

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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OCTOBER 2018

I feel so fortunate to have been able to participate in yet another PEAK Feast in October. It is always rewarding to see how all of our students become involved in the planning and preparation of the food. I really believe that working together in K-7 groups allows our students to learn to work together in a positive and constructive manner. It also says a lot about our school when the whole community can come together and celebrate as a whole. Thank you again to all of our parents who were able to help with the preparation and the serving of the food at the Feast. October, like any other month, seems to be a busy one. In addition to our PEAK Feast, we've also been busy with both Primary and Intermediate cross country, workshops on self-regulation and our first family Halloween dance as well as Halloween itself.

I would like to invite all of our community to come to our Halloween Family dance on October 26th. Many parents have put a lot of effort to provide an event where the whole family can participate. We are also very fortunate to have Mr. Javier as our DJ to really pump up the excitement. I look forward to seeing you and your children at the dance. Please do remember though that students must be accompanied by adults.

Mr. Mehrassa



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Lauren, Ben S., William, Kira L. Alex
B. Adela, Jack B. Hairi, Calia and
Ben B.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A reminder that school supplies have been purchased by teachers over the summer for all classrooms. If you haven't already done so, please pay the \$47.50 fee online via the portal or by cash/cheque to the office. Please make cheques payable to Webster's Corners Elementary. For those classes using planners, please pay the \$7.50 to your child's teacher.

SCHOOL BUS

Please be advised that your child may **ONLY** ride the school bus if they are a registered bus student.

Due to the large number of bus students, please advise us at wce_reception at sd42.ca before noon if your child will not be taking the bus home on a particular day. We thank you in advance for helping to ensure that the bus departs on time.

NUT AWARE

The Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District, while not being able to guarantee an allergen-free environment in its schools, will take reasonable steps to provide an allergy-safe and allergy-aware environment for students with life-threatening allergies. As we have several students at Webster's who have life-threatening allergies to nuts (peanuts and tree nuts), we ask your cooperation in keeping the classrooms safe for all students by choosing snack and lunch foods for your children that are nut-free. Thank you in advance for being sensitive to this request.

HEAD LICE

This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent head lice spreading among children at school, we ask that you remind your child not to share personal items such as combs and brushes. We also ask that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly reduce the incidence of head lice in our school; your cooperation is very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding head lice, or require further information, please contact the school or the Public Health Nurse at 604-476-7000. You may also click on the links below for further information:

<http://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-info/health-topics/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/head-lice/head-lice>
<http://www.lice911.com/>
<https://www.licesquad.com/>

LIBRARY

Parent volunteers are needed to help out one or two hours a week in our Library. Duties include: Prepping new books, re-labeling, washing, and repairing older books, and other organizational duties. Please speak to Ms. Blom for more information or if you would like to help. She can be contacted at kblom@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:

[Inclement Weather](#)

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Please go to www.iapkidsplus.com for information on student accident insurance.

ASSEMBLIES

Our assemblies usually take place on Monday mornings at 10:45am. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend school assemblies; please watch for notification for upcoming assemblies. Our next assembly will be on October 22nd.



WEST COAST RECESS

At Webster's Corners, like other schools in the District, we have a West Coast recess. We feel it's important that our students play outside, get fresh air and plenty of exercise. Due to the often wet conditions of our climate, it is important that children have a hooded jacket or umbrella and waterproof footwear. Please also ensure that your child has a complete change of clothes at school. Unless we experience an especially torrential downpour or very cold weather we will all be enjoying the outdoors at recess and lunch breaks.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

The safety of our students is a major priority, therefore if you are in the school to volunteer or are just visiting, please remember to sign in at the office and get a Visitor Pass. The School District requests that all schools enforce this policy this year. If a staff member or a student sees the Visitor Pass, they will then know that you are officially signed in. We appreciate your help in maintaining a safe environment in our school. Thank you!

BELL SCHEDULE

The welcome bell will ring at 8:25. All students are asked to line up outside their classroom doors, or in the outside zones for their particular classrooms where their teachers will greet them in the morning. We request that students arrive at school, no sooner than 5 - 10 minutes before the 8:25 a.m. bell. This request is made out of concern for your child's safety and security, since there is no supervision available before school starts. Similarly, at the end of the day, students are dismissed at 2:20 and staff supervision does not extend beyond 2:30. Thank-you for your cooperation!

