

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Wildcats



DECEMBER 2019

A big thank you to all of our parents and students for attending the reporting conferences. Having parents, students and teachers involved in the learning that happens at school is an important and worthwhile event.

A reminder to all parents that Kindergarten registration will commence on January 8th for the sibling stage. Please see the notice in this newsletter about regarding the dates for all stages of Kindergarten registration.

In the last weeks before the Winter break, we've had Bear and Cougar awareness safety seminars, as well as enjoying Gratitude sessions put on by the Family Education & Support Centre staff. We're looking forward to ice skating, and our annual Christmas concert which will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 9:00am and 1:00pm. Our PEAK groups will be making Christmas decorations for sale on the day of the Christmas concerts to raise funds for our Christmas Hamper Families.

We're extremely proud to be sponsoring four families from our own community for our annual Christmas Hamper Drive. Thank you to our PAC and my staff for their donations for this worthy cause.

Upon our return after the Winter Break, we will be hosting our Pancake breakfast, as is our tradition after every holiday break.

The PAC will be serving pancakes to the whole school Wednesday, January 8th at 9:50am as a welcome back to school for all of our students.

Mr. Mehrassa



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Delylah, Ethan, Jordan, Maia, Kallia, Aisha, Donnie and Nathan B.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2020/2021

Kindergarten registration for the 2020/2021 School year is open to children who will be **5 years old on or before December 31, 2020.**

Learn more at
<http://www.sd42.ca>

Phase	Registration Starts (12:00 noon)	Registration Ends (11:59 pm)
Sibling	Jan 8, 2020	Jan 14, 2020
Choice	Jan 22, 2020	Jan 27, 2020
General	Feb. 5, 2020	Feb 12, 2020
Late	Feb 26, 2020	June 21, 2020
Open	Aug 21, 2020	June 22, 2021

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Webster's Corners is offering a fun LEGO after school program one day a week beginning January 22nd. Registration is open now at

<http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>

Bricks4kidz is a local company providing quality, fun and engaging opportunities for our students after school. This Bricks4kidz after school program's theme is Jurassic Brickland – students will build and bring to life amazing dinosaurs that lived during the Jurassic period. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Drea Owen at 604.346.9814 or drea_owen@sd42.ca

MUNCH-A-LUNCH

Our school has signed up for the MunchaLunch program. This means no more paper orders or having to find change. All ordering can be done and paid for online. Please remember that the deadline for signing up for any lunch date is 4 days prior to the lunch.

All funds raised go directly to our PAC which in turn will be spent on programs and activities for Webster's students. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/WebstersCorners/>

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.

LIBRARY

Parent volunteers are needed to help out one or two hours a week in our Library. Duties include: Prepping new books, 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

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 go to: <https://www.sd42.ca/inclement-weather-procedures/>

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 Thursday, January 16th at 1:00pm.



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!

PAC

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th at 8:45am in the Multipurpose room. 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

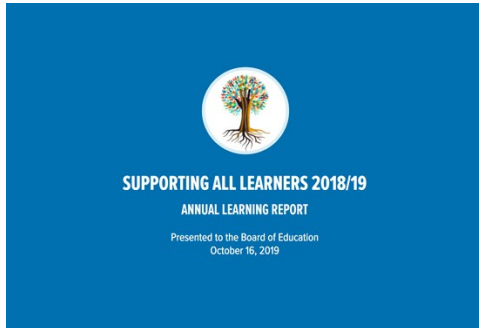
From Sylvia Russell, Superintendent of Schools:

Supporting All Learners 2018/19

I am very pleased to present to you our *Supporting All Learners* annual learning report. As a school district, we rely upon the learning priorities of each school, as set out in school growth plans, to drive board-funded learning supports and structures. We now have several years of investment and focus on the four following areas identified in school growth plans: social and emotional learning, literacy, learning and assessment, and secondary innovation.

Our sustained focus on and work in these four key areas of learning have resulted in inclusionary teaching practices, new assessment tools and practices, workshops, professional development, the addition of helping teachers, new programs, and support from educational researchers. As you will see in your review of the report, the investment is beginning to reap significant and positive results for our students.

Read the *Supporting All Learners 2018/19* report online at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2018-2019-Supporting-All-Learners-web.pdf>



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 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 has 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.

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 and click on the careers tab)

Be sure to take advantage of education savings opportunities

Education Savings Week is from Nov. 18 to 22, 2019.

Almost 80% of job openings in British Columbia over the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education. Families can open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and the Government of British Columbia will deposit \$1,200 into the RESP for their children. No additional money is needed to receive the \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant. Families can ask their local financial institution if they are one of the 56 official promoters of the grant, and are urged to not be part of the 40% who leave this grant unclaimed.

The grant allows parents and families who may not be able to currently afford to put money aside to start a RESP. Studies indicate that children with RESPs are more likely to pursue higher education. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, college or university.

Applications are open to eligible children between six and nine years old. Eligibility deadlines:

- Children born in 2010 have until the day before their ninth birthday to apply.
- Children born in 2011 have until their ninth birthday in 2020 to apply.

- Children born in 2012 have until their ninth birthday in 2021 to apply.
- Children born in 2013 have until their ninth birthday in 2022 to apply.
- Children born in 2014 can start applying on their sixth birthday.

The Government of Canada also offers eligible families with modest incomes up to \$2,000 for each child's RESP from the Canada Learning Bond. As well, the Canada Education Savings Grant matches RESP contributions up to a maximum of \$7,200 per child. More information can be found at: www.Canada.ca/education-savings

Learn More:

B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant:
<https://www.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MOVIE NIGHT

There will be an AbEd Family Movie Night held at Westview Secondary at 6:00pm on December 12th. This event is for all SD42 families with ancestry.

FAMILY LEAF DROP IN

Please see the attached information about a drop in program on Tuesday mornings.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 9	PAC Hot Lunch
Dec. 11	Caring Place
Dec. 12	AbEd Family Movie Night at Westview Secondary School 6:00pm
Dec. 13	Flashlight Reading
Dec. 16	PAC Hot Lunch
Dec. 18	Christmas Concert 9:00am and 1:00pm
Dec. 20	Schools close for break
Jan. 6	Schools reopen after break
Jan. 8	Pancake Breakfast at 9:50am
Jan. 8	Caring Place
Jan. 9	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly at 1:00pm
Jan. 13	PAC Hot Lunch
Jan. 14	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
Jan. 15	Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Check @8:40am
Jan. 15	Caring Place
Jan. 16	ROAR Assembly at 1:00pm
Jan. 20	Conflict Resolution Workshops
Jan. 21	Conflict Resolution Workshops
Jan. 21	Div. 5 Owl Presentation
Jan. 22	Student Voice at THSS
Jan. 22	Caring Place
Jan. 23	PEAK Groups
Jan. 24	Non-Instructional Day – school not in session
Jan. 27	PAC Hot Lunch
Jan. 29	Caring Place
Jan. 30	Jump Rope for Heart stations
Jan. 30	PEAK Groups – 12:45pm
Feb. 3	Div. 2, 4 & 6 Skating
Feb. 5	Caring Place
Feb. 6	PEAK Groups – 12:45pm
Feb. 10	Div. 1, 3 & 5 Skating
Feb. 10	PAC Hot Lunch
Feb. 11	PEAK Friendship Salad – 1:00-2:00pm

The Redesigned Curriculum at Webster's Corners Elementary

What is the importance of formative assessment in the classroom?

There are two types of classroom assessment. Summative assessment provides information about student progress for reporting purposes. Formative assessment provides feedback that supports student achievement and moves student learning forward. Clear goals with timely feedback inform students of where they are and what their next steps need to be. Formative assessment is given through written or verbal feedback and does not involve grading. When students are encouraged to act on teacher feedback, they begin to take ownership of their learning. As teachers work to build community and encourage students to take risks with their learning, they understand that mistakes should be embraced as opportunities to become proficient learners. In this way, teaching and learning become cyclical, each informing the other to promote independent and lifelong learning.

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

Coming in January: Critical Thinking.



Students are given descriptive feedback and then they act upon the feedback to improve their learning and performance.



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.