

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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JANUARY 2021

Happy 2021 to one and all. I'm sure this year will be a more positive and productive one than the year we left behind ... for good ☺ I hope you were all able to enjoy the holidays and celebrations with your family bubble.

We're kicking off the year with lots of hope and ambition. Traditionally, we have our Heart & Stroke Kick-off assembly in January, but this year we've decided to delay the assembly until the Spring where we can either hopefully do a whole school assembly or hold the assembly outdoors. Please stay tuned for details after Spring Break.

The General Phase of Kindergarten registration starts on Wednesday, February 3rd for a week (ending on February 10th). We look forward to welcoming many Kindergarten students during this phase.

On February 15th school is not in session due to Family Day. We're also not in session on Tuesday, February 16th for our school professional development day. Our February ROAR assembly will be held on Thursday, February 18th. Please note the new time at 1:30pm. I will send out the zoom link via the portal closer to the date.

Finally, on Wednesday, February 24th we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day. We're very excited to have our own version of the shirts designed by Jessica Underwood and

our PAC. Shirt orders will be arriving in the coming weeks.

Our Term 2 Reporting Conferences will take place on March 4th and 5th via zoom again. Please stay tuned for details from your children's teachers.

Ramin Mehrassa



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to: Delylah, Ethan, Phoenix, Jordan, Kallia, Aisha, Donnie and Nathan.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Gabii, Lane, Taylor, Sophie, Louis, Alexis, Jordynn, Spencer and Jessika.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: Jennifer, Sienna, Adam & Nico
Div. 2: Donnie, Taylor, Kyla & Hairi
Div. 3: Sierra, Stella & Summer
Div. 4: Annabelle and Hailey
Div. 5: Ali and Spencer
Div. 6: Hunter and Simon

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration 2021/22

Children who turn 5 years old in 2021 (born in 2016) are eligible to register in kindergarten for the 2021/22 school year. Registration dates for the 2021/22 school year are below:

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 p(noon). For more information, download the kindergarten registration brochure at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021-22-Kindergarten-Registration-Brochure-online.pdf> or visit the school district kindergarten registration page at <https://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION

Grade 7 to 8 Student Registration

Registration opens at **12 p.m.**

(noon) on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

All Grade 8 registrations are done through the Parent Portal at <https://parents.sd42.ca>.

Each registration is time-stamped at the moment the registration form is opened to begin the online registration process.

Deadline for Grade 8 online registration is **12 p.m. (noon) on February 19, 2021.** If

you do not register your child by the online registration deadline, you will need to complete a paper registration form at your child's catchment high school.

Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break about their child's assigned school.

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

VALENTINE CARDS

Valentine card exchange is permitted as long as the cards are basic paper cards (**cards with pens, stickers or candies are NOT permitted at this time**). The virus is not transmitted on paper, but can be transmitted on the attached items such as pens, stickers, and candies.

HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS

Schools and district buildings can not allow homemade food items available to students or staff at this time (e.g. birthday treats, bake sale items, candy-grams, PAC lunches, potluck staff lunches, holiday baking, etc.).

Only individually prepared and packaged commercial items are acceptable (Safety Plan and Handbook for Staff, p. 36). If parents wish to contribute goodies, they must come in an unopened box to the classroom teacher for distribution. Classroom teacher will wash hands and distribute to each child if they are participating in such an activity.



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.

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.

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.

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 Feb. 8 at 9:00am.

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.

Information for Grade 6&7 Students:

WHEELHOUSE

The Wheelhouse is a classroom where students are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Some of the highlights of the program include:

or shelley_linton@sd42.ca

REGISTRATION for Late French Immersion opens online at noon, February 10, 2021. Registration link:

<https://letstalksd42.ca/sd42-late-french-immersion-2021-22>

The Late French Immersion Program runs out of Golden Ears Elementary school, 23124 – 118 Avenue, Maple Ridge

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/>

Online Zoom Classes for Parents and Students

Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 is offering evening online Zoom courses this year for both parents and students. Class materials will be emailed to you before the session, so please print the materials or have them available on another device during the class.

