

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2021

It is with absolute pleasure and excitement that I can announce I will continue to serve as the Principal of Webster's. It is such a privilege to be a part of the wonderful community we have built together ☺

It has also been very reassuring to see the number of cases reduce during the last week raising the hopes of a more normal September for the next school year. As of now, however, we still have to abide by the existing protocols as the new changes do not affect the education sector. However, things are looking up and we're all looking forward to more normal times in the near future.

We're looking forward to having, albeit a different, grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. Thank you in advance to Ms. Bento and the Grade 7 Parent committee for helping to fundraise and organize events for our grade 7s. The in-school event will take place on Monday, June 21st (time to be announced later). Unfortunately, we are not allowed to have parents attend. My apologies for this. Ms. Bento will also be organizing some fun activities for our grade 7s during the last few weeks of school.

Just a reminder that the last day for all students is Friday, June 25th at 2:20pm.

Ramin Mehrassa



MAY BIRTHDAYS.

Happy Birthday to Kaitlyn, Hailey L., Lexi, Luna, Sophia G., Adam, Sierra, Syd, Serenity, Hunter A., Amber, Hailey S-W and Hannah.

ROARS

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

- Div. 1: Alexis, Shepard and Delylah
- Div. 2: Bryce, Jessika, Yasmine & Ramee
- Div. 3: Geno and Henry
- Div. 4: Samreen, Sophia B-K, Sophia S, and Lexi
- Div. 5: Cameron and Saphira
- Div. 6: Gino, Hunter A., and Ciana

HEART & STROKE FUNDRAISER

This year we have set our goal for \$2000. It is an ambitious goal but we always rise up to challenges. This year we've tried to make

the fundraising a bit more fun for our students. As a result, if we hit a preliminary goal of \$1500, the top fundraiser in the school, as well as 5 other students will be picked randomly to pie me in the face. Furthermore, if we reach the full goal of \$2000, twelve students will be selected randomly to throw water balloons at Mrs. Medland.

We ask that all donations be given online this year please. Our school wide Jump Event will take place on May 31 where students will participate in some healthy activities to raise their heart rates!

Our fundraising has already started with several families donating online. The last day for donations is June 10th. Thank you in advance for your generosity for this worthy cause.

Please click on the link below for donations in the name of Webster's Corners Elementary.

https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2020/Jump2020?jsessionid=000000000.app263a?pg=team&fr_id=7668&team_id=79141&NCE_TOKEN=37FFCDDA35295C1E7D8E8BDE9E5AFF9E#_ga=2.116611526.1375355395.1621096545-2045796506.1621096545

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 June 3rd, 2021. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

ARE YOU MOVING?

If your child(ren) will be attending a different school in September or if your family is moving over the summer, please let the office know ASAP. We would really appreciate knowing of any unexpected moves as well. If the office is closed, email wce_reception@sd42.ca with the details or leave a message on the answering machine. The office will open again during the first week of September.

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. *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/>

CENSUS 2021

You may have heard that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for families, and the census might seem like another thing on your busy to-do list. However, I would like to encourage you to complete your census if you haven't already done so. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for schools, transportation, community centres, libraries and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future. You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance, or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians.

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 (rmehrassa@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. 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 June 10th at 8:45. PAC will be posting the zoom link on the PAC Facebook page shortly.

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

May 31	Heart & Stroke Circuit
June 1	Caricature Artist (8:30-10:30)
June 3	Early Dismissal for this year's Kindergarten students at 11:00am
June 3	Ready, Set, Kindergarten orientations (12:45-2:00)
June 4	Canucks/Sports Jersey Day
June 17	ROAR Assembly at 1:30
June 21	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (TBA)
June 25	Last day for students

