

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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APRIL 2021

It certainly has been nice to get some sun the last few days, especially since we have spent more time outside this year.

It was fantastic to have parents joining us during our ROAR assembly last week. Looking on the positive side of things, doing zoom assemblies has allowed some parents to join our assemblies from work 😊

This month, we are very fortunate to have presentations by an author, Joseph Dandurand, via zoom for all students on a weekly basis every Wednesday.

The district is also asking for your input regarding the proposed preliminary budget. If you'd like to offer feedback, please click on the link below. The survey will be open from April 15th until noon April 29th.

<https://letstalksd42.ca/2021-22-budget-process>

You are also welcome to enroll your children in virtual dance classes via the After-School Programs. If interested, please contact Drea Owen, program manager, at 604-346-9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca Please register via the link below:
<http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>

Ramin Mehrassa



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to:

Austin, Rahman, Nixon, Kyla, Danica Hunter, Julian, Simon, Murdoc, Logan, Jake, Isaac and Isabel.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to:

Ava, Alexis, Saphira, Levi, Brooklyn, Ali, Bryce, Elyse, Emme, William, Chase, Lochlan, Ramee and Daniel.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: Kennedy, Austin, Mariam & Nathan
Div. 2: Victoria, Gus and Chase
Div. 3: Danica, Elyse and Samraj
Div. 4: Cruz and Syd
Div. 5: Julian, Rahman and Xander
Div. 6: Aliyah and Luna

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care, and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: social emotional skills and relationships, as well as learning styles, strengths and needs. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to Mr. Mehrassa in writing by May 31st, 2021. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

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. 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)
- 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) 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 fill out a “Medical Intervention Form” before any medication can be dispensed. This form is available on our website or you can contact the school to have a form sent home with your child. 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, May 10th at 8:45am.

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/>

UPCOMING DATES

April 21	Author visit via Zoom
April 28	Author visit via Zoom
May 10	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
May 12	Non instructional day – school not in session
May 20	ROAR assembly at 1:30pm
May 24	Victoria Day – school not in session