8:25 AM	Welcome Bell Students line up, doors open
8:30 AM	CLASSES BEGIN
10:10-10:25 AM	Recess
12:00 PM	Students go outside
12:20 PM	Students come inside to eat
12:40 PM	Lunchtime over
2:20 PM	CLASSES DISMISSED

MEDICAL INTERVENTION FORM

If your child requires the administration of medication it is imperative that you come to the office and fill out a "Medical Intervention Form" before any medication can be dispensed. This form is also available on our website. The school cannot assist with any medication unless this form is completed. Children are not permitted to bring any medication of any kind to school to be taken by themselves. Please **DO NOT** send any prescriptions or over-the-counter medication to school with your child without contacting the office first. For safety reasons, all medications must be in their

ORIGINAL CONTAINER and will be stored in a locked cupboard in the office. A record is kept of all amounts given to any child. This procedure complies with Board policy regarding medications to be taken at school.

PAC

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 8:45am. 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

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

School District 42's International Education program welcomes international students from all over the world. We are currently looking to increase the number of host families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Some of the basic requirements for hosting an international student are:

- Private bedroom and with window and door
- Three meals per day with snacks
- Total inclusion in family
- English primary language spoken in home
- Transportation to and from Vancouver International Airport if necessary

If you are interested and would like more information, please give us a call at 604-466-6555 or follow this link to apply: <https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay/>

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/>

STRONG START CENTRE

This free, early learning drop-in program is held at Garibaldi Secondary School for children birth to 5 years and their parents/care-givers. Play and explore in friendly, safe and inspiring environments. Register with your child's birth certificate the first time you drop in. 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/>.

HOSPITAL HOMEBOUND SUPPORT

Do you have a son or daughter who is ill or injured and unable to attend school? School District No. 42 provides support to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The Hospital Homebound teacher works with elementary and secondary students who have not been allocated support teacher time through a special needs designation. Students may be absent due to a non-contagious illness or they may be recovering from surgery or an injury. Instruction is provided in Ridge-Meadows Hospital or in the student's home.

How does Hospital Homebound support work?

The Hospital Homebound teacher provides direct instruction and support to students, with the goal of helping them return to class with as little interruption to their education as possible. The teacher also helps students maintain connections with the people and

programs at their school. While receiving Hospital Homebound support, students continue to be registered at their school and in their classes. Students work on the core academic subjects. They often use the same materials and complete many of the same assignments as their classmates, although some adaptations may be necessary depending on the child's illness. Students typically receive two to three hours of support each week.

When can a student be referred?

Homebound students qualify for support if they are absent from school for 10 consecutive school days. Students who are hospitalized can be referred upon admittance to Ridge-Meadows Hospital.

How do I refer my son or daughter?

Contact your child's teacher, counsellor, or administrator. He/she will complete the Learning Services referral form. A physician's authorization form is also required (available at the school). For more information contact Marc Beaudet, the Hospital Homebound Teacher, at 467-1101, or by email at mbeaudet@sd42.ca.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 23	Cross Country – Intermediate
Oct. 23	Girls volleyball
Oct. 24	Cross Country - Primary
Oct. 25	PEAK groups
Oct. 26	Pumpkin Patch Div. 9/10/11
Oct. 29	Boys volleyball @ GE
Oct. 29	Halloween Dance 5:30pm
Oct. 30	Photo retakes
Oct. 30	Girls volleyball
Nov. 1	PEAK - classroom
Nov. 2	Cliff Park – Div. 6
Nov. 2	Lunch Lady
Nov. 5	Hot Lunch
Nov. 5	Boys volleyball @ BM
Nov. 6	Veterans' Tea
Nov. 6	Girls volleyball
Nov. 8	Remembrance Day assembly
Nov. 9	Non-Instructional day – school not in session
Nov. 12	No school – Remembrance Day
Nov. 13	PAC meeting at 8:45
Nov. 19	ROAR Assembly at 10:45
Nov. 19	PAC Hot Lunch
Nov. 29	Early Dismissal at 11:30
Nov. 29	Reporting Conferences at 12:00
Nov. 30	Reporting Conferences – all day School not in session.

