

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Webster's Corners Elementary Adding New Daycare Space

We are pleased to announce a new daycare will open at Webster's Corners Elementary in September 2019.

"We're are thrilled to be adding this daycare space. We have many families with young children in our school community who will really benefit from having a daycare option available at our school," said Ramin Mehrassa, principal of Webster's Corners.

Maple Ridge-based Little Willows Early Learning Childcare Centre will operate the daycare, which will provide morning and afternoon preschool classes for children 3 to 4 years old, as well as before- and after-school care.

Little Willows will also run daycares at Alouette and Harry Hooe elementary schools starting in September 2019.

"Our Little Willows family is ecstatic to be growing with School District No. 42 and offering quality preschool and out-of-school care programs to Alouette, Harry Hooe and Webster's Corner elementary schools," said Reaghan Gasparre, owner of Little Willows. "We are grateful to be a part of a beautiful community and city that offers many opportunities for children and families."

Gasparre said the daycare a Webster's Corners will open its doors in September and students enrolled at Webster's and their siblings will be given registration priority.

Little Willows has several childcare centres in Maple Ridge and Mission and follows the Reggio Emilia approach to preschool and primary education with programming that revolves around the interest and imagination of each child.

Mehrassa said having the daycare on the school grounds will help to smooth the kindergarten transition for young students.

"Preschool allows the children to adjust to the school community before entering kindergarten. It makes for a smooth transition because they will be used to the school setting."

For more information about Little Willows Early Learning Childcare Centre or to register, please contact Reaghan Gasparre at reaghan@littlewillows.ca

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APRIL 2019

I feel that we were so fortunate to have been blessed with summer-like weather during Spring Break and the beginning of the first week back at school. I hope you were able to spend fun times with your children, family and friends.

The months of March and April included many different activities for our students. We started March off with the reporting conferences. Thank you to all parents for being such an integral part of these meetings. Your participation in your children's education will pay huge dividends down the road.

Other activities for the rest of March and April include the monthly trip by division six to Cliff Park, Reading Link Challenge, the Garibaldi Secondary band and the PEAK culminating activity. The Friendship Fruit Salad is one more way that we celebrate our community together. We've also had the Fire Department visit us with presentations of fire safety for our grade 5 and 6 students. Please feel free to talk to your children about how to keep the family safe in case of a fire at home. Our intermediate students have also been involved in some very informative iMinds sessions teaching them skills about managing their health and wellness.

As always, we're extremely fortunate to have our PAC sponsor fun activities for our kids. This month we were treated to the

Planetarium sessions in the gym for all students. Students actually got to feel what it would be like to go to the planetarium by being placed inside an inflatable dome that replicated the planetarium theatre and the constellations. We received terrific feedback from our students. We're also looking forward later in the month to the drama workshops for the whole school.

I do want to emphasize how lucky our students are to have such a supportive PAC pay for events mentioned above. The money PAC raises through fundraisers goes directly towards these events, enabling our whole student population to have access to these programs for free.

Mr. Mehrassa



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Austin, Tejasv, Tristan W., Jaxson,
Avery, Julie, Nixon, Nia, Yana,
Quentin, Mike, Danica, Olivia, Katie,
Asher, Rayyan, Mackenzie, Murdoc,
Harper, Idriz, Jake, Isaac, Angelina B.,
Isabel, Carter D., Cole and Dino.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Rebecca S., Alexis, Kayleb, Cate,
Keon, Nastaran, Hannah S., Braiden,
Mya, Nate, Emily M., Levi, Ayden,
Sydney M., Luca, Brooklyn L., Colin,
Bryce S. Isabella S., Emme, Cynthia,
Kaleb, Isabella U, and Chase

ADVISING US OF ABSENT OR LATE STUDENTS

If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, please remember to inform us via the portal or email the school at wce_reception@sd42.ca.

We have had a number of parents advising only the teacher of absences – **please also always advise the office of any absences as the teacher may be away or out of the classroom.** You may also phone in the absence to 604-462-7595. An answering machine is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week for your convenience.

If your child is not well enough to go outside at recess and lunch, he/she is probably not well enough to be at school (when children

are sick, they should stay at home in order to get better and to stop the spread of germs).

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 Monday, April 15.

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to Mr. Mehrassa in writing by May 31st, 2019. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

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: [Inclement Weather](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

FEB 27-June 26: Late Registration.

This phase is for parents who may have missed previous registration phases.



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.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

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

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.



A division of School District No. 42

**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*.

COURSE DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE:

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

CANADA'S FOOD GUIDE

The New Canada's Food Guide – What do the changes mean to your family?

The new [Canada's Food Guide](#) helps support healthy eating for you and your family. With the new changes, it's the perfect time to create new habits one small step at a time.

Here are some of the more significant changes:

Healthy Food Choices



The four food groups have been replaced with a picture of a healthy plate. Aim to fill half of your plate with a variety of vegetables and fruits, and the other half with

equal amounts of protein and whole grain foods.

- **Milk products are now listed as a source of protein** along with beans, nuts, seeds, lean meats, fish, and eggs.
 - Continue to enjoy lower fat dairy products (i.e. milk, yogurt and cheese). Dairy products provide important nutrients like calcium and vitamin D for your family.
 - Choose protein food that comes from plants more often. These delicious [recipes](#) include options for plant-based meals.
- **Fruit juice is now recognized as a sugary drink** along with iced tea, chocolate milk and soft drinks. Sugary drinks are not recommended; make water the drink of choice.

Healthy Eating Habits

The new Food Guide explains “how” to eat healthy in addition to “what” to eat. Here are a couple of examples:

- **Cook more often.** Children like to be included in the [planning and preparation of meals](#). It helps build their confidence

and cooking skills and is a great way to connect with your child. The new Food Guide includes [tips on preparing meals with kids](#).

- [Eat meals with your family](#) and be free from distractions such as electronic devices or television.

Accessing the Food Guide

The new food guide is mobile friendly. You can also [print](#) copies or [order](#) copies from Health Canada.



GRADE 7 STUDENTS – Planning for this summer?

Grade 8 High School Options Summer 2019

The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is offering three summer learning programs for all current Grade 7 students. Students can choose ONE of the following three program options:

- ***Program 1:** Robotics; Woodworking; Metal Shop (rotation)
- **Program 2:** Theatre Sports
- **Program 3:** Coding & Video Game Design

These programs will offer students an opportunity to build transferable life skills that will benefit them with their transition to high school and beyond.

Registration opens– May 1 to May 10 2019
[see Parent Portal](#)



K-6 students – Summer Learning July 2019

Mark your calendars! The *Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District (SD42)* is once again

offering a summer learning opportunity for elementary aged students (Grades K-6) currently attending our schools.

Primary Focus Grades K-3 blended classes

Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, and Technology

Intermediate Focus Grades 4-6 (blended)

Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, Leadership

Registration opens– May 1 to May 10 2019
[see Parent Portal](#)

International Student Program Fee:

\$400.00

(Cancellation policy - \$30.00 placeholder fee refundable prior to July 3, 2019)

CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY:

May 1 to May 31 Full refund \$50.00
(\$30.00 placeholder + \$20 take home project)

June 1 to June 28 Partial refund \$30.00
(\$20 take home project fee retained – project supplies purchased)

July 3 to July 19 No refund – program not completed – all fees retained

Program information at a glance:

Locations:

East Zone – Yennadon Elem

West Zone: Edith McDermott Elem

Central Zone – Alouette Elem

French Imm: Laity View Elem

Dates: July 3 to July 19, 2019

Times: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Attendance is mandatory for these programs

Cost: \$50.00 (\$20 project fee + \$30 refundable placeholder fee upon program completion)

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb 27 to June 26	Kindergarten late registration
Apr. 15	ROAR Assembly
Apr. 15	PAC Hot Lunch
Apr. 16	IMinds Sessions for intermediates
Apr. 17	Caring Place
Apr. 17	Divs 5, 8, 9, 10 & 11 to the ACT – “The Little Mermaid”
Apr. 17	Active Kids
Apr. 17	Track & Field 1pm
Apr. 17	Student Voice at SRT – 12:30-2:00
Apr. 18	Andy the Musical Scientist
Apr. 19	Good Friday – no school
Apr. 22	Easter Monday – no school
Apr. 24	Panorama Photo 8:30am
Apr. 24	Caring Place
Apr. 24	Active Kids
Apr. 24	Track & Field 1pm
Apr. 25	iMinds sessions for Intermediates
Apr. 26	iMinds sessions for Intermediates
Apr. 26	Caring Place
Apr. 26	Lunch Lady
Apr. 29	Non-Instructional Day – school not in session
Apr. 30	Drama Workshops
Apr. 30	Div. 7 Fish Hatchery
May 1	Caring Place
May 1	Track & Field 1pm
May 3	Div. 6 to Cliff Park
May 3	Drama Workshops
May 3	Caring Place
May 3	Lunch Lady
May 8	Drama Workshops
May 8	Caring Place
May 8	Track & Field 1pm

May 9	Webster’s Corners Public Speaking Competetion (10:30-12:00)
May 10	Drama Workshops
May 10	Caring Place
May 10	Lunch Lady
May 13	PAC Hot Lunch – Pancakes 11:45 am
May 13	Class rehearsals for Spring Concert
May 14	Class rehearsals for Spring Concert
May 14	PAC Meeting – 8:45am
May 14	District Public Speaking Competition – grade 4/5
May 15	District Public Speaking Competition – grade 6/7
May 15	Caring Place
May 15	Track & Field – 1:00pm
May 15	Rehearsal for Spring Concert – 12:45-2:20
May 15	Spring Concert – 6:00-7:30pm
May 16	ROAR Assembly – 1:00pm
May 17	Drama Workshops
May 17	Caring Place
May 17	Hot Lunch
May 20	Victoria Day – school not in session
May 21	Non-instructional day – school not in session
May 22	Caring Place
May 22	Track & Field 1pm
May 23	Creative Kaos Art workshops
May 24	Creative Kaos Art workshops
May 24	Drama Workshops
May 24	Caring Place
May 24	Hot Lunch
May 31	Shoreline Cleanup – 10:30-1:00pm

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

PLACE-BASED LEARNING

Place-based learning connects students to the landscape, heritage and cultures in their community. They explore their own community and environment through project-based learning and outdoor education. It makes learning relevant as they look at real-life problems and situations and figure out ways to be involved and to help. Spending time outside can help students build independence and confidence, and improve their mental health through hands-on learning. Outdoor learning also allows them to build problem-solving and teamwork skills. When students feel connected to a place, they are invested in the long-term well-being of their community and environment.

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

Coming in May – Inquiry Learning.



Division 6 students learning about the local ecosystem on their monthly trip to Cliff Park.



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.



"Our vision is for every individual to feel valued and for all learners to reach their potential."

Family Self-Defense Night

All ages are welcome for this Family Self-Defense Night! Learn to defend yourself through this Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu-based self-defense class led by Jonathan Miller, a Renzo Gracie Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instructor who teaches After-School Programs at the school district. This is the perfect opportunity to get active with your family and learn empowering self-defense skills. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Everyone welcome!

Eric Langton Elementary
Tuesday, May 28
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Blue Mountain Elementary
Wednesday, May 29
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per person
To register: go to <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>
Contact: Drea Owen, Program Manager, Community Connections and Healthy Living
T. 604-346-9815 E. drea_owen@sd42.ca



Who do you know that is making a difference in **Maple Ridge**?



**Nominate a local volunteer hero,
age 18 and under, for a
Citizen of the Year - Youth Award!
Winner receives a \$750 donation to
their local charity of choice!**

**You're invited to the 2nd Annual MRCF Citizen of the Year
Youth Award Presentation & Community BBQ
Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 11:30am (Bbq to follow)
at Thomas Haney - in the rotunda**

To nominate you must:

- Inform nominee and have their consent
- Provide a reason why you've selected them
- Include their resume or links to their volunteer contributions
- Send a recent photograph of the nominee
- Letters of support are encouraged

Nomination forms & details at mrcf.ca, deadline is April 1, 2019.