

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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SEPTEMBER 2021

Even though we're not out of the woods yet, it was so heartwarming to be able to gather again as a community at our annual Open House. The feeling of being together was priceless and I want to thank all of you for attending on the 23rd. Thank you again to our PAC for generously providing goodies for everyone.

We will, in a safe way, continue to take small steps towards having more regular activities within the school community. I was excited to have our first assembly (an intermediate one as well as a primary one for now) in a year and a half on Friday, September 24th. It was especially touching to see our Kindergarten and grade 1 students experience an assembly for the first time. For the time being, we will provide a zoom option for our ROAR assemblies so that parents can participate online.

I am excited to announce that the McDonald's on 240th has donated \$5000 towards Science and Technology equipment for our school. We were able to raise even more money at the Open House with the sale of the funky and colourful socks. Thank you everyone for your generous donations as we were able to raise almost \$400. If you'd like to purchase the socks, please contact the office or Mrs. Lane. The socks cost \$5 each and 100% of the profits go to the school for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities.

Please note that this year we will be holding our Terry Fox Run in the spring. Stay tuned for further details closer to the month of May.

I am very excited about this year and our ability to engage again in some activities as a community. I look forward to seeing all of us being together in a safe way.

As usual, thank you so much for your support and patience,

Ramin Mehrassa

WELCOME TO OUR OUTSTANDING STAFF

We have had a few of changes to our staff over the summer and we are pleased to welcome new staff members (in bold print) to our school.

Classroom Teachers:

Mr. T. Horniachek

Ms. L. Neumann

Ms. K. Kamagianis

Ms. A. Shay

Ms. S. Sanders

Ms. C. Nadasdi

Ms. L. Medland

Librarian/Prep:

Mrs. L. Lane

Support Teacher:

Mrs. J. Fuller

Counsellor:
Ms. J. Sheehan

Child Care Worker:
Ms. B. Olsen

ABED Worker:
Ms. L. Charleson

Educational Assistants:
Ms. S. Pearson
Ms. S. Queen
Ms. M. Goes
Ms. C. Adams
Mrs. A. Roberge
Mrs. C. Lilley
Ms. C. Turner
Ms. B. Bryson

Secretary:
Ms. J. Ross

Noon Hour Supervisors:
Ms. B. Kaur Dhesi
Ms. K. Kasray Kermanshahan

Custodians:
Ms. A. Marer
Mr. A. Qureshi



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:
Lavina, Hailee, Brooklynn, Samreen, Asher,
Cailyn, Mariam, Sophia, Geno, Ian, Cruz,
Samuel R., Soha, Silas, Samraj, Rowen, Ada
and Esme.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A reminder that school supplies have been purchased for all classrooms. If you haven't already done so, please pay the \$55.00 fee online via the portal or by cash/cheque to the office. Please make cheques payable to Webster's Corners Elementary.

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 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)
- 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/>



2021/2022 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

A big welcome and congratulations to all our Kindergarten students who started full time school on Monday, September 20th.

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.

ASSEMBLIES

Our next zoom ROAR assembly will be on October 14th at 1:00pm. Please stay tuned for zoom details.



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.

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) 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 from 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 2:25 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
2:25 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.

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

PAC EXECUTIVE (2021/2022)

Chair: Jessica Underwood
Vice-Chair: Tiffany Reichert
Treasurer: Ira Javier
Secretary: Jill White
DPAC Rep.: Eugene Javier

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.

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.

FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE

Please see the attached programs.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School not in session
Oct. 1	Non-instructional day – School Growth Planning Day School not in session
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 14	Student photos
Oct. 14	ROAR Assembly at 1:00pm
Oct. 22	Non-instructional Day – School not in session
Nov. 1	Photo Retakes
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School not in session
Nov. 12	Non-instructional Day – School not in session

WEBSTER'S CORNERS CALENDAR

Please see the next page for this year's school calendar.



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Schools opening day for students- students attend 12:30-2:25	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Friday, October 1, 2021</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 22, 2021</i>
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 12, 2021</i>
Reporting Conferences – early dismissal at 11:30am	Thursday, November 25, 2021
Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session	Friday, November 26, 2021
Schools close for break	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter break	Monday, December 20, 2021 to Friday, December 31, 2021
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 3, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Monday, January 24, 2022</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 22, 2022</i>
Reporting Conference – early dismissal at 11:30am	Thursday, March 3, 2022
Reporting Conferences all day – classes not in session	Friday, March 4, 2022
Schools close for break	Friday, March 11, 2022
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 14, 2022 to Friday, March 18, 2022</i>
Spring break	Monday, March 21, 2022 to Friday, March 25, 2022
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 11, 2022</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Last day for students – early dismissal at 12:00pm	Thursday, June 23, 2022
Year-end administrative day	Friday, June 24, 2022
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Monday, June 27, 2022

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:25pm. 300 instructional minutes per day; 176 days of instruction. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per *School Act* and *Calendar Regulation*:
853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten. 878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.

