

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the  
Wildcats



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## OCTOBER 2019

One of the best parts of being at Webster's for the past five and a half years has been the fact that I've been able to see our traditions established and celebrated every year. I feel privileged to be a part of our annual PEAK feast. The community spirit at our school is second to none and I'm so proud to be a part of this community.

As usual, we've had another busy month at Webster's. We were fortunate to have been sponsored by Indigo and managed to have over 436 books donated for our school library. Thank you to everyone who donated and got the word out about our book drive. We're so excited to be able to share the new books with our students. Our grade fours were also lucky enough to receive brand new illustrated dictionaries donated by the Rotary Club of Maple Ridge. The students have already put the dictionaries to good use in their class.

Volleyball is in full swing and we're proud to be fielding both a girls' and a boys' team. This is testament to the dedication of my staff to be able to field two teams with such a small staff. A big thank you to Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Blom for co-coaching both teams. Thank you also to Ms. Sanders, Ms. Shay and Mrs. Lilley for sponsoring the Cross-Country team.

The events at Alouette Lake and Albion Sports Complex are always a great experience for students competing in the intermediate and primary runs. Well done to all our students for representing Webster's so well.

Thank you to all of our parents for participating in the Emergency Release Drill. It is important for us to practice and be prepared for the safety of our kids.

We wrapped up the penultimate week of October with a school-wide field trip to the Apple Barn. What a fun experience for our school community. Thank you to everyone for your support with this trip.

Still to come in the last week of October is our Halloween parade on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:45am in the gym. Parents are invited to come and enjoy the parade. Please do remember that we encourage kids to dress up in elementary-appropriate costumes and to refrain from bringing masks and weapons to school. I always remind our older students to think of our little Kindergarten buddies when choosing costumes.

Finally, I hope you can join us for the November 1<sup>st</sup> Family Dance Party in the gym from 5:30-8:00pm.

**Mr. Mehrassa**



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Ben, William, Kira, James, Olivia,  
Hairi and Taylor.

## ROARS:

The following students are to be congratulated for receiving ROARS at the October assembly:

Div. 1: Carolina and Lanah

Div. 2: Sienna, Steven and Jennifer

Div. 3: Levi and Chase

Div. 4: Louis, Luke and Spencer

Div. 5: Sophie, Kallia and Jackson

Div. 6: Ava and Landon

## SCHOOL BUS

Please be advised that your child may **ONLY** ride the school bus if they are a registered bus student.

Advise us at [wce\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:wce_reception@sd42.ca) before noon if your child will not be taking the bus home on a particular day. We thank you in advance for helping to ensure that the bus departs on time.

## 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 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>

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

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

## LIBRARY

Parent volunteers are needed to help out one hour a week in our Library. Duties include: Prepping new books, shelving, 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](mailto:kblom@sd42.ca)

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who participated in Cross Country this year: Intermediates: Austin, Taylor W., Sophia G. Kyla, Serenity, Aisha, Tanner E., Shepard and Mariam

### Primaries

Alexandria, Kristi, Cruz, Dean, Sophia B., Taylor L. and Luke

A big shout out to the following students who placed in the cross-country races:

Kyla placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for Grade 4 Girls  
Austin placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for Grade 6 Boys  
Cruz placed 15<sup>th</sup> for Grade 2 Boys  
Dean placed 17<sup>th</sup> for Grade 2 Boys

## **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

## **ASSEMBLIES**

Our assemblies usually take place on Thursday afternoons 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 November 14<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.

## **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	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
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	<b>CLASSES DISMISSED</b>

## 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 Tuesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:websterscornerspac@hotmail.ca)

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 42

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) is looking for qualified Casual-On-Call Lunch Hour Supervisors. For more information please visit our website: ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca) and click on the careers tab)

### Casual-On-Call Education Assistants

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) is looking for qualified **Casual-On-Call Education Assistants**. For more information please visit our website: ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca) and click on the careers tab)

### Interested in becoming an Education Assistant?

Ridge Meadows College has a second cohort for the Education Assistant program starting in January 2020 and have extended the deadline for application to **November 15, 2019**. A program overview, list of admission requirements and the application package is available on-line at <http://rmcollege.ca/education-assistant-certificate/> or in person at Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue. A limited number of applicants will be accepted.

## STRONG START CENTRE

This free, early learning drop-in program is held at Garibaldi Secondary School for children 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 604-467-1101, or by email at [mbeaudet@sd42.ca](mailto:mbeaudet@sd42.ca).

## UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 25	Non-Instructional Day - school not in session
Oct 28	Boys' Volleyball game at home vs Blue Mountain
Oct. 29	PEAK Feast 11:15am
Oct. 29	Girls' Volleyball game at home vs Blue Mountain
Oct. 30	Photo retakes
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade 10:45am
Nov. 1	PAC Community Dance (5:30-8:00pm)
Nov. 4	Boys Volleyball game away at Alexander Robinson
Nov. 5	Girls Volleyball game away at Whonnock
Nov. 7	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am
Nov. 7	PEAK groups 1:00pm
Nov. 8	Non instructional day - school not in session
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – school not in session
Nov. 12	Gr. 6 immunizations
Nov. 12	Girls' Volleyball game at home vs Kanaka
Nov. 14	ROAR Assembly at 1:00pm
Nov. 19	WE Day
Nov. 20	Student Voice at MRSS
Nov. 21	PEAK groups 1:00pm
Nov. 22	Identity Fair (1:00-2:00pm)
Nov. 25	Gratitude Workshops
Nov. 26	Gratitude Workshops
Nov. 27	Student Led Conferences 11:30am dismissal
Nov. 28	Student Led Conferences – school not in session
Dec. 2	Div. 2, 4 & 6 Skating
Dec. 6	Div. 1, 3 & 6 Skating



# The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

## *Personal Awareness and Responsibility*

**W**hy is personal awareness and responsibility so important to a child's education? Personal awareness and responsibility is a core competency integrated into all areas of learning in the curriculum.

When a student is personally aware and responsible, their sense of self-worth and confidence grow as they develop skills to ensure their well-being. Students learn how to set goals, regulate their emotions and stress, express their needs, and seek help when needed. When students understand how their choices affect their educational, emotional, and social well-being, they recognize that they have a personal responsibility for their future.

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

**Coming in November – *Compassion.***

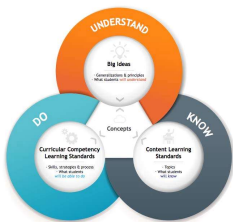


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## ***Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand***

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.





# ANGER MONSTERS

**OCT 26 - NOV 16 | 3-5PM SATURDAYS**

**\$90 FOR 1 PARENT AND 1 CHILD  
\$25 PER ADDITIONAL PARENT**

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 8-12YRS OLD:**

- LEARN WHAT ANGER IS
- WHAT YOUR THEIR TRIGGERS ARE
- LEARN TOOLS FOR CONTROLLING ANGER

## **PARENT'S PROGRAM:**

- ANGER CYCLES
- GOALS OF BEHAVIOUR
- HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S EFFORT TO TAME THEIR ANGER MONSTER
- CALMNIQ TECHNIQUES

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