

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the  
Wildcats



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## JANUARY 2020

Happy New Decade to all ☺ I wanted to start the New Year by thanking everyone for their generosity and kindness by donating to our Christmas Hamper families. I'm reminded over and over again about what a lovely community we have here at Webster's.

The Winter term is usually a very busy one and this year is no exception. We're off to the races already with our Co-ed basketball team coached by Mrs. Neumann and Ms. McRae. Well done to our students for a great turnout. Way to go team!

We enjoyed having the Family Education & Support Centre put on sessions on Conflict Resolution for our students. We also held our first ROAR assembly of the year on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll be continuing to volunteer at the Caring Place with volunteers from grade 4-7. On Thursday afternoons we will be working in our PEAK groups.

During the first week of school, we welcomed students back to school with our traditional Pancake Breakfast, supported by our tremendous PAC with other parent volunteers. That same week, we held our Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off assembly. Students learned about the causes of heart attacks and strokes as well as the research being conducted to combat these diseases. We set the conservative goal of \$500 to be raised by our school, though I know we'll do much better than that. Students will have

brought forms home already to be sponsored for donations or you may donate online, if you wish. By clicking on the link below, you can donate online:

[http://support.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2020/Jump2020?team\\_id=67446&pg=team&fr\\_id=7413&consID=1361623&s\\_locale=en\\_CA#\\_ga=2.156509246.444529796.1578941128-1854501896.1564418954](http://support.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2020/Jump2020?team_id=67446&pg=team&fr_id=7413&consID=1361623&s_locale=en_CA#_ga=2.156509246.444529796.1578941128-1854501896.1564418954)

For your information, students were promised that they could "slime" me at a future assembly, if we beat our fundraising goal!!

To wrap up our focus on the Jump Rope for Heart theme, all students will participate in active stations during the morning of January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Mehrassa**



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Gabii, Lane, Taylor, Melaina, Cash, Sophie, Alex L., Spencer B, Louis, Alexis, Jordynn, Jenny, Spencer L., Maggie and Jessika.

## ROARS

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

Div. 1: Taryn, Kaitlyn and Kaiah  
Div. 2: Nathan, Emily, Austin and Tanner  
Div. 3: Sophia, Nathan and Cash  
Div. 5: Asher and Gabii

## 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 PROGRAMS

Please see the attached poster for information on the after-school programs being offered at Webster's Corners. Webster's Corners is offering a fun LEGO after school program one day a week beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

The other two programs being offered are Home Alone (Age 10+) and Science Alive (Gr. 2-7). See the attached poster for registration information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Drea Owen at  
604.346.9814 or [drea.owen@sd42.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 6:15 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

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, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 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, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am 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](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)

### **Interested in becoming an Education Assistant?**

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](http://www.sd42.ca) and click on the careers tab)

## READY, SET, LEARN

READY, SET, LEARN (RSL) is a FREE early learning program that welcomes children ages 3 and 4 to the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District and helps them get ready for success in school. The program offers play activities, story-time and crafts. Families also receive a package that includes a children's book and parent tips for supporting a child's learning and development.

See the attached poster for more details and registration information.

## UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 23	PEAK Groups
Jan. 24	Non-Instructional Day – school not in session
Jan. 27	PAC Hot Lunch
Jan. 27	Basketball: Meadowridge @ Webster's
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. 10	Basketball: Away game @ Albion
Feb. 11	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
Feb. 11	PEAK Friendship Salad – 1:00-2:00pm
Feb. 12	Valentine's Day
Feb. 12	100s Day
Feb. 12	Mobile Dairy
Feb. 12	Caring Place
Feb. 12	Student Voice at GSS 12:00-2:20
Feb. 13	Non-Instructional Day – School not in session
Feb. 14	School not in session
Feb. 17	Family Day – School not in session
Feb. 19	Caring Place
Feb. 20	Div. 2 SPCA Bake Sale
Feb. 20	PEAK Groups – 12:45pm
Feb. 24	PAC Hot Lunch
Feb. 24	Basketball: Blue Mountain @ Webster's
Feb. 26	Caring Place
Feb. 27	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 27	ROAR Assembly at 1:00pm
Mar. 2	PAC Hot Lunch
Mar. 4	Early dismissal at 11:30 for Student-Led Conferences
Mar. 5	Student-Led Conferences – school not in session
Mar. 6	Kindergarten Hearing & Vision Screening (8:30-9:30)
Mar. 6	Reading Link Challenge 1:00pm

# I AM Awesome!

## SPRING CAMP

**MARCH 16 TO 19  
FOR 6-8YRS**

**MARCH 23 TO 26  
FOR 9-12YRS**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY  
8AM-12PM**

**PRICE: \$86**

Designed to help young individuals  
with communication styles,  
triggers, looking at their special  
inner qualities, how to deal with  
stress and how to be a friend!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE  
22554 LOUGHEED HWY**

MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.  
604-467-6055  
[reg@familyed.ca](mailto:reg@familyed.ca)







# ANGER MONSTERS

FEB 22 - MAR 14 | 3-5PM SATURDAYS

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

## 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
- CALMNIG TECHNIQUES

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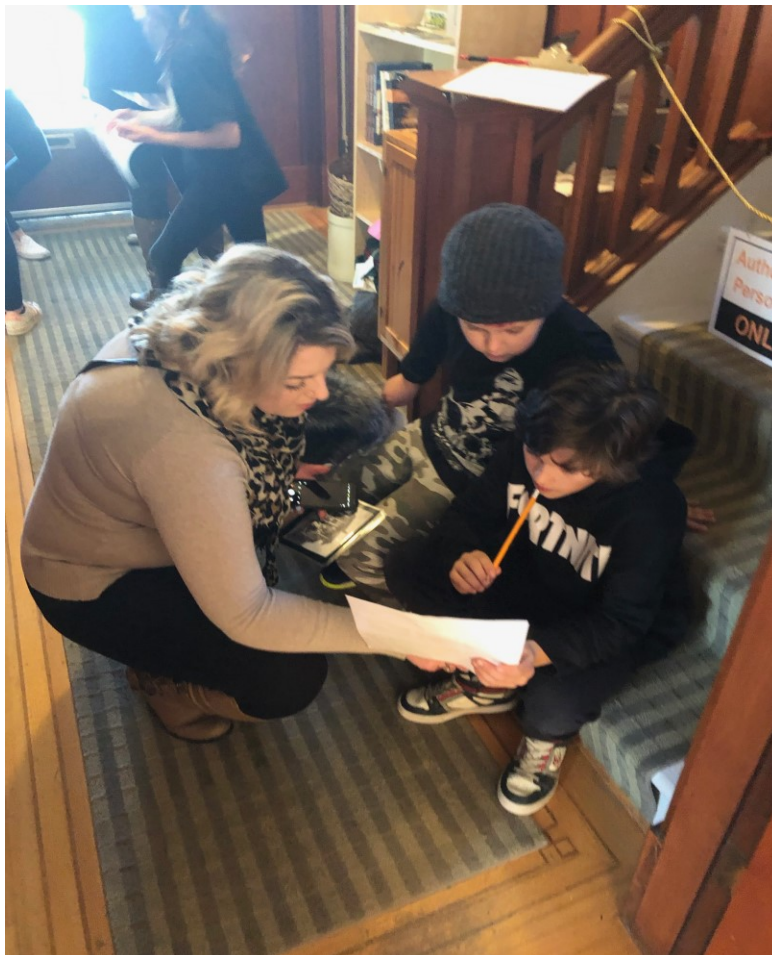
# The Redesigned Curriculum at Webster's Corners Elementary

## *What is the role of critical and reflective thinking in the development of students?*

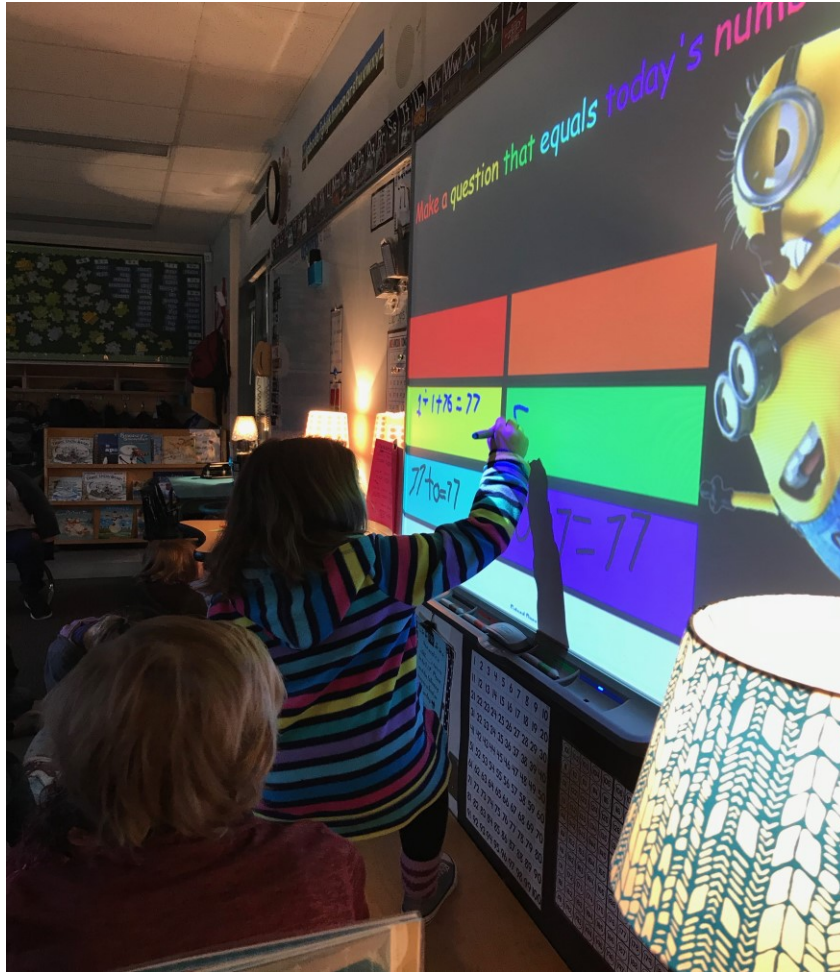
Critical and reflective thinking is a significant Core Competency that plays an essential role in the development of a child's reasoning skills across all subject areas from kindergarten to Grade 12. When a student analyzes a situation from different perspectives and identities, it widens their own experience and encourages them to question and investigate further. Teachers facilitate students as they develop their critical thinking skills to evolve and substantiate their ideas and are encouraged to act on feedback received by their teachers and peers to adjust and refine their thinking. These skills enable students to form conclusions that reflect research, experimentation, thoughtful discussions, and personal reflection. Critical thinking skills also play an integral part in the social, emotional development of a child as it encourages self-awareness and responsible decision-making.

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

**Coming in February:** Personal Awareness and Responsibility.



# The Redesigned Curriculum at Webster's Corners Elementary



Students thinking, analyzing and reflecting on their work in a variety of different curricular areas (Social Studies and Math).



## ***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.*