

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the  
Wildcats



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## FEBRUARY 2021

February is almost over and it's amazing how quickly the time passes by. On the bright side, the days are getting longer and we're seeing a bit more of the sun lately.

Our Term 2 Student-Inclusive conferences will take place in the first week of March (afternoon of March 4<sup>th</sup> and all day of March 5<sup>th</sup>). Conferences will be via Zoom again this term. Please see the section on the conferences below for further details.

We've had a healthy registration for our Kindergarten class next year. We are now in the late phase of Kindergarten registration for the next school year.

I would appreciate it if you can let any new parents to the area know to register via the portal or to call the school for assistance regarding registration.

Spring Break will take place from March 15<sup>th</sup>-26 inclusive. First day of school after Spring Break will be Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having our online Scholastic Book Fair during the week of conferences. Your participation in the book fair is greatly appreciated as all funds raised will go directly to your children's classrooms as well as the library. We're hoping to have more participation this time around as the Term 1 fair was our first time going online.

A link will be sent in portal for online purchases. Thanks in advance for your support.

Our Body Science sessions will take place during the first week after Spring Break. I will be sending out a portal with more information closer to the date.

Our next ROAR assembly will take place on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Zoom link will be sent to all parents closer to the assembly date.

Ramin Mehrassa



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to:

Luke, Aliyah, Taryn, Sarah, Whitney and Shepard.

## ROARS

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

Div. 1: Emily and James  
Div. 2: Taylor, Tanner & Aisha  
Div. 3: Daniel, Ian & Ben  
Div. 4: Mikenna and Emme  
Div. 5: Landon and Jordynn  
Div. 6: Phoenix, Simon, William, Whitney and Carissa

## STUDENT-INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
Please note that your children's teachers have posted the meeting schedules for the Term 2 Zoom conferences on the parent portal. **Just a reminder that students have to be present at the Zoom conferences with the teachers.** If students are not present, then conferences will have to be rescheduled. If parents choose to take part in the conferences while at work, then arrangements must be made to include students in the meeting via Zoom from home. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the conferences. You can email me at "[rmehrassa@sd42.ca](mailto:rmehrassa@sd42.ca)" or call the school at 604-462-7595.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Just a reminder to everyone that the drop-off/pick-up lane is for a quick turnaround in the mornings and after school. If you would like to walk your children to their outside classroom doors please park on 256th or Dewdney Trunk. When vehicles

park in "no parking" zones, traffic gets snarled in our driveway and that puts our children at risk. Please do not block the entrance to the front of the school or park in front of the gym on the pedestrian crosswalk. Please respect the parking regulations and let's work together to keep our kids safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

## SD42 ENHANCED CLEANING IN SCHOOLS- VITAL OXIDE

The health and safety of our students and staff is always our primary concern. In the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic, we have the added responsibility of ensuring that our facilities are cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the *Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings*.

The school district currently uses Vital Oxide solution as part of its enhanced daily cleaning regimen implemented to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. It is hypoallergenic, biodegradable, fragrance-free, food-safe, and non-toxic. The product is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and has one of the safest classifications possible while also killing 99.999% of bacteria and viruses within minutes.

The district initially used a bleach-based cleaner when schools reopened for in-classroom instruction in September but switched to the eco-friendly Vital Oxide in late October/early November to address feedback received from schools. Fraser Health has confirmed that this product is not hazardous and non-toxic, and is not expected to cause respiratory or skin irritation. Eye contact may cause mild irritation.

## 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. The remaining Registration dates for the 2021/22 school year are below:

**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/>

## 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.

## 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

## 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 ([rmehrrassa@sd42.ca](mailto:rmehrrassa@sd42.ca)) or by phone (604-462-7595).

Thank you.



## 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.

## **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)

## **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](mailto:drea_owen@sd42.ca).

### **PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN**

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

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](mailto: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](mailto:drea_owen@sd42.ca).

### 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](mailto: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.

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### UPCOMING DATES

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
March 30 & 31	Body Science sessions
April 2	Good Friday – School Not in Session
April 5	Easter Monday – School Not in session
April 14	Author visit via Zoom
April 15	ROAR Assembly at 1:30pm
April 21	Author visit via Zoom
April 28	Author visit via Zoom



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:REG@FAMILYED.CA) OR CALL 604-467-6055

