

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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## OCTOBER 2021

Our exciting October news is that Webster's will be getting a new playground structure. The existing primary playground will be replaced by a brand new one in the coming months. As soon as the tender process has been completed, work will begin with an end date of no later than mid-March 2021.

We were fortunate to have the RCMP kick off a "Distracted Driving" campaign by Webster's in early October. Our students were able to participate by watching the RCMP as they handed out hand-made cards by our students to drivers about safe driving. We were also very lucky to have our own little pumpkin patch at school, courtesy of our generous PAC. Division 1 students spread out the pumpkins on the field and each division had the opportunity to come to the "patch" and pick out a pumpkin. In the last week of October, we also had a pumpkin painting contest for the staff, where students voted for the best pumpkin. We also fit in our annual earthquake drill in as well as a fire drill. We wrapped up October in the last week by having our grade 6/7 students receive their scheduled vaccines. Finally, we were able to hold our annual Halloween parade in our field. I was so impressed by how many students participated by wearing costumes. Well done, Webster's for your spirit and enthusiasm.

Ramin Mehrassa



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Den, Sam, Paisley, Ben, James, Hairi, Dylan and Taylor.

## ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who received ROARS at our October Zoom assembly:

- Div. 1: Shepard, Chelsea and Miriam
- Div. 2: Henry and Stella
- Div. 3: Gabii, Cruz, Sierra and Madison
- Div. 4: Cailyn, Lavina and Emme
- Div. 5: Sabrina, Myla and Elle
- Div. 6: Phoenix and Sam
- Div. 7: Matteo, Hakim and Rayman

## STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

(November 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon & all  
day on November 26<sup>th</sup>)

Dear parents,

Given the provincial health guidelines for educational settings, our term 1 reporting process will look slightly different this

year. The conference will still occur with the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. The main difference is that this conference will occur **over zoom** and will be a bit shorter than usual (10 – 15 minutes instead of the usual 20 – 30 minutes).

Students will still create a portfolio of work and self-assess on the core competencies. This portfolio of work will allow students and teachers to complete a draft reporting document before the conference. This draft document and the student's portfolio will be sent home. The decrease in length of the conference is because parents and students will be expected to review the portfolio and reporting document before the conference. Then, at the conference, parents can ask any questions they have and collaboratively create learning goals for the student for term 2. Once completed, teachers will print the reporting document, ensure that there are signatures on it by teachers, students, and the principal, and send it home. There will be no need for a parent signature on the reporting document this term. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 604-462-7595.

Please take a moment to read the information available on the SD 42 website and familiarize yourself with the procedures of the conference. For your convenience, you may visit:  
<http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/parent-information/>.

The website includes answers to many common questions as well as videos and testimonials from parents.

## **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](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

## 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#.XYEFoSouUk>

<http://www.lice911.com/>  
<https://www.licesquad.com/>

## 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 Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.



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

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](mailto: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	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
10:20-10:35 AM	Recess
11:50 AM	Students go outside
12:30 PM	Students come inside to eat
2:25 PM	<b>CLASSES DISMISSED</b>

## 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. You can contact the executive at [websterscornerspac@hotmail.ca](mailto:websterscornerspac@hotmail.ca)

## STRONG START

StrongStart is a free program for parents with children aged infant to five years old. Parents and caregivers attending StrongStart BC will participate with their children in organized sessions like story time and circle time. They will also be able to participate in free play, arts, early literacy, and information sharing. Parents and caregivers are likely to discover new ways to support their children's learning at home, and may make valuable connections with others attending the centre. The Webster's Corners Strong Start is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am-11:00am

Parents can email [Erica.Hopgood@sd42.ca](mailto:Erica.Hopgood@sd42.ca) to register or check out the information on the Webster's Corners website under the Program tab.

**Due to the Covid-19 protocols in place, we will not be allowing drop in visits to our Strong Start Programs. Preregistration is required for each session.**

## UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 10	Zoom Remembrance Day Assembly (TBA)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – school not in session
Nov. 12	Non-instructional Day – school not in session
Nov. 18	ROAR Assembly at 1:00pm
Nov. 25	Reporting Conferences early dismissal at 11:30am
Nov. 26	Reporting Conferences all day – no regular classes
Dec. 14	Zoom Christmas Concert (TBA)
Dec. 20 to Dec. 31	Winter Break
Jan. 3, 2022	School reopens

## 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/>

## 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](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca).