

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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FEBRUARY 2020

Thank you to all parents who were able to drive students to and from skating in the month of February. These trips are really enjoyable for the students and would not be possible without our awesome community of parents! One of the highlights of February was discovering that we beat our initial goal of \$500 for the Heart & Stroke fundraiser by over \$1000 for a total of \$1714.65. Your generosity is truly appreciated to help with research for the prevention of heart disease. Even more exciting is the chance for several students to “slime” both me and Mrs. Mann.

In addition to the above activities, we've been very busy in February by having our PEAK Friendship Salad as way to celebrate our second term of PEAK. During this time, our K-7 groups having been working together to create their own board games based on the theme of Personal Responsibility. Once completed, all students will have a chance to test out and play the actual games.

We have also managed to fit in 100s day and Valentine's day activities in February as well as enjoying an educational visit from the Mobile Dairy Lab. These sessions are a particular favourite of our students as they get to see dairy cows up close, as well as the live feeding of a calf.

Continuing with our school goal of literacy, our students had fun reading during Fort Reading. Yes, they had the opportunity to build forts and then spent some time reading their favourite books, while in their fort. We then wrapped up February by celebrating Pink Shirt Day. Many students sported pink shirts designed for our school.

Finally, kudos to division 2 for their SPCA bake sale in support of our local animal shelter. This fundraiser has become a wonderful tradition at our school.

Mr. Mehrassa



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Luke, Cameron, Taryn and Shepard

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)
General	Feb. 5, 2020	Feb 12, 2020
Late	Feb 26, 2020	June 21, 2020
Open	Aug 21, 2020	June 22, 2021

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

(Wednesday, March 4th afternoon & all-day
Thursday, March 5th)

As the Student Inclusive Conferences approach, please ensure that you have been in contact with your child's classroom teacher to set and confirm a conference time. Please do keep in mind that each conference is approximately 30 minutes in length and that **your child is required to attend with you.**

If you have young children, it is requested that you make alternate childcare arrangements for them, as this will allow for an uninterrupted discussion about your child's learning while you and your child meet with his/her classroom teacher.

Please take a moment to read the information available on the SD 42 website and familiarize yourself with the procedures of the conference. For your convenience,

you may visit:

<http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/parentinformation/>.

The website includes answers to many common questions as well as videos and testimonials from parents.

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF LICE

Head lice is a common occurrence in elementary school children, but it is not associated with serious disease nor is it a sign of poor hygiene.

To decrease the incidence of head lice among school children, Fraser Health recommends checking your child's head regularly for the presence of **live** head lice. Approved treatment options for cases of head lice are Wet-combing or Head lice shampoos. This link provides some further information:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/head-lice#.Xj5AkRNkJOQ>

Also, please remind your child not to share personal items such as combs, brushes or hats.

Public Health no longer recommends dry head checks in the school setting. Dry head checks and head checks for "nits" can lead to incorrect diagnosis and, potentially, the unnecessary use of chemical treatments.

Treat your child and family only if **live** lice are found.

Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly reduce lice in our school. So, if your child does have head lice, please

inform the school as soon as possible. For further information on how to detect and treat live lice see:

www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice

www.cps.ca/documents/position/headlice

www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile06.stm

Please contact the school or your local Public Health Unit if you require additional information.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We will again be offering two programs after school for the Spring session. Bricks4kidz is scheduled for Wednesdays from April 1-22. The Home Alone program (with parent participation) will run on Tuesday, May 5th from 6-8pm. Registration will open at the end of February. Please stay tuned for more details.

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 6:15 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, Feb. 27th 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, April 7th 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

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?

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.

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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

Feb. 20	Div. 2 SPCA Bake Sale
Feb. 20	PEAK Groups – 12:45pm
Feb. 21	The Maple Man Presentation
Feb. 24	PAC Hot Lunch
Feb. 24	Basketball: Blue Mountain @ Webster's
Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 26	Caring Place
Feb. 27	ROAR Assembly at 1:00pm
Mar. 2-6	Book Fair (at lunch and after school)
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
Mar. 9	Public Speaking Competition (10:35-11:50)
Mar. 9	PAC Hot Lunch
Mar. 11	Caring Place
Mar. 12	PEAK- Board Game rotations
Mar. 13	Last day before Spring Break
Mar. 13	Urban Safari Rescue Society
March.16 to March 27	Spring Break – no school
Mar. 30	School reopens
Apr. 1	Track & Field – week 1
Apr. 2	PEAK Rotations
Apr. 6	Primary Fire Presentation
Apr. 6	Body Science Sessions
Apr. 7	PAC meeting at 8:45am
Apr. 8	Body Science Sessions
Apr. 8	Track & Field – week 2
Apr. 9	PEAK Groups
Apr. 10	Good Friday – School not in session
Apr. 13	Easter Monday – School not in session
Apr. 15	GSS Band visit at 11:00am
Apr. 15	Track & Field – week 1
Apr. 16	ROAR Assembly at 1:00pm
Apr. 17	Hip Hop Dance sessions
Apr. 20	Big Red's Poutine Truck – 11:30-12:30
Apr. 21	Panorama & Team Photos
Apr. 22	Track & Field – week 2
Apr. 23	PEAK Groups
Apr. 24	Hip Hop Dance sessions

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!



Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42 International Program

www.inted.sd42.ca @intedsd42 www.facebook.com/IntEd.SD42

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

International Education
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District
20575 Thorne Ave., Maple Ridge,
BC, V2X 9A6, Canada

604-466-6555
<https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay>



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

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MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.

604-467-6055

reg@familyed.ca



The Redesigned Curriculum at Webster's Corners Elementary

What is the importance of Personal Awareness and Responsibility to the development of healthy, resilient children and youth?

Students who develop personal awareness and responsibility make healthy connections between individual and social behaviour. Within our new curriculum, students are taught how to self-advocate so that they can express what supports they need to be successful in school. The ability to self-advocate develops confidence and self-worth so that children and youth have the courage to convey how they feel in constructive ways, ask questions, admit mistakes and commit to learning in all facets of life. An essential First Peoples' Principle of Learning states that learning takes patience and time. Helping students understand this principle leads to perseverance in challenging times and encourages resiliency. Teaching our students to be personally aware and responsible leads to the development of healthy, whole children and youth.

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

Coming in March: Creative Thinking.



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Students in our K-7 PEAK groups working on making and playing board games based on the theme of personal responsibility.



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.*