

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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APRIL 2022

We have our playground in place, finally!! Students have been enjoying the new structure for the last week or so and having a great time. The playground company will be doing a small maintenance job on one of the structures, but the rest of the playground is open for use.

I'm so excited to have our calendar filled with activities again as we slowly come out of the Covid haze. We have all of our classes going to field trips to the ninja gym, attending a play at THSS and going canoeing later in the year. Thank you in advance to our parents for volunteering to drive to these field trips. Without your help, we could not take part in these activities.

And a big thank you to our parent volunteers for helping out at the Terry Fox/Paint Run. I'm so proud of our community as we raised over \$600 (doubling our contributions from last year). And we all had so much fun with the paint run! Tutus for Terry was definitely a success.

We have already started practicing for the district track and field event.

We'll also be recruiting runners soon for the Spring Cross-Country race for our students.

And we can't forget our Spring Scholastic Book Fair going on this week. We're excited to have parents back in the building to shop in the library. Welcome back 😊

Ramin Mehrassa

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care, and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: social emotional skills and relationships, as well as learning styles, strengths, and needs. Our goal is to create safe and engaging

inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to Mr. Mehrassa in writing by May 31st, 2022. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

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>



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Ava, Saphira, Ali R., Brooklyn L.
Ali S. Bryce, Elyse, Emme, William,
Chase S., Lochlan and Daniel.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: Taylor, Kyla, Tanner & Chase

Div. 2: Murdoc, Aisha, Isabel, Louis & Hailee

Div. 3: Nixon, Gavin & Rhiley

Div. 4: Ava & Samreen

Div. 5: Cameron, Jordynn & Spencer

Div. 6: Ciana, Ray, Hunter & Reggie

Div. 7: Aria, Astoria, Carson & Ada

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)
- 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 to email the school at wce_reception@sd42.ca before 8:30am.

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 and it is after 8:40 , they are to enter at the front entrance and knock on the office door. A staff member will let give them a late slip.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

For the safety of our students, all visitors and volunteers are required to check for any signs of illness before entering the school as part of the "health awareness" protocol. In addition, we ask all guests to sign-in and sign-out at the office and to wear a "visitor" tag while in the school. To ensure an uninterrupted learning environment in classrooms, **parents or visitors with lunches or messages are asked to leave them at the office** and they will be sent to the class at a natural break in learning.

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 May 4 at 8:45am. The meeting will be held in the school in the MPR. Our PAC is very welcoming and eager to have new members. You can contact the executive at 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.

At this time, we will not be allowing drop in visits to our Strong Start Programs. Preregistration is required for each session.

As of May 1st the Strong Start Programs will revert to drop in with limited families.

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/>

RPM HOCKY ACADEMY AT SAMUEL ROBERTSON TECHNICAL

For Grade 7 Students only:

Students going into Grade 8 next year are invited to participate in an online Zoom meeting on April 21

New Players/Parents:

RPM will host a new parent zoom meeting **April 21 @ 7pm** - New Registrations will be accepted **April 22 @ 8:30am** online at www.rpmhockey.com
Join Zoom Meeting - April 21 @ 7:00pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85425887780?pwd=NkZWdjhFdzVWVnVTVNLYzRYVzN2dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 2588 7780

Passcode: 634758

BC SPCA KIDS CLUB

Free BC SPCA Kids Club Membership

Your child recently participated in a BC SPCA Classroom Program, and to continue to foster a love of learning about animals, the BC SPCA is delighted to offer a complimentary membership to the [BC SPCA Kids Club](#), which includes their animal magazine Bark! mailed right to your door, four times a year. To opt-in to this free membership, please [click here](#) to fill out the complimentary membership form.

UPCOMING DATES

Apr. 25-29	Scholastic Book Fair
April. 29	Class Photos
May 2	Ninja Gym – Div. 2
May 2	Alice & Wonderland - Div. 3
May 4	PAC meeting 8:45am
May 5	Entrepreneur Fair
May 6	ROAR assembly 11:10am
May 6	Ninja Gym – Div. 7
May 9	PAC Hot Lunch
May 9	Intermediate Cross Country
May 11	No school –non instructional day
May 13	Ninja Gym Div. 1
May 17	Primary Cross Country

May 16	Ninja Gym Div. 3
May 20	Ninja Gym Div. 6
May 20	Museum of Anthropology Div. 7 & Div. 2
May 23	Victoria Day – no school
May 26	Art Starts 1:00pm
May 27	Museum of Anthropology Div. 4 & Div. 5
May 30	PAC Hot Lunch