

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2022

It's with a heavy heart that I must announce to you that I have been re-assigned to Alexander Robinson Elementary for the next school year. I'm delighted to let you know that Mrs. Lauren Hickey will be the new principal at Webster's for September 2022.

First and foremost, I would like to thank you, our parents, who have supported me during my more than eight years at Webster's. Without your support, we would not have been able to achieve so much for your children. I feel so privileged and fortunate to have been able to serve my Webster's family for these many years. The fond memories I have from my time at Webster's will last a lifetime. And of course, it goes without saying that Webster's will always have a special place in my heart 😊.

I do have to mention how grateful I am to our wonderful PAC, who have worked tirelessly to fundraise and support our students throughout my tenure at Webster's. But not only have they contributed financially, they've always been there to support

our students by volunteering their time for Pancake breakfasts and Fun Days, just to name a few examples.

Once again, thank you to all our parents for your tireless support of myself and our students. We have built a beautiful community together that will serve students for years to come.

Thank you,

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>



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Hailey, Lexi, Madison, Ray, Luna, Elisabeth, Rowan, Sophia, Coen, Sierra, Syd, Serenity, Hunter A & Amber.

ROARS

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

Div. 1: Serenity & Tanner

Div. 2: Hailee, Brooklyn, Elyse & Luke

Div. 3: Samuel, Sophia & Brooklyn

Div. 4: Samreen, Syd & Landon

Div. 5: Roman, Xander & Paisley

Div. 6: Lucas & Athena

Div. 7: Robbie, Jessica-Lee, Chase and Astoria

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/>

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.

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.

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 June 10 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.

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/>

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Please see the attached for information about
Science Rocks Summer Camps
Pitt Meadows Summer Programs
Family Smart – Help for the Hard Times

UPCOMING DATES

May 26	Art Starts 1:00pm
May 27	Museum of Anthropology Div. 4 & Div. 5
June 1	Grade 4/5 Track & Field
June 2	Grade 6/7 Track & Field
June 3	Canoeing & Kayaking
June 3	Museum of Anthropology Div. 6
June 6	Hot Lunch – McDonald’s
June 6	Ninja Gym – Div. 4
June 6	ROAR assembly at 11:10
June 9	Kindergarten - Ready Set Learn 12:30pm
June 10	Ninja Gym – Div. 5
June 10	PAC Meeting at 8:45am
June 10	Parent/Staff Appreciation Lunch
June 13	PAC hot lunch - Cobbs
June 15	Gr. 7 Leaving Ceremony
June 16	Jump Rope for Heart
June 17	Pancake Breakfast
June 21	Fun Day
June 23	Last day for students early dismissal at 12:00pm