



WEBSTER NEWS

RESPECT AND PRIDE IN ALL WE DO!

STUDENT SAFETY

For the safety of everyone in the building, our exterior doors are locked during instructional time (time in which children are in class). Doors will be open during morning, recess and lunch to enable students access to the building, but will be locked after they enter. *The main entrance will remain unlocked throughout the day and, as always, visitors will be required to report into the office when visiting the school.*

It is important for parents, caregivers, etc. to advise the school of any special medical information or concerns their child has (medication, etc.).

PRO-D DAY

Just a reminder that **Friday, October 19th** is a *School-based Non-Instructional Day*. **Classes are not in session this day.** Teachers and Support Staff will be involved in a number of professional development activities this day.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Individual student photos will be taken on the morning of **Thursday, October 4th**. Retakes will be taken at a later date.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - October 7th - 13th

As a prelude to Fire Prevention Week, our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students were visited by members of our local fire department on September 24th. The students participated in a variety of different activities designed to enhance their knowledge of fire safety. Each student was sent home with an information package. Please take the time, as a family, to go over the material with your child(ren) and familiarize yourselves with it. *Thanks to our local fire fighters who took the time to visit and educate our students about this very important part of our lives.*

INTERIM REPORT CARDS

Interim report cards will be sent home with students the week of *October 22nd to October 26th*. ***On Wednesday, November 7th and Thursday, November 8th, Kindergarten - Grade 7 students will be dismissed at 11:45 am to allow for parent interviews to take place.*** Busses will be running early this afternoon to accommodate the early dismissal.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAY

On **Wednesday, October 31st**, K-7 students are invited to bring their Halloween costumes to school for our *"Halloween Costume/Black & Orange Day."* Students are asked to put on their costumes after lunch for a variety of classroom activities. *In keeping with the spirit of Halloween, we wish the children to have as much fun as possible, but we ask that costumes do not advocate or depict violence (no guns, knives, and no bloody faces, arms, etc.).* Please refrain from sending candy to school in the following weeks. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



WATER BOTTLES

We encourage students at Webster Elementary School to bring waterbottles that can be refilled. *Thanks to PAC for purchasing the three water bottle filling station/fountain for us!*

LIBRARY NEWS (Mrs. Vanness)

Students are invited to our "Open Library" on Mondays and Fridays from 11:45 am to 12:10 pm. On October 22nd, students at Webster will be participating in Drop Everything And Read (DEAR). On this special day, wherever they are, whatever they're doing, people all across BC take 15 or 20 minutes to read. *The simple idea of DEAR is to promote the importance of literacy by having as many students and adults as possible read at the same time on the same day.* Happy reading!

LEARNING LOUNGE

Students needing help with their schoolwork, homework or projects are invited to come the *WES Learning Lounge* Tuesdays (Mrs. Oliver), Wednesdays (Ms Mclean), and Thursdays (Mr. Stefani), at lunch from 11:45 am to 12:10 pm in our library.

TECHNOLOGY AT SCHOOL

At WES, we encourage students to use their own technology at school in a **responsible manner** to enhance and take ownership of their learning BUT we expect that they will use it responsibly and respectfully, and in accordance with the School District's *Acceptable Use of Technology Policy*.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS FOOD FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Webster Elementary school participates in BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program which delivers healthy fruit and vegetable snacks to children in schools across the province. We usually receive two shipments per month that are distributed to our students. For more information about this program please visit their website: <http://www.sfvnp.ca/>. *If you do not wish your child to participate in this program please contact the school.*

Reminder to send healthy foods and drinks to school on a regular basis (including special events like birthdays, class parties, etc.). Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) NEWS

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Visit us on our [Facebook](#) "Webster PAC" or on the school website at www.wes.sd20.bc.ca/parents/articles/pac-parent-advisory-committee.html. Remember all parents of Webster Elementary are encouraged and welcome to attend - your help and support would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there!



MR. STEFANI'S PRIDE

1. WES Open House and PAC BBQ - what a sense of community.
2. Watching our Grade 1-7 practice for the upcoming District Elementary Fun Run with Ms Volpatti, Mrs. McKenzie and Ms Bouchier!
3. Overheard on the playground "I'm becoming an adult - I can now touch my feet on the ground when I go across on the monkey bars." :)
4. Community support for our Terry Fox Run - THANKS!
5. Grade 6 & 7 Volleyball Practices with Mrs. Lutz-Miller (Girls) and Ms Bouchier & Mrs. McKenzie (Boys)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 K-4 Fire Safety Visits	25	26	27 Orange Shirt Day	28 Crazy Hat & Hair Day Terry Fox Run	29
30	1	2	3 1-7 Elem. Cross Country Run	4 Photo Day PAC Pizza Day	5	6
7	8 Happy Thanksgiving	9	10	11 PAC Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Pro-D Day (no school)	20
21 Webster Interim Reporting Week	22 PAC Book Fair DEAR Luv2Groove Dance	23 PAC Book Fair Earth Rangers Perform.	24 PAC Book Fair	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Halloween Costume/Black & Orange Day	Nov. 1 PAC Pizza Day PAC Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7 K-7 Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am Parent-Teacher Interviews	8 K-7 Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am Parent-Teacher Interviews	9 Remeb. Day Assembly	10
11	12 Remembrance Day (no school)	13	14	15	16	17

UPCOMING @ WEBSTER

November 1st
PAC Pizza Day

Nov. 7th and 8th
Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am (Parent-Teacher Conf)

November 12th
Remembrance Day

November 30th
Hat and Jersey Day





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) is excited to bring the One to One Children's Literacy Program to Webster Elementary School. If you are patient, encouraging, and have a passion for reading, we need you!

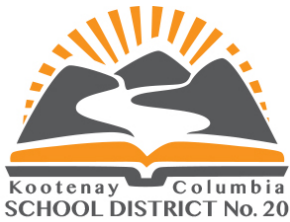
The One to One Children's Literacy Program trains volunteers to work one on one with children who would benefit from a little extra time and practice to develop their reading skills.

Parents, grandparents and community members are needed to support these students. The commitment is one day per week for one and a half hours over a twelve-week period. All tutoring is done at the school within regular school hours.

Tutors participate in a training session where they will learn reading strategies to help support students in the program.

If making a difference is important to you, and you would like to sign up as a tutor, contact Carolyn Amantea, Community Literacy Coordinator, at 250-368-6770 or trailcoordinator@cbal.org





School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

Transportation Department
101 – 6th Street, Castlegar, B.C. V1N 4C4
Phone (250) 364-2224 / (250) 365-8331
Fax (250) 365-2179

School District Bussing

Notes to All Parents Regarding Bussing:

- i. **Students must be registered for transportation and prior to taking a school bus. **EVEN IF THEY WERE REGISTERED LAST YEAR, THEY MUST BE REGISTERED AGAIN THIS YEAR.**** Bussing students must present a bus pass each time they board and depart the bus. **Registration is only available online.**
 - o Students taking the bus one or more days a week MUST be registered with Transportation Department (and have a pass).
 - o Courtesy riders (ie birthday party, daycare changes, etc.) MUST present a note signed by their guardians to their school office and request a *Courtesy Bus Pass*. Students will not be allowed on the bus without this. *This should not be a regular occurrence.*
- ii. They are to use only their assigned bus and regular bus stop, unless they are a courtesy rider with the necessary documentation.
- iii. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to check bus pick up and drop off times in August prior to the new school year. The information can be found under the transportation tab on the Kootenay-Columbia School District's website (Castlegar area: <http://www.sd20.bc.ca/bus-schedule/articles/bus-schedule.html> / Trail area: <http://www.sd20.bc.ca/trail-area-bus-schedule---morning-runs.html>) or check with your school.
- iv. ***After school, all K-12 students will be dropped at their scheduled stop. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to meet their children at the bus stop if they feel it is necessary. If you do not want your child to walk home alone, please be at the stop 5 minutes ahead of drop off time to ensure the connection and to avoid having your child standing alone at the stop.***
- v. Children should know their bus route numbers. It is also a good idea for your child to know your phone number and address.
- vi. ***In the morning, students should be at their bus stop 5 minutes ahead of the scheduled departure time. Buses do not wait for tardy students.***
- vii. Under no circumstances should children run to catch the bus.
- viii. Provide the necessary safety precautions for your children when going to and from the bus stop.
- ix. Make certain that your children are properly dressed, in case of emergencies during cold or wet weather.
- x. Accept responsibility for the proper conduct of your children before boarding a bus, during the daily trips and upon discharge.
- xi. Parents will be responsible for any damage to a bus by their children.
- xii. Encourage children to obey all traffic rules and school bus regulations.
- xiii. Children are expected to proceed directly from the bus stop to their destination.
- xiv. For your child's safety, a video surveillance system which includes audio recording may be installed on the school bus.

Student Conduct

STUDENTS MUST:

- a) Follow the driver's directions the FIRST time they are given.
- b) Keep their hands, feet and objects to themselves.
- c) Stay in their seat unless directed to do otherwise.
- d) Talk quietly, using only appropriate language.
- e) Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before scheduled leave time.
- f) Not eat or drink on the bus.
- g) Not bully or intimidate others.
- h) Not smoke, vape, take drugs or alcohol on the bus and/or at the bus stop.

A student whose behavior contravenes these values or whose actions distract the driver; cause to have the potential to cause harm or discomfort to self or others, is subject to disciplinary action, which may include the following:

1. Verbal warning from the bus driver (initially in routine situations).
2. Issue of a School Bus Incident Report:

- a) Written warning.
- b) Suspension of bus privileges.

Some examples of actions that could result in suspension for an undetermined length of time are as follows: issued for repeated offences or for striking another person; fighting; vandalism; spitting; throwing objects out bus windows; lighting matches or other flammable objects; possession/use of laser pointer; possession/use of weapons; unauthorized use of emergency equipment; unauthorized exit through rear emergency door; and other serious contraventions of the bus rules.

For questions, please contact our Transportation department at 250-365-8331 option 2 or email transportation@sd20.bc.ca.

At times, all Parents
feel lost about what
their children need...

The Circle of Security®
can help!



For more information on the program,
please call Julia at 778-460-5097

The Circle of Security® is a research based program offering parents the opportunity to discover and meet the needs of their unique children.

This 8-week program helps parents and caregivers:

- Understand children's behaviors & discover their genuine relationship needs
- Learn how to be a bigger, stronger, wiser and kind parent/caregiver

- ✓ **DATES:** Thursdays, October 18th 2018 – December 6th 2018
- ✓ **TIMES:** 6:00pm-8:00pm
- ✓ **LOCATION:** Gateway Christian Life Centre, 8320 Highway 3B Trail BC
- ✓ **Free Program**



Click on this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/73444767397270>

or call: 778-460-5094

or email: earlyintervention@kootenayfamilyplace.org