

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the  
Wildcats



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## JANUARY 2022

Happy New Year to all, though January 1<sup>st</sup> seems so long ago, and the days have flown by! By now, we've become accustomed to dealing with constant change and this month was certainly no different. Thank you to all of you for helping us keep school safe by doing the daily health checks and being so supportive and cooperative when we've had to send students home due to symptoms or illness.

Like last year, we'll be doing our Heart and Stroke fundraiser in the spring, in the hopes of doing a whole-school activity in the spring. Please stay tuned for details. We'll also be doing our Terry Fox run later in the spring. We're excited to combine this run with our second annual paint run. We will certainly send you a reminder for this exciting activity.

The General Phase of Kindergarten registration starts on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> for a week (ending on February 8<sup>th</sup>). We look forward to welcoming many Kindergarten students during this phase.

A reminder that school will not be in session on February 21<sup>st</sup> for Family Day, and on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for a non-instructional day. Our February ROAR assembly will be held on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

In order to celebrate Kindness Counts Day on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, each class

will be writing in mini-hearts what they love about Webster's. When completed, we'll be displaying all the hearts filled with kind comments on a giant heart in the front foyer for all students and staff to see. Stay tuned as I will post photos on the PAC Facebook page.

Furthermore, you will all have received your order sheets for pink shirts. Our goal is to have as many students and staff as possible to wear their pink shirts on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our Term 2 Reporting Conferences will take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> via zoom again. Please stay tuned for details from your children's teachers regarding sign-up schedules.

Ramin Mehrassa

## WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK AND GUIDELINES ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

The BC Centre for Disease Control has updated its guidance on when to get a COVID-19 test and when to self-isolate. See the [What to do when sick](#) flowchart for a summary of this guidance.

Families must also continue to follow federal requirements when returning from international travel:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#children>



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to:

Victoria, Phoenix, Carson G., Kaelan,  
Athena, Aisha, Donnie, Alex & Rylan

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to: Gabii, Lane, Taylor,  
Melaina, Sophie S., Aria, Valerie, Louis,  
Alexis, Jordynn, Rhys, Spencer, Beckett,  
Jessika and Matteo

## ROARS

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

Div. 1: Bryce, Ben and Kora  
Div. 2: Brooklyn, Geno, Jake & Ahmad  
Div. 3: Caelynn, Asher and Silas  
Div. 4: Melaina, Lochlan and Annabelle  
Div. 5: Saphira and James  
Div. 6: Whitney and Coen  
Div. 7: Nicolas, Dominic and Weston

## 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:

### 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/](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](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



## 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 eat lunch
12:10PM	Students go outside
12:30 PM	Students come inside
12:30PM	Afternoon classes begin
2:25 PM	<b>CLASSES DISMISSED</b>

## 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 February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am 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 [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.**

## **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/>

## **WHEELHOUSE PROGRAM**

The Wheelhouse program challenges **Grade 6 and 7 students**, and supports them in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Program highlights include the following:

1. Weekly field study days during which students learn outside the regular class setting;
2. A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents, and community mentors;
3. Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
4. Wheelhouse students are part of the school district 1-to-1 program, which assigns each student an iPad for use throughout the school year.

For more information, including information session dates, please visit The Wheelhouse online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/>.

**REGISTRATION** for Wheelhouse opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, January 27, 2022**, and closes at **11:59 p.m. on February 7, 2022**.

The program runs out of Alouette Elementary, 22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge. For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a Wheelhouse student, please visit The Wheelhouse online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/>.

## **DISTRICT CYBERSCHOOL**

Cyberschool uses technology to deliver a traditional school curriculum while enhancing and extending student learning. The inquiry-based program, offered to students in Grade 6 and 7, focuses on collaborative learning, knowledge building, flexibility, and choice. Students work online with their teacher and each other, while



retaining the personal contact of traditional face-to-face learning.

Learn more about Cyberschool on our website <https://cyberschool.sd42.ca/> or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/district42cyberschool>

**REGISTRATION** for District Cyberschool opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, January 27, 2022**, and closes at **11:59 p.m. on February 7, 2022**.

The District Cyberschool program runs out of Alouette Elementary (22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge). For more information about the District Cyberschool program, visit <https://cyberschool.sd42.ca/> or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/district42cyberschool>

## LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

The SD42 Late French Immersion program is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in Grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2022, at Golden Ears Elementary. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

For more information about our French Immersion program, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.465.5828 or [shelley\\_linton@sd42.ca](mailto:shelley_linton@sd42.ca)

**REGISTRATION** for Late French Immersion opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, January 27, 2022**, and closes at **11:59 p.m. on February 7, 2022**.

The Late French Immersion program runs out of Golden Ears Elementary (23124 – 118 Avenue, Maple Ridge).

## UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 11	PAC Meeting via Zoom at 8:45am
Feb. 11	BC Lions Energy Program at 10:30am-4:55pm
Feb. 17	100s Day
Feb. 21	Family Day – no school
Feb. 22	Non-instructional day
Feb. 23	Kindness Counts Day
Feb. 24	ROAR Assembly at 1:30pm
Mar. 3	Reporting Conferences early dismissal at 11:30am
Mar. 4	Reporting Conferences Classes not in session
Mar. 10	Reading Link Challenge
Mar. 14-25	Spring Break
Mar. 28	School reopens
Apr. 7	ROAR Assembly at 1:30pm
Apr. 15	Good Friday – School not in session
Apr. 18	Easter Monday – School not in session



## PITT MEADOWS HOCKEY ACADEMY

Offered in partnership by RPM Hockey Company, Pitt Meadows Secondary & School District 42




**QUESTIONS?**

Join our Zoom Open House on February 3 2022 at 7:00 pm

Meeting ID: 814 3858 5084 -- Passcode: 450530

**REGISTER AT [RPMHOCKEY.COM](https://rpmhockey.com)**

**REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 4, 2022 AT 8:30AM**



# PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN



Understand better what resiliency is and how we  
can foster it in our families.

Please note this program will take place online,  
via Zoom.

**FEB 8TH (TUES) 10AM - 12PM  
PRICE: \$15**

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

The Family Education & Support Centre  
22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge  
(604) 467 - 6055  
[reg@familyed.ca](mailto:reg@familyed.ca)

Please see the attached information on  
Help for the Hard Times  
ADHD The Real Deal  
Democracy & Me Poetry Contest