B.C. TRAINING & EDUCATION SAVINGS GRANT

Did you know children born in 2009 or later can qualify for a \$1,200 grant when they are signed up for a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)? No RESP contribution is required. Visit the [British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant web page](#) for more information or email BCTESG@gov.bc.ca.

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

CORE COMPETENCIES: ***What are they and why are they in the curriculum?***

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to meet the needs of 21st century students. The new curriculum maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy while supporting deeper learning through three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, and **thinking**.

Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in life-long learning. Core competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning.

For more information about each core competency area, visit: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

Coming in November – Curricular Competencies.



Students working together to communicate their ideas



Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand

All areas of learning are based on a “**Know-Do-Understand**” model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC’s new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.

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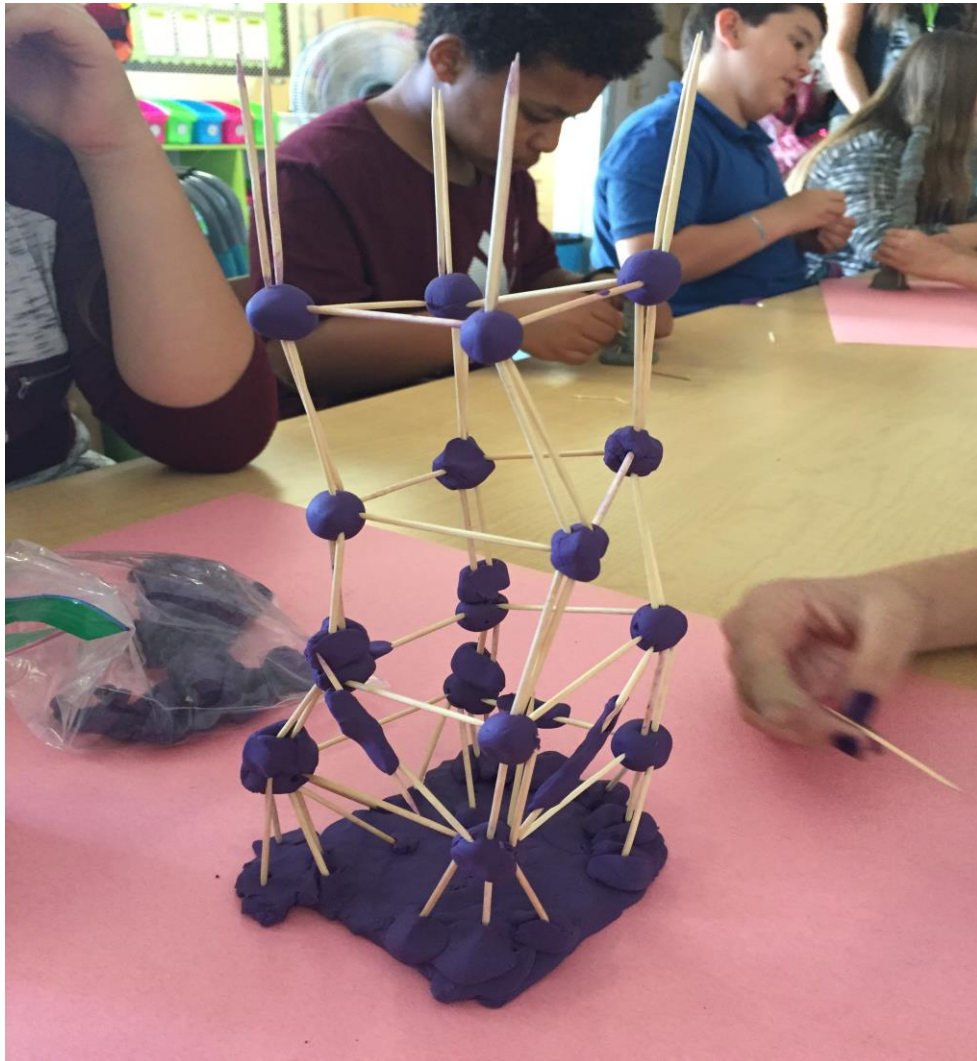
Older students working with and teaching younger students about cooking



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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.