

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the  
Wildcats



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## JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year to everyone ☺. After a packed but short December, which included supporting two Christmas Hamper families, the Christmas Concert, Singalong and cookie decorating, we're off to a flying start in January. We started the New Year with our PAC Pancake Breakfast; always such a wonderful way to return to school from a holiday break.

We are very excited to kick off our second PEAK theme of the year – Personal Responsibility. Our teachers will have lessons designed specifically to reinforce this attribute throughout the term.

Basketball season has begun already and we're fielding both a girls' and boys' team, coached by respectively by Ms. McRae and Mrs. Gauley and by Mr. Wickham. The boys play on Mondays and the girls on Tuesdays.

Our busy January includes the Body Science sessions provided by our generous PAC, Martial Arts sessions on Fridays, Gratitude workshops offered by the Family Education & Support Centre.

The culminating activity for January is the Jump Rope for Heart event on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> where all of our students participate in a cardio circuit to raise awareness about the importance of being active. Thank you to those parents who have contributed either online or in cash. Our goal is to reach \$3000. If you'd like to donate, please remember that you have

to register as part of our school. For this event, our name is "**Webster**".

A reminder to parents in our catchment that Kindergarten sibling registration phase for Webster's will commence on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that if you are currently in the c̄asq̄enel̄a Elementary catchment but want to stay at Webster's, you do not have to fill out any transfer forms. I would appreciate it though, if you can inform me of your decision so that I have a better sense of our numbers for next year.

**Mr. Mehrassa**



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Blake, Talia, Chanel, Gabii, Taylor,  
Melaina, Cash, Celina, Breanne,  
Marcus, Alex L., Louis, Alexis,  
Maggie, Emma and Jessika.

## ROARS

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

Div. 1: Breanne, Rebecca, Carter & Chanel

Div. 2: Harvey and Dharma

Div. 3: Jackson, Nico & Elisabeth

Div. 4: Tanner, Liam, Kira, Kian & Nia

Div. 5: Kaleb

Div. 6: Emerson and Mehnaz

Div. 7: Caelynn, Jordan and Olivia

Div. 8: Callie, Hannah and Hailey

Div. 9: Sierra, Drew and Madden

Div. 10: Silas, Sophia, Keon, Ayden, Julie & and 11 Olivia

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

### Kindergarten registration and registration for c'usqunela Elementary

Registration for **kindergarten** and **c'usqunela Elementary** begins **January 2019**. Find out about the online registration process for both below:

### c'usqunela Elementary – Registration for kindergarten to Grade 7 opens January 7

c'usqunela Elementary registration is open to students who will be in kindergarten through to Grade 7 in September 2019 who want to register in this new school, located at 24093 – 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maple Ridge. c'usqunela Elementary is scheduled to open for the 2019/20 school year. Visit

<http://elementary.sd42.ca/cusqunela> for details about the registration

process and for associated timelines for c'usqunela Elementary registration.

### Kindergarten Registration – Registrations begin January 21

Kindergarten registration for the 2019/20 school year is open to children who are **5 years old on or before December 31, 2019**. Visit the district website for detailed information on the five phases (c'usqunela Elementary registration, sibling registration, choice registration, general registration, late registration), registration timelines, and other important information: <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

### Registration Phases:

**JAN 7-31: c'usqunela Elementary Registration:** Open to students who will be in kindergarten through to Grade 7 in September 2019 and want to register for this new school.

**JAN 21-25: Sibling Registration.** Open for siblings of students already attending the desired elementary school (currently in grades K-6).

**FEB 1-4: Choice Registration.** Open for all students who want to participate in any one of SD42's unique program offerings (e.g. Environmental School, French Immersion, Montessori).

**FEB 12-19: General Registration.** General registration for English school.

**FEB 27-June 26: Late Registration.** This phase is for parents who may have missed previous registration phases.

## 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](http://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: [Inclement Weather](#)

## WHEELHOUSE

Alouette Elementary  
22155 Isaac Crescent  
Maple Ridge

The Wheelhouse is a classroom where students are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Some of the highlights of the program include:

- Weekly Field Study Days where students learn outside the regular class setting;
- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents and community mentors;
- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
- Wheelhouse students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, where each student is assigned an

iPad for use throughout the school year.

This option is open to all Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District students who will be going into grades 6 and 7 in September 2019. For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a Wheelhouse student, please visit The Wheelhouse online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/> **REGISTRATION** for The Wheelhouse opens online at noon, **February 7, 2019**. Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2UQSkSw>

## CYBERSCHOOL

### Information Night:

**7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

Alouette Elementary  
22155 Isaac Crescent  
Maple Ridge

CyberSchool allows SD42 students in grades 6 and 7 to work at school three days a week, and from home (online) the other two days while still interacting with the class. Some benefits of this program include:

- Development of independence and self-advocacy;
- Use of technology to analyze and improve critical thinking skills;
- Collaboration with peers both online and face to face;
- Flexible scheduling – individualized daily agenda;
- Use of technology to demonstrate learning.

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**REGISTRATION** for Cyberschool [opens online](#) at **noon, February 7, 2019**.  
Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2Lp9Dph>

## **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION**

### **Information Night:**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**January 31, 2019**

Golden Ears Elementary (activity room)  
23124 - 118 Avenue  
Maple Ridge

### **Open Classroom Visit:**

**8:30 am – 10:00 am**  
**February 5, 2019**  
23124 - 118 Avenue  
Maple Ridge

The SD42 **Late French Immersion Program** is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in Grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2019 at Golden Ears Elementary School. This two-year elementary program continues either at Maple Ridge Secondary School or Pitt Meadows Secondary. To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend our information meeting on January 31, 2019 at Golden Ears Elementary.

**7-8 pm, January 31, 2019**  
**Golden Ears Elementary (activity room)**  
**23124-118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maple Ridge**  
For more information, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.465.5828 or [shelley\\_linton@sd42.ca](mailto:shelley_linton@sd42.ca)

**REGISTRATION** for Late French Immersion [opens online](#) at **noon, February 7, 2019**.  
Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2UNY67r>

## **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Please go to [www.iapkidsplus.com](http://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 February 25<sup>th</sup>.



## **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.

## PAC

Our next PAC meeting is on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

The PAC is accepting nominations for the position of vice chair. If you are interested in the position or would like more information about the position, please contact Jessica Underwood (604-862-0191). PAC will be accepting nominations until January 25<sup>th</sup>.



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**Ridge Meadows College & First Aid Hero: Riverside Centre**

### **RED CROSS BABYSITTING – WINTER 2019 FOR 11 YEARS OLD PLUS**

So, you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Different from all other Babysitting courses! Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes first aid and learning through real life scenarios. Active role-play! Interactive and fun! Covered in this course:

- Exploring the Business of Babysitting
- Creating Safe Environments
- Safely caring for ages 0-12
- First Aid Skills

Please bring a yoga mat, pen/pencil, medium sized stuffed animal or doll, lunch, snacks and water, *NO NUTS*.

### **2 COURSE DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE:**

**Wednesday, March 20, 201**

**Wednesday, July 3, 2019**

**8:30 am – 3:30 pm \$63/1 SESSION**

### LOCATION:

Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue,  
Maple Ridge

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 7:45 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 3:15 pm

Phone: 604-466-6555 (Ext 203)

Email: [rmc@sd42.ca](mailto:rmc@sd42.ca)

*To register, please contact Ridge Meadows College*

*604-466-6555 (Extension 203) or email*

*[RMC@sd42.ca](mailto:RMC@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](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca).

## **MAPLE RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fair  
Saturday, January 26th 11am-2pm

Come and celebrate Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fair on Family Literacy Day at Maple Ridge Public Library! Join us for an action-packed day with Showstoppers Academy and a Family Dance Party. Meet local community groups to learn about the many amazing programs and services available in our community. There will be lots of fun family activities, popcorn, contests and prizes for all ages! Everyone is welcome!

## UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 22	Girls' basketball home game vs Meadowridge
Jan. 25	Curriculum Implementation Day – School not in session
Jan. 28	Gratitude Workshops
Jan. 28	Boys' basketball away game at Yennadon
Jan. 29	Girls' basketball away game at Blue Mountain
Jan. 30	Jump Rope for Heart Activity Sessions (all day)
Feb. 1	Div. 6 to Cliff Park
Feb. 1	Caring Place
Feb. 1	Lunch Lady
Feb. 4	Skating Div. 1,4,8, 11
Feb. 4	BC Lions: Energy Champions
Feb. 4	Boys' basketball home game vs Meadowridge
Feb. 5	Skating Div. 3,5,7, 10
Feb. 5	Girls' basketball home game vs Whonnock
Feb. 6	Caring Place
Feb. 6	Active Kids Noon Hour
Feb. 7	Skating Div. 2,6,9
Feb. 8	Caring Place
Feb. 8	Lunch Lady
Feb. 11	Boys' basketball home game vs St. Pat's
Feb. 12	Girls' basketball away game at Golden Ears
Feb. 13	Caring Place
Feb. 13	Active Kids Noon Hour
Feb. 13	Student Voice THSS
Feb. 14	Non-instructional Day – no school for students today
Feb. 15	School not in session
Feb. 18	Family Day – no school
Feb. 19	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
Feb. 19	Girls' basketball away game at Kanaka Creek
Feb. 20	Caring Place
Feb. 20	Active Kids Noon Hour
Feb. 22	Caring Place
Feb. 22	Lunch Lady
Feb. 25	ROAR Assembly at 10:45
Feb. 25	PAC Hot Lunch
Feb. 25	Boys' basketball away game at Kanaka Creek
Feb. 26	Girls' basketball away game at Meadowridge

# The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

## **NUMERACY:**

*Using mathematical and logical thinking in context*

**N**umeracy is the ability to understand and apply mathematical concepts, processes, and skills to solve problems and make decisions in a variety of situations, including real-life scenarios. Numeracy goes beyond mathematics in that students solve problems by using the five processes: interpret, apply, solve, analyze and communicate across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12.

All students will write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment, which is a new provincial assessment and a graduation requirement. It assesses a student's understanding, application of knowledge and deeper learning, and has students apply mathematical reasoning learned throughout their education.

**Coming in February – Collaborative Learning.**



Primary students working to learn about adding integers.



### **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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