

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2021

It was wonderful to continue to have our Remembrance Day assembly, albeit by zoom. Our students worked hard to pay respect to our veterans who have sacrificed for the greater good. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the zoom assembly.

A big thank you to our parent community for supporting our Fall Scholastic Book Fair this year. Due to your generosity, we were able to sell over \$2500 during the week-long book sale. Thank you to Mrs. Lane and our PAC volunteers for helping run the Book Fair. As a result, the school was able to purchase many books for both classroom teachers and the library.

We also held our November ROAR assembly this month, honouring our students who have done well in school. It is always nice to see parents at the zoom assembly to celebrate our students' successes.

Thank you also to Mrs. Lane for sponsoring Bookfest for our students. This annual competition encourages schools to gather in teams after having read several books and challenge each other with questions about the books read. Bookfest will wrap up this week with a celebration in the library on Friday.

And finally, thank you to parents for attending the Student-Inclusive conferences. Teachers worked hard to

prepare the portfolios for your viewing and as always you play an important role in contributing to the goal-setting aspect of the conferences.

We'll wrap the coming week by having our fun theme day. On Friday, December 3 students are encouraged to dress up in medieval themed garb as princes/princesses, dragons, knights, jesters, or peasants.

Ramin Mehrassa

STEM UPDATE 2.0 FROM MRS. LANE

In September 2021, we converted our school's Multipurpose room into a Stem Lab. In this space, students take part in various Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities, which are tied to the British Columbia ADST Curriculum.

Each class visits the lab 1-2 times per week with the Prep Teacher, Mrs. Lindsay Lane. Some of the activities we have experienced over the past few months include:

Science: Mentos and Coke eruption, Magic Milk experiment, Introduction to circuits

Coding and Technology: Scratch and Scratch Jr. coding programs, Robot Mice, Dash Robots, Star Wars Spheros

Engineering challenges: Building the tallest tower out of straws, folding paper airplanes

Math: Measuring various amounts of water for a water bottle flipping competition.

In October, McDonalds raised over \$5000 on McHappy Day for us to purchase Lego Spike kits. With these kits, students will be able to build their own robots and use iPads to program them. Our goal this year is to update our school's iPads as many of them are not compatible with this newer technology.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to: Rhiley, Jessica-Lee, Kora, Emma, Araya, Caelynn, Liam, Robbie, Cameron, Dean, Yasmine and Cali.

ROARS

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

- Div. 1: Rylan, Collin and Jennifer
- Div. 2: Rhys, Victoria and Carson
- Div. 3: Alex, Nora, Jackson and Ben
- Div. 4: Lexi, Kristi and Mikenna
- Div. 5: Julian, William and Ali
- Div. 6: Beckett, Luna and Emma
- Div. 7: Ali, Araya and Dylan

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Any child who turns 5 years old in 2022 (born in 2017) is eligible to register for the 2022-23 school year.

You must open an SD42 Parent Portal account to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration day at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

Kindergarten Registration dates for the 2022-23 school year:

Sibling Registration

January 5 – 11, 2022

Environmental School Registration

January 12 – 14, 2022

Choice Registration

January 19 – 24, 2022

General Registration

February 2 – 8, 2022

Late Registration

February 23 – July 31, 2022

Open Registration

August 17 – June 15, 2022

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon)

For more information go to <https://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

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



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.

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 eat lunch
12:10PM	Students go outside
12:30 PM	Students come inside
12:30PM	Afternoon classes begin
2:25 PM	CLASSES DISMISSED

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 next meeting is on Friday, December 3rd at 9:00 via zoom. Please email PAC for the link if you'd like to attend. Our PAC is very welcoming and eager to have new members. You can contact the executive at webstercornerspac@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 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.

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.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 14	Zoom Christmas Concert at 1:30pm
Dec. 17	PJ Day
Dec. 20 to Dec. 31	Winter Break
Jan. 3, 2022	School reopens
Jan. 13	ROAR Assembly at 1:30pm
Jan. 24	Non-Instructional Day – school not in session
Feb. 11	BC Lions Energy Program at 10:30am

