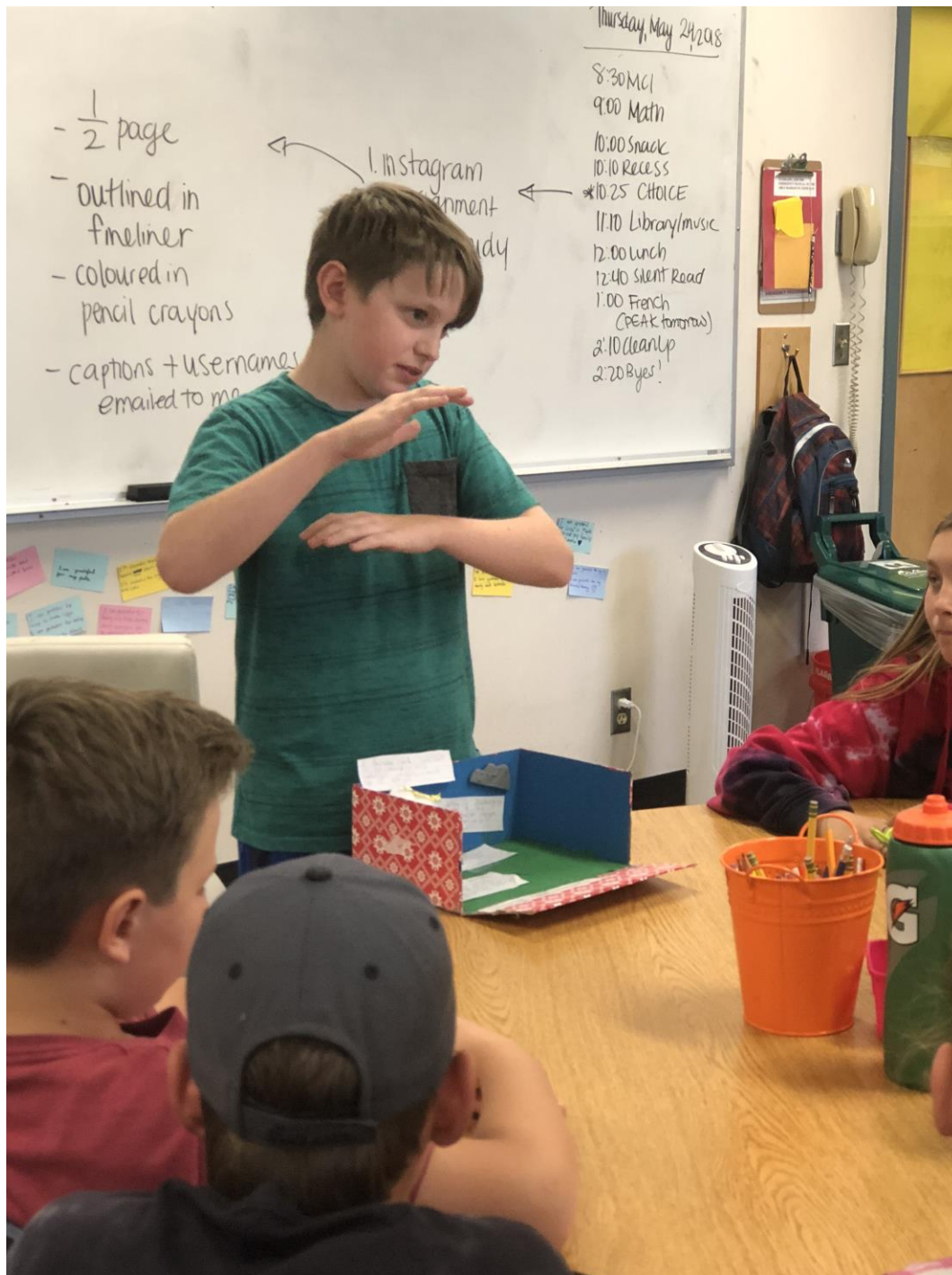
How Do We Assess and Celebrate Learning? Assessment and the curriculum are interconnected. Assessment is rigorous and based on learning standards, core competencies, literacy and numeracy. Students reflect and self-assess to build important higher-level thinking skills.

Students set criteria, design inquiries, and participate in self and peer assessment, as well as setting goals for next steps. Teachers document student learning over time using collections of student work and demonstrations to create a profile of individual strengths, areas of growth, and areas for further development. Through multiple means and varied strategies, the student's learning is made visible, and their successes celebrated.

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



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Students at Webster's teach other students about their learning in small groups and school-wide. Teachers assess student learning by observing their students' performance on an ongoing basis.



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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2018-2019 School Calendar

School opening day for students – early dismissal at 11:00am	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Non-instructional day (curriculum implementation)	Monday, September 24, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Non-instructional day (province-wide)	Friday, October 19, 2018
Non-instructional day (district)	Friday, November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 12, 2018
Reporting Conferences – early dismissal at 11:30am	Thursday, November 29, 2018
Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session	Friday, November 30, 2018
Schools close for break	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter break	Monday, December 24, 2018 to Friday, January 4, 2019
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 7, 2019
Non-instructional day (curriculum implementation)	Friday, January 25, 2019
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Thursday, February 14, 2019
Schools not in Session	Friday, February 15, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Reporting Conferences – early dismissal at 11:30	Thursday, March 7, 2019
Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session	Friday, March 8, 2019
Schools close for break	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring break	Monday, March 18, 2019 to Friday, March 22, 2019
Schools not in Session	Monday, March 25, 2019 to Friday, March 29, 2019
Schools reopen after break	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Non-instructional day (district)	Monday, April 29, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Last day for students – early dismissal at 12:00pm	Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Year-end administrative day	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Schools close for Summer vacation	Friday, June 28, 2019

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:20pm. 295 instructional minutes per day. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per School Act and Calendar Regulation:

848 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten.

873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.