

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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SEPTEMBER 2019

Happy September to you all! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. The Fall weather seems to have settled in and we're in full swing already with our school activities. As is our tradition, we started the year off with the station rotations where students had a chance to meet all of our teachers and learn about such different things as the PEAK program, technology, and creative problem-solving tasks. Other events in September include the Open House, which was very well-attended by our parent community, Welcome Back pancake breakfast and an exciting hip hop and hoop dancing performance. A big thank you to our PAC for the hot dogs and drinks at the open house. It was also a lot of fun to have the police service dog and the fire department attend our event. Thank you as well to Eugene Javier for being such an excellent DJ. We're also looking forward to the Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day this September.

As mentioned before, we're very fortunate to be sponsored by the Indigo Adopt A School program this year. We've already had 98 donations and we appreciate all your support and generosity. The program runs until October 14th. It would be much appreciated if you could continue to share the link to the program with family, friends and colleagues. Please remember that Indigo will match all funds raised by us during this time period.

Here's the link for our school.

<https://www.loveofreading.org/school/1825/>

Mr. Mehrassa

WELCOME TO OUR OUTSTANDING STAFF

We have had a couple of changes to our staff over the summer and we are pleased to welcome new staff members (in bold print) to our school.

Classroom Teachers:

Ms. Y. Mann
Ms. L. Neumann
Ms. L. Lane
Ms. A. Shay
Ms. S. Sanders
Ms. L. Medland

Librarian/Prep

Ms. K. Blom

Support Teacher:

Mrs. J. Fuller

Counsellor:

Ms. J. Sheehan

Child & Youth Care Worker:

Ms. A. Gauley

ABED Worker:

Ms. A. Sandy

Educational Assistants:

Ms. W. McRae
Ms. S. Pearson
Ms. S. Queen
Ms. M. Goes
Ms. C. Adams
Mrs. A. Roberge.
Ms. C. Turner
Mrs. C. Lilley

Secretary

Ms. J. Ross

Noon Hour Supervisors:

Ms. B. Kaur Dhesi

Custodian:

Ms. A. Marer



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Lavina, Jack, Hailee, Brooklynn, Asher,
Carolina, Arianna, Mariam, Geno, Ian, Cruz,
Soha and Silas.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mr. Fraser for donating a custom built plexi-glass covering for our staffroom coffee table. Our staff very much appreciates your kindness.

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. (\$55.00 for Kindergarten students) 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.

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:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/head-lice#.XYEFcOSouUk>

<http://www.lice911.com/>
<https://www.licesquad.com/>



2019/2020 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

A big welcome and congratulations to all of our Kindergarten students who started full time school on Monday, September 16th.

ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Who is an Aboriginal Student?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. The term *Aboriginal* includes people who are First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit. No documentation is required and the ancestry can go back several generations. Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year. Self-identification forms can be picked up at the school office. Alternatively, you can download a copy of this form at the Aboriginal Education website:

<http://www.sd42.ca/program/aboriginal-education>

If you have any questions, please call the Aboriginal Education office at 604-466-6265
Please return any completed forms to the school office.

ASSEMBLIES

Our assemblies usually take place on Thursday mornings at 1pm. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend school assemblies; please watch for notification for upcoming assemblies. Our next assembly will be on October 10th.



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.

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. 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).

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
10:20-10:35 AM	Recess
11:50 AM	Students go outside
12:10 PM	Students come inside to eat
12:30 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.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Brochures have been sent home in your child's backpack informing you of the Fall After School Program. Programs are offered three times per year, Fall, Winter and Spring. Our first set will start Oct. 2nd. Registration information can be found in the brochure.

If your child requires extra support in the classroom please contact Drea Owen prior to

registration to ensure the program will be a good fit. Children benefit from participating in after school programs both academically and socially, creating opportunities to build on traditional learning outcomes but also through new friendships and experiences. Our After School Programs offer subsidies for any family who requires assistance by contacting Drea Owen at 604-346-9815 or at drea_owen@sd42.ca.

PAC

The PAC at Webster's Corners Elementary is an integral part of our school community and donates their time and effort in order to provide a more positive school experience for our students. Our PAC is in charge of planning and hosting many school events and fundraisers. In the past, the PAC has contributed in part or in whole toward activities such as the school Pancake Breakfasts, our annual Fun Day, the Shoreline Cleanup BBQ, funds for the Water Slides, as well as contributing to the purchase of school resources such as books. PAC meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 8:45 am in the library. Our next PAC meeting of the 2019/2020 school year will be on October 1st. 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

PAC EXECUTIVE (2019/2020)

Chair: Jessica Underwood
Vice-Chair: Ashley Popeniuk
Treasurer: Ira Javier
Secretary: Bonnie Kivimaa
DPAC Rep.: Eugene Javier & Paula Blamey

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 from 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.

MOVIE AT HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Elementary School is hosting the screening of the documentary Screenagers on Oct 8 at 6:30. The movie is free, but tickets are required.

Here's the link to get tickets. <https://www.eventcombo.com/e/screenagers-film-presented-by-highland-park-elementary-schoo-36028>

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 website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/bc-training-and-education-savings-grant> for more information or email BCTESG@gov.bc.ca.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 25	PAC Pancake breakfast
Sept. 26	RCMP Visit 12:45pm
Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run 1:00pm
Sept. 26	DPAC mtg. 7:00pm
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 1	PAC Meeting 8:45am
Oct. 3	PEAK groups 1:00pm
Oct. 4	Rotary Dictionaries for Grade 4 Students
Oct. 9	Student Photos 8:30am
Oct. 10	ROAR assembly 1:00pm
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day – no school
Oct. 16	Gr. 6 immunization info session
Oct. 17	PEAK groups 1:00pm
Oct. 18	Apple Barn Field Trip
Oct. 24	PEAK groups
Oct. 25	Non-Instructional Day- School not in session
Oct. 29	PEAK feast
Oct. 30	Photo Retakes
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*



How has the curriculum been redesigned & how does this benefit student learning?

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to support the changing world students are entering. The redesigned curriculum is student-centred and flexible, maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy skills, and includes Aboriginal perspectives.

Kindergarten to Grade 10 teachers are already using the new curriculum in all our schools. The redesigned curriculum for Grade 11 and 12 is being fully implemented this September.

So how and what will your child be learning? Each month in our school newsletter, we will highlight a key feature of the redesigned curriculum and share stories about how this feature is being implemented in your child's classroom. We will also tell you why these skills and abilities will help your child succeed

Below, you will find the first installment of our monthly feature on the redesigned curriculum.

For more information about the BC curriculum, visit: <https://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum/>

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

Why does collaboration have a prominent role in the redesigned curriculum?

The ability to work effectively with others has become a critically important skill for career and life success. “Coordinating with others” is listed as one of the 10 skills to thrive by the World Economic Forum.

The *Communication* core competency highlights the importance of effective collaboration by focusing on the development of students’ listening skills, students’ ability to engage in formal and informal conversation, and their ability to generate and share ideas. When students work together to accomplish goals in areas such as inquiry, problem-solving, and community projects, they incorporate information from multiple sources of knowledge, perspectives, and experiences. Students learn to appreciate different perspectives and also learn to build consensus. As a result, the creativity and quality of the solutions students propose are both enhanced.

The relational importance of learning for all students is also captured by the First Peoples’ Principles of Learning, which recognize that learning is a highly social process that builds relationships within the family and the community. Ultimately, this emphasis on relationship “reinforces a way of being in the world that helps shape our actions, as we think about how our actions affect those around us.”

–From: Chrona. J: <https://firstpeoplesprinciplesoflearning.wordpress.com/> 2019



Primary students working together on an online math challenge



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?

The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas:

communication, personal and social, thinking. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.



THRIVE EMPOWERMENT SOLUTIONS

Fall 2019 Programs for Girls Aged 6 - 12



Sole Girls Fall Sessions

Release your inner awesome at Sole Girls! Learn to be fearless, build confidence, live healthy, make new friends, & goal set. Empowering games, mentorship & discussion plus weekly training to run a 5km fun run at the end!

9 weeks
Ages 8 - 12



Wednesdays, September 25 - November 20
Alouette Elementary School

Afternoons
3:30 - 5:15 pm

Evenings
6:15 - 8:00 pm



Adventures in Wisdom

Get active, meet new friends & discover how awesome you are! Story-telling & Interactive games & activities helps younger girls recognize & embrace their greatness. Girls learn to take control of their thoughts & feelings to help build positive relationships, develop confidence & discover their potential!

5 weeks
Ages 6-8



Tuesdays, October 15 - November 20
Golden Ears Winter Club (beside Planet Ice)
Afternoons, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Golden Ears Park Charity Hike for



Youth Wellness

Come and join us for a fun hike/walk to Viewpoint Beach in Golden Ears via the East Canyon Trail! The best part - it's by donation with all funds given to our Youth Wellness Centre! We'll enjoy the natural scenery along the way, and will spend 1+ hours at the beach enjoying games, activities and a scavenger hunt!

Pro-D Day - Monday, Sept 23rd 10 am - 1 pm

Ages 8 - 13

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2019-2020 WEBSTER'S CORNERS SCHOOL CALENDAR

School opening day for students - early dismissal at 11:00am	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Monday, September 23, 2019</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 25, 2019</i>
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Friday, November 8, 2019</i>
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
Reporting Conferences – early dismissal at 11:30am	Wednesday, November 27, 2019
Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session	Thursday, November 28, 2019
Schools close for break	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter break	Monday, December 23, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 6, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Friday, January 24, 2020</i>
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Thursday, February 13, 2020</i>
Schools Not in Session	Friday, February 14, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Reporting Conferences – early dismissal at 11:30am	Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session	Thursday, March 5, 2020
Schools close for break	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring break	Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 20, 2020
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 23, 2020 to Friday, March 27, 2020</i>
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Tuesday, May 19, 2020</i>
Last day for students - early dismissal at 12:00pm	Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Year-end administrative day	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Schools close for Summer vacation	Friday, June 26, 2020

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*:

853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten. 878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.