

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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OCTOBER 2020

I'm happy to report that our students were able to participate in several events so far this year. Thanks to Mr. Logan, our students were able to celebrate Orange Shirt Day by making replica orange shirts during art classes and put positive and uplifting messages on the shirts. We were also able to celebrate the legacy of Terry Fox by having each class hold their own mini Terry Fox run. Not only were students able to go for a run, but they also learnt about Terry's achievement and legacy. Thank you parents for your generous contribution for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Finally, it was such a treat to be able to hold our first ROAR assembly of the month via Zoom. Even though it was a different way of having our assembly, it was still very nice to honour our students. An added benefit of having an online assembly was that out-of-town relatives were able to participate in the assembly where normally they would not.

Ramin Mehrassa



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Den, Samuel, Paisley, Ben, Kira, James, Hairi and Taylor L.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: Taryn and Kaitlyn

Div. 2: Sophia and Manny

Div. 3: Isabel, Luke and Taylor

Div. 4: Kristi, Sophie and Nixon

Div. 5: Ava, Soha and Sabrina

Div. 6: Mila, Albana and Luna

TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

Thank you for your generous donations. Our school raised \$286.00 this year.

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

(November 26th afternoon & all
day on November 27th)

Dear parents,

Given the provincial health guidelines for educational settings, our term 1 reporting process will look slightly different this year. The conference will still occur with the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. The main difference is that this conference will occur over zoom and will be a bit shorter than usual (10 – 15 minutes instead of the usual 20 – 30 minutes).

Students will still create a portfolio of work and self-assess on the core competencies. This portfolio of work will

allow students and teachers to complete a draft reporting document before the conference. This draft document and the student's portfolio will be sent home. The decrease in length of the conference is due to the fact that parents and students will be expected to review the portfolio and reporting document before the conference. Then, at the conference, parents can ask any questions they have and collaboratively create learning goals for the student for term 2. Once completed, teachers will print the reporting document, ensure that there are signatures on it by teachers, students, and the principal, and send it home. There will be no need for a parent signature on the reporting document this term. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 604-462-7595.

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/parent-information/>.

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

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 Div. 1 and Div. 6) online via the portal. There is also a \$7.50 planner fee payable through the portal for divisions 2,3,4 and 5.

ONLINE FORMS

There are a large number of students for whom this year's online forms have not yet been completed. If you have received a portal message from us reminding you about these forms, please complete them as soon as possible. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

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.

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

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#.XYEFoSouUk>

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

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 next zoom ROAR assembly will be on Thursday, November 19th at 1:00pm. Please stay tuned for details.



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.

Arriving late for school in our current context will be extremely challenging to manage; as such, **we ask that you ensure your child arrives for the 8:30 am welcome by your child's teacher at their designated meeting location.** If your child does arrive late for school, they are to report to the main entrance and knock on the door. A staff member will let them into the office for attendance purposes.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

At this time, due to COVID 19 safety precautions, we cannot allow parents entry to the school. We appreciate your help in maintaining a safe environment in our school. Should you need to talk to me, please contact me via email (rmehrassa@sd42.ca) or by phone (604-462-7595).
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
12:30 PM	Students come inside to eat
2:20 PM	CLASSES DISMISSED

MEDICAL INTERVENTION FORM

If your child requires the administration of medication it is imperative that you fill out a "Medical Intervention Form" before any medication can be dispensed. This form is 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

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 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
Our next PAC meeting will be on Monday, Nov 2nd at 8:45am.

PAC EXECUTIVE (2020/2021)

Chair: Jessica Underwood
Vice-Chair: Tiffany Reichert
Treasurer: Ira Javier
Secretary: Bonnie Kivimaa
DPAC Rep.: Jill White

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/>

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.

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

Nov. 2	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School not in session
Nov. 12	Non-Instructional Day- School not in session
Nov. 19	Zoom ROAR assembly 1pm
Nov. 26	Reporting Conferences – early dismissal at 11:30am
Nov. 27	Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session
Dec. 18	Last day before Winter Break
Dec. 21 to Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 4	School reopens
Jan. 25	No school for students Non-instructional day

STRONG START

StrongStart is a free program for parents with children aged infant to five years old. Parents and caregivers attending StrongStart BC will participate with their children in organized sessions like story time and circle time.

They will also be able to participate in free play, arts, early literacy, and information sharing.

Parents and caregivers are likely to discover new ways to support their children's learning at home, and may make valuable connections with others attending the centre. The Garibaldi Strong Start is open.

Parents can email

Kristina_orourke@sd42.ca to register or check out the Garibaldi Strong Start face book page.

Blue Mountain Strong Start at Garibaldi Secondary: Safe Restart Plan

MONDAY: In center from 9:30am – 11:00am

TUESDAY: Outdoor Day from 9:00am – 10:15am (location TBD)

WEDNESDAY: Virtual Connection Day

THURSDAY: In center from 9:30am – 11:00am

FRIDAY: Outdoor Day from 9:00am – 10:15am(location TBD)

Due to the strict Covid-19 protocols in place, we will not be allowing drop in visits to our Strong Start Programs. Preregistration is required for each session.

Our Indoor sessions are open to a maximum of 5 families (one adult and up to 3 children per family) and our outdoor sessions are open to a maximum of 10 families.

Sign up will be open every Wednesday at 9:00am for the following week

How to sign up – Send an email to kristina_orourke@sd42.ca and indicate the following information:

1. Your name and phone number
2. The names and ages of each child attending
3. Which day you are requesting

A confirmation email will be sent to you after you have requested your session.

