

# Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Wildcats



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## MARCH 2022

The last few days of sunny weather has certainly felt nice and with the coming of Spring, I feel as though we've turned the corner on a tough few months, with respect to the pandemic. It is nice to be coming out of winter and getting ready for spring and our school break. We've been able to do more activities with larger groups in school and I am hopeful that we will be able to have school assemblies again soon and start slowly getting back to normal school activities.

I'm so excited for our intermediate students as they have been able to participate in inter-school volleyball games. A big thank you to Mrs. Neumann and Mr. Horniacheck for coaching the team. We're already looking forward to the spring league for Ultimate. Please stay tuned for information about the schedule.

Thank you to all of you for making the reporting conferences a success again this term. I am confident that by next year, we will be able to go back to in-person ones.

Please stay tuned on the portal for information about Covid-19 protocols as the school district will be updating you based on information from Dr. Henry. As is our practice, we will be following the direction of the Provincial Health Officer when it comes to what we can and cannot do at school.

Once we're back from the break, we will be working toward an Entrepreneur Fair for the whole school as well as some weekly pet challenges. Please stay tuned as we'll send some information out to you after the break.

Finally, I hope you are all able to enjoy the break with your families and friends.

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>

## **AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM**

We're delighted to be offering this soccer program for K-7 students at Webster's from April 7-June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please see the Albion FC After School flyer for more information.



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday to:

Weston, Luke, Dylan, Aliyah, Ahmad, Reggie, Sarah, Whitney and Shephard.

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to:

Rahman, Nixon, Kyla, Hunter Z., Astoria, Julian, Simon, Murdoc, Jake, Cedar and Isabel.

## **ROARS**

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

Div. 1: Den, Jessika and Hairi

Div. 2: Sarah, Liam, Alexis, Daniel & Gus

Div. 3: Sophia, Summer & Dean

Div. 4: Rahman, Lane, Hailey & Asher

Div. 5: Hunter, Aliyah & Carissa

Div. 6: Rowen, Valerie & Mila

Div. 7: Elisabeth, Esme & Cedar

## **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:**

#### **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](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.

## 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 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.**

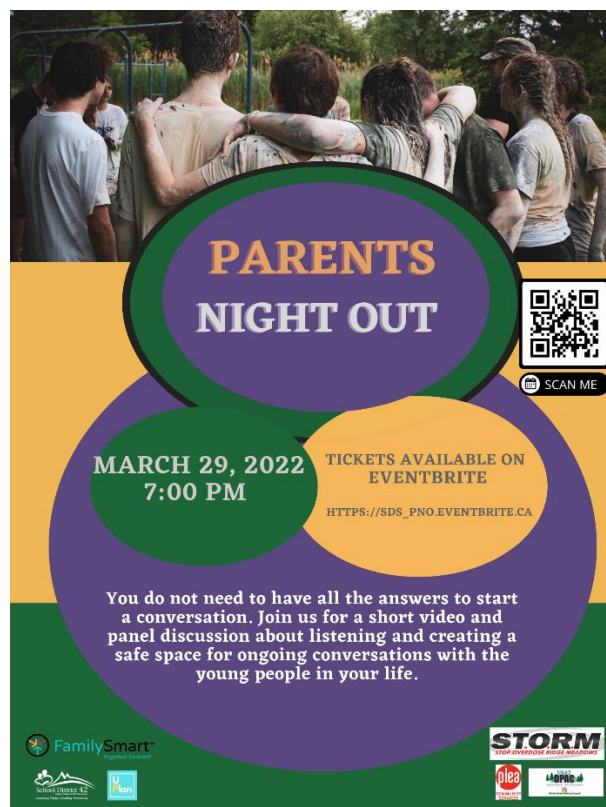
## SCHOOL DISTRICT 42

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/>

## UPCOMING DATES

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
Apr. 22	Terry Fox/Paint Run
Apr. 29	Class Photos
May 5	Entrepreneur Fair



**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

**MARCH 29, 2022  
7:00 PM**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE  
[HTTPS://SDS\\_PNO.EVENTBRITE.CA](https://sds_pno.eventbrite.ca)

You do not need to have all the answers to start a conversation. Join us for a short video and panel discussion about listening and creating a safe space for ongoing conversations with the young people in your life.

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**Information and Support**

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

### ADHD – The Real Deal

Join us in watching a video presentation by Dr. Duncan, who will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by Parent Peer Support Workers.

### Dates (BC Time):

March 10, 2021 at 6:30pm  
March 16, 2021 at 5:00pm  
March 24, 2021 at 12:00pm  
March 28, 2021 at 6:30pm  
March 29, 2021 at 5:00pm

Cost: Free of Charge

Registration Required: [www.familysmart.ca/events](http://www.familysmart.ca/events)

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