Pre-registration is limited to one parent/caregiver as spaces are limited, however more than one parent/caregiver may participate in the Zoom meeting. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required for a refund.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR PARENTS

Learn how to use 'I' statements, conflict management parenting styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing, and open questions for parenting.

Tuesday, March 9 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 8 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$15

To register:

<http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>. For more information, please contact Drea

Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families.

Tuesday, February 16 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 4 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$15

To register:

<http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com> For

more information, please contact Drea

Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

HOME ALONE (PARENT/CAREGIVER PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY)

This two-hour course is an opportunity for parents/caregivers who want to prepare their nine-year-old child for staying at home alone when they turn 10 years old and are legally allowed to do so. Topics covered include: dealing with emergencies, answering the door, snacks/cooking, and gauging your child's readiness to be home alone. Our evening workshops are open to all families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Tuesday, April 13 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$25

To register:

<http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>. For

more information, please contact Drea

Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

DANCE PARTY JUNIORS (GRADES 1-3)

Join us for this fun and upbeat virtual dance class that will get your kids moving and burning off energy. No materials required, just a small space to dance in and comfortable clothes you can move in.

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m., Jan. 19 to Feb. 9 (#22651)

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m., Feb. 16 to Mar. 9

(#22656)

Registration Fee: \$32/4

To register call Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure at 604.467.7422 or go online at www.mapleridge.ca/1484. For more information call Lori at 604.476.2792.

DANCE PARTY SENIORS (GRADES 4-7)

In this virtual class for older children, students will become more expressive with their dance moves as they learn different skills and techniques. No materials required, just a small space to dance in and comfortable clothes you can move in.

Tuesdays, 4:10 to 4:40 p.m., Jan. 19 to Feb. 9 (#22655)

Tuesdays, 4:10 to 4:40 p.m., Feb 16 to Mar 9 (#22658)

Registration Fee: \$32/4

To register call Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure at

604.467.7422 or go online at

www.mapleridge.ca/1484

For more call Lori at 604.476.2792.

PITT MEADOWS SHOTOKAN KARATE ONLINE

Pitt Meadows Shotokan Karate is offering online classes through Zoom. Shotokan is designed to teach self-defense, build self-confidence, stimulate a sense of well-being and provide a greater sense of self-awareness when faced with difficult situations. The primary goal of this program is to teach respect for one's self and others, as well as basic self-defense techniques. This program is taught in French, English and Japanese, giving students the opportunity to develop basic language skills. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$70/month

To register call Amy Shaw at 604.314.5852 or theninjalady@gmail.com.

*Zoom class technical requirements:

2.5mbps internet download speed; a device

that is HD video-capable, such as a smartphone (Android or iOS), tablet, laptop or computer; speaker and a microphone (built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth). Optional: a webcam – built-in or USB plug-in.

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.

VIRTUAL FAMILY LITERACY CELEBRATION

Please see the attached poster for information.

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 3-10	Kindergarten Registration General Phase
Feb. 8	PAC meeting 9am
Feb. 15	Family Day – no school
Feb. 16	Non-instructional day -no school for students
Feb. 18	ROAR Assembly 1:30pm
Feb. 24	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 24	Kindergarten registration Late phase begins
March 1-5	Spring Book Fair
March 4	Reporting Conferences Early dismissal at 11:30am
March 5	Reporting Conferences all Day – classes not in session
March 15-19	Spring Break
March 22-26	School not in session

I AM Awesome!

SPRING CAMP

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!

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

**MARCH 15TH -18TH
FOR 6-8YRS**

**MARCH 22ND TO 25TH
FOR 9-10YRS**

PRICE: \$86

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE
22554 LOUGHEED HWY
604-467-6055
regsfamilyed.ca



UNITED WAY SCHOOL'S OUT SPRING BREAK PROGRAM

UNITED WAY & THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE ARE PROUD AND EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS PROGRAM FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THE PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING EMPATHY, OPTIMISM, RESILIENCY, GRATITUDE, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES AND COUNTRIES.

**MARCH 15-18TH (K-7)
12PM-4PM**

OR

**MARCH 22ND-25TH (K-7)
12PM-4PM**

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT OLIVIA OR GRACE AT
REG@FAMILYED.CA OR CALL 604-467-6055

