



WEBSTER NEWS

RESPECT AND PRIDE IN ALL WE DO!

STUDENT SAFETY

Webster Elementary School provides a number of safety initiatives to provide our students with a safe learning environment.

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.*

To ensure that your child(ren) arrive at school safely, we ask parents to let the office know that their child will be absent (or late) A telephone call (message left on the answering machine) or a note for planned absences (lates). If parents do not contact us when a student is absent, we phone home to ensure that the student is safe.

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone to a new school year here at Webster Elementary School - it's great to be back! A very special welcome to our Kindergarten students and other new students and staff new to the school this year



- we know you will enjoy your time here at Webster Elementary and hope you make the most of your time within our school community - our "PRIDE". I look forward to working with all members of our school community once again to continue the strong educational commitment and community ties Webster Elementary has fostered and enjoyed over the years.

- Mr. B. Stefani, Principal

SCHOOL START-UP

The District made the decision last June (letter from Superintendent posted on our website) to alter the way schools are organized at the beginning of the school year. ***Classlists will not be posted in advance of the first day of school.*** Students will begin the new school year by either returning to their last year's teacher and class for the first week of school. This organizational strategy will allow for school staff to determine exactly what the school's enrollment is in order to build a school organization that will not have to be changed. This organizational strategy will only be in effect until Friday, Sept. 7th, at the latest, once class configurations are confirmed. This is all new to us as well, thank you for your support.

Student information sheets and an envelope outlining **school fees** (in relation to their grade) will be sent home the following week. *It is important that the Student information sheets be returned as soon as possible as they provide the school staff with very important contact and medical information should the need to contact you or your designate arise. All information is strictly confidential. Families needing help with the payment of school fees or supplies are asked to please contact the principal so arrangements can be made*

PRO-D DAY

Just a reminder that **Friday, September 21st** is a *District 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.

E-NEWSLETTER

To help us conserve paper, after our October newsletter, families will access our monthly newsletters through our school website. A reminder e-mail will be sent out each month once they are posted on our school's website.

MEALS PROGRAM

Webster Elementary School will continue to provide nutritious bag lunches for students in need through the *School Meals Program*. *Parents who wish their child to take part in this program can pick up an application form at the office.*

HEALTHY SNACKS

While 'treats' are nice, it is important 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.

COMING SOON NEW WEBSITE

We will soon be launching a new website format that will also be mobile friendly. It will be at the same address.

MEDIAL ALERTS

If you are new to our school or any of your child's medical information has changed, please notify the office and your child's teacher (inform them of any special instructions re: puffers, EpiPens, etc.) that they may need to know in case of an emergency. **It is also important that any puffers, EpiPens, etc. needed are clearly labeled and brought to school in case of an emergency.** *Staff are not allowed to administer medication of any kind without the proper District forms filled out and signed by a physician.*

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Just a reminder to parents and other visitors to our school, you should be using the main entrance and reporting to the office upon arriving. *Please do not just walk to your child's classroom as it is a safety concern for us and disruptive to the learning of students.* To minimize instructional disruptions, your child will be called up during breaks to retrieve messages, lunches, homework, etc. All other exterior doors remain locked during instructional hours.



AFTERSCHOOL PROCEDURES

Students are expected to go straight home after school unless their parent/caregiver is outside supervising them. **As well, please ensure your child knows "the plan" for what to do/where to go/who is picking them up after school (going with a friend, taking the bus, etc.)** - a note in their agenda is helpful. Students should only be using the phone in the case of emergency. All play dates should be arranged prior to coming to school or after your child has arrived home. **Please review these procedures with your child.** ****If there are unexpected changes to your child's afterschool pickup/bus arrangements, etc., please contact the office directly (emails directly to staff are sometimes not read in time).*



STUDENT SAFETY - TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please help us by reminding your friends and neighbours that the speed limit around the school is **30 km/h, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm** on school days.

Parents picking up/dropping off children are asked to do so *along the fence at the back of the school (lots of parking here) for their and other students' safety.* Use extreme caution when pulling in or backing out. For the safety of all our students, please do not pick up or drop off your children inside our **school bus zone** (alongside the portables) or in front of our basketball court/staff parking - we want all of our 'pride' to be safe. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

2018 TERRY FOX RUN

WES students will be participating in our 2018 Terry Fox Run on the afternoon of **Friday, September 28th** starting at 1:00 pm in our gym. Parents are invited to participate with us in this event. *Donations to the Terry Fox foundation may be brought to your child's classroom or to the office.*

PARENT AFTERNOON (OPEN HOUSE & BBQ)

On the afternoon, **Wed., September 19th**, parents are invited to the school to meet the staff and their child's teacher from **2:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity to meet your son or daughter's teacher and visit their classrooms as well. Teachers will be sharing early projects and work with parents and everyone is welcome to tour the school. The Open House is an opportunity to learn about different aspects of your child's schooling. Teachers will discuss major learning outcomes and classroom procedures and routines with parents. *This event should not be viewed as an opportunity to discuss individual student progress.* Parents wishing information about their child's progress may make arrangements to meet with the teacher at another time. **P.A.C. will also be hosting a "Welcome Back" BBQ. Hope to see you there.**

APPROPRIