

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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NOVEMBER 2018

Our Remembrance Day assembly was one of the highlights of our month so far. Thank you to Mrs. Blom and Mrs. Birch for organizing such a moving and dignified assembly. I was extremely proud of our students and staff, who worked very hard to produce moving and respectful performances to honour our veterans.

We wrapped up the volleyball season with both our girls' and boys' teams doing very well and having a tremendous amount of fun. Thank you to Mrs. Neumann and Mr. Wickham for coaching and reffing the games. Thank you also to our parents for driving our students to the away games. Basketball will commence in the New Year. Please stay tuned for more information.

We have also been very active in continuing to provide service to our community. Thank you to everyone who donated to the food drive and Socktober. In addition, I'm proud to say that we have 37 Intermediate students who are volunteering at the Caring Place on Wednesdays and Fridays. The volunteers at the Caring Place are ever so thankful for our consistent service.

Finally, our reporting conferences will take place during the week of November 26th. Please take a moment to read the information provided in this newsletter or in the most recent portal sent regarding

conferences. Parental involvement, along with mandatory student participation is of the utmost importance. Our method of conferencing relies on the participation of student, parent and teacher to be successful. Please make sure that you have signed up for conference times via the portal for this important event.

Mr. Mehrassa



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Bradley B., Rhiley, Lachlan, Jordyn, Nicki, Caelynn, Nico, Dean, Jaxon, Sebbie, Oceanna, Dayton, Lanah, Nathan, Logan M., Seth, Allan and Dharma

ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who received ROARS at the October assembly:

Div. 1: Dayton, Tristan B, Moises, Melanie, and Nastaran
Div. 2: Sebastian, Lexi and Alex
Div. 3: Ibrahim, Leo and Alexis
Div. 4: Adam, Sadie, Mariam and Steven
Div. 5: Levi, Tess and Bradley
Div. 6: Chase, Cole and Calia
Div. 7: Cash and Keira
Div. 8: Daniel, Stella and Tejasv
Div. 9: Summer, Jaxson and Natalie
Div. 10: Kallia, Taiya, Avery, Piper and
and 11 Logan

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs. Aslam for her generous donation of books.



CROSS COUNTRY

We would like to congratulate the following students who took part in the district's Fall Cross Country Runs:

Intermediate:

Mariam, Kaitlyn, Jaiden, Tanner W., Nicki, Tyler, Yuma, Tess, Jessika, Idriz and Lauren

Primary:

Dean, Jaxon, Madden, Cruz, Addisyn, Isabel, Ava D., Danica M., Luke S. Sophia G. Malaya, Mehnaz, Calia, Emily M., Maggie, Kiana, Aisha, Alina, Serenity, Bradley, Grayson, Kayleb, Levi, Tristan W., Quentin and Tejasv.

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

(November 29th afternoon & all day on November 30th)

As the Student Inclusive Conferences approach, please ensure that you have been in contact with your child's classroom teacher to set and confirm a conference time. Please do keep in mind that each conference is approximately 30 minutes in length and that **your child is required to attend with you.**

If you have young children, it is requested that you make alternate childcare arrangements for them, as this will allow for an uninterrupted discussion about your child's learning while you and your child meet with his/her classroom teacher. Please take a moment to read the information available on the SD 42 website and familiarize yourself with the procedures of the conference. For your convenience, you may visit: <http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/parent-information/>.

The website includes answers to many common questions as well as videos and testimonials from parents.

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.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child has lost an item of Webster's Wear clothing, please have them come to the office. We have had a number of items handed in.

Glasses – a pair of purple and turquoise glasses has been left at the school. Please contact the office if they belong to you.

NUT AWARE

The Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School 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.

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 January 21st.



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 December 11th 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/>

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.

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.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 21	Grade 6 immunizations
Nov. 21	Active Kids Noon Hour
Nov. 21	Caring Place
Nov. 22	WE Day
Nov. 22	PEAK SEL groups
Nov. 23	Caring Place
Nov. 23	Lunch Lady
Nov. 26	Poinsettia pick up
Nov. 28	Caring Place
Nov. 28	Active Kids Noon Hour
Nov. 29	Early Dismissal at 11:30
Nov. 29	Reporting Conferences at 12:00
Nov. 30	Reporting Conferences – all day – school not in session.
Dec. 3	PAC Hot Lunch - nachos
Dec. 5	Caring Place

Dec. 5	Active Kids Noon Hour
Dec. 7	Div. 6 Cliff Park
Dec. 7	Caring Place
Dec. 7	Lunch Lady
Dec. 11	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
Dec. 14	Lunch Lady
Dec. 18	Christmas Concert (9:00am and 1:00pm)
Dec. 19	Caring Place
Dec. 19	Active Kids Noon Hour
Dec. 20	PEAK
Dec. 21	Lunch Lady
Dec. 21	Caring Place
Dec. 24 to Jan. 4	Winter Break
Jan. 7	School reopens
Jan. 9	PAC Pancake Breakfast
Jan. 10	Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff Assembly at 1:00pm
Jan. 11	Div. 6 to Cliff Park
Jan. 14	Body Science – Parent Session (7:00-8:00pm)
Jan. 15, 16 & 18	Body Science Sessions for all students
Jan. 21	ROAR Assembly
Jan. 21	PAC Hot Lunch
Jan. 25	Curriculum Implementation Day – School not in session
Jan. 30	Jump Rope for Heart Activity Sessions (all day)
Feb. 1	Div. 6 to Cliff Park

The Redesigned Curriculum at Webster's Corners

CURRICULAR COMPETENCIES: Fostering deeper and more transferable learning

The **Curricular Competencies** are a combination of skills, strategies, processes and habits of mind that students develop over time. They reflect the “Do” in the Know-Do-Understand model of learning. Deeper learning is better achieved through “doing” than through passive listening or reading, and it immerses students in authentic tasks that connect learning to the real world.

Curricular Competencies are subject-specific, and they are linked to the curriculum-wide [Core Competencies](#). A focus on the development of competencies actively engages students in their learning, and helps them to become critical and creative thinkers.

Coming in December – Career Education.



Primary students working together to complete a tech project



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.