

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Wildcats



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## NOVEMBER 2020

Thank you to our parents who were able to join us via zoom for our annual Remembrance Day assembly. Even though we weren't able to be together in the gym with guest speakers, I was so proud of our staff and students for coming up presentations to honour our veterans.

And it's still nice to be able to recognize our students every month during our zoom ROAR assemblies. Thank you to all of the parents and families who were able to join us. And thank you for your understanding when there was a technical glitch, and the October slide show was shown at the November assembly!! Luckily, I was able to show the proper slide show the next day and some parents were able to join us. I am thankful for zoom as normally I wouldn't have been able to do that ☺

I'm excited that we are able to have a virtual book fair this fall at school. Scholastic has provided our community the opportunity to purchase books online. I have sent out a portal to all parents with information about the book fair with a link attached. The purchase link will go live on November 23, 2020 and stay active for two weeks.

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5152934>

And finally, please pay particular attention in the newsletter regarding the student-inclusive conferences. For this reporting period, we will be conducting zoom interviews. Please don't hesitate to contact

your child's teacher or myself (604-462-7595) at the office if you have any questions.

Ramin Mehrassa



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to:

Rhiley, Nico, Cameron, Sienna, Dean, Yasmine and Allan

## ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who received ROARS at our November Zoom assembly:

Div. 1: Nico and Kennedy

Div. 2: Den and Daniel

Div. 3: Jake, Brooklyn and Dean

Div. 4: Asher and Silas

Div. 5: Lane and Evie

Div. 6: Phoenix, Lucas and Sam

## STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

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

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 10-15 minutes in length and that **your child is required to attend the zoom conference, whether you're zooming in from work or from home.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

If you have young children, it is requested that you make alternate childcare arrangements for them during the zoom meeting, 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/parent-information/>.

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

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Registration dates for the 2021-22 school year:**

### **Sibling Registration**

January 6 – 12, 2021

### **Choice Registration**

January 20 – 25, 2021

### **General Registration**

February 3 – 10, 2021

### **Late Registration**

February 24 – July 31, 2021

### **Open Registration**

August 19 and on

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon)

Any child who turns 5 years old in 2021 (born in 2016) is eligible to register for the 2021-22 school year.

## 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](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

## 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#.XYEFeOSouUk>  
<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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
10:20-10:35 AM	Recess
11:50 AM	Students go outside
12:30 PM	Students come inside to eat
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**

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](mailto:websterscornerspac@hotmail.ca)  
**Our next PAC meeting will be on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:mbeaudet@sd42.ca).

**FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE**

Please see the brochure from the centre regarding course information, dates and times. This brochure is posted on our school website under newsletters.

**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](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca).

**UPCOMING DATES**

Nov. 23 to Dec. 6	Virtual Book Fair
Nov. 26	Reporting Conferences – early dismissal at 11:30am
Nov. 27	Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session
Dec. 7	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
Dec. 16	Zoom Christmas Concert (TBA)
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