

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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FEBRUARY 2019

February has certainly brought winter to us full throttle. We've had some disruptions with a day of school cancelation and some issues with our busing. Thank you to everyone for being so patient and understanding. Hopefully, we're almost done with the winter conditions and moving on to Spring weather.

We started February with events like skating (thank you to all parents who were able to drive students to and from the arena; we couldn't have done it without you 😊) and the BC Lions Energy Champions assembly. The assembly was well-received by our students and opened all of our eyes to ways we can be more energy conscious. We continued our 100s Day event for all of our primary students as well as hosting a Safer Schools Internet Awareness presentation for our intermediate students. Continuing our spirit of giving at Webster's, we hosted a bake sale for the Me to We project (sustainability project in Africa). Well done to our Senior Leadership students for raising over \$200. Not to be outdone, our Junior Leaders raised over \$300 for the SPCA fundraiser. In addition, we have been sending 3-4 volunteers, one to two times a week to the Caring Place to help feed the homeless (we've been volunteering for the last three years). I am so proud of all of our students for being so kind and generous.

We are looking forward to Pink Shirt Day where all the classes will make their own class pink shirt filled with kind and inspiring messages to be shared with all.

Finally, I'm happy to announce that the school board has had confirmation that Webster's will be getting a modular daycare centre starting in September 2019. I will pass on any further details once I receive word from the board and/or the Ministry.

Mr. Mehrassa



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Alex, Sasha, Aiden, Logan R., Luke S
Madden, Leo, Ava E., Tess, Taryn,
Jessica, Ryler, Angela, Kian and
Shepard.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: Celina and Josh
Div. 2: Angelina and Maggie
Div. 3: Kaitlyn, Allan and Isabella
Div. 4: Nicki, Colin and Jaiden
Div. 5: Kaleb, Emily, Lauren and Jennifer
Div. 6: Sydney, Kavan, Henry and Setayesh
Div. 7: Isaac, Aisha and Mehran
Div. 8: Jack, Zeenat and Mariah
Div. 9: Dean, Asher and Jackson
Div. 10: Kane, Lexi, Lukas & Amaya and 11

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration

Find out about the online registration process for both below:

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.: <http://www.sd42.ca/ki-ndergarten-registration/>

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 6:15 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: [Inclement Weather](#)

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

(Thursday, March 7 afternoon & all day
Friday, March 8)

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/parentinformation/>.

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



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.



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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

To register, please contact Ridge Meadows College

604-466-6555 (Extension 203) or email

RMC@sd42.ca

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 April 15th.

PAC

Our next PAC meeting will take place on Wed. April 18th at 8:45 am. Please join us.

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

Please see the attached information about the summer learning programs being offered.

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 26	Girls' basketball away game at Meadowridge
Feb. 27	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 27 to June 26	Kindergarten late registration
Feb. 28	PEAK classroom
Mar. 1	Div. 6 Cliff Park
Mar. 1	Div. 4 Earth Science Field Trip
Mar. 1	Caring Place
Mar. 1	Lunch Lady
Mar. 5	Reading Link Challenge
Mar. 6	Caring Place
Mar. 6	Active Kids Noon Hour
Mar. 7	Reporting Conferences early dismissal @11:30
Mar. 8	Reporting conferences all day – school not in session
Mar. 11	PAC Hot Lunch
Mar. 13	Caring Place
Mar. 13	Active Kids Noon Hour
Mar. 14	Friendship Fruit Salad
Mar. 15	Caring Place
Mar. 15	Lunch Lady

Mar. 18 to Mar. 29	Spring Break
Apr. 1	First day of school after Spring Break
Apr. 2	Gr. 5/6 Fire Safety Program
Apr. 2	Planetarium classes
Apr. 3	Planetarium classes
Apr. 5	Div. 6 Cliff Park
Apr. 5	Caring Place
Apr. 9	Primary Super Hero Day
Apr. 10	PAC Pancake Breakfast
Apr. 10	GSS Band Visit
Apr. 11	Div. 6 to Kanaka Fish Hatchery
Apr. 15	ROAR Assembly at 10:45am
Apr. 15	PAC Hot Lunch
Apr. 17	Div. 10 & 11 to the ACT
Apr. 18	Andy the Musical Scientist
Apr. 19	Good Friday – school not in session
Apr. 22	Easter Monday – school not in session
Apr. 24	Panorama Photo/Class Photos

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Collaborative learning is an educational approach to teaching and learning that involves groups of students working together to solve a problem, complete a task, or create a product. This approach requires students to be highly engaged in their learning, with a focus on process rather than on the right answer.

Students are expected to come prepared to discuss and collaborate. Teachers build in accountability with group marks and individual student assessments. Students teach each other through working on challenging class problems with the teacher as facilitator or coach. The goal is to shift learning from teacher-centered to a student-centered model.

For more information about BC's new curriculum, visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

Coming in March – Aboriginal Worldviews & Perspectives in the Classroom.



Grade 2/3 students working together to figure out math problems.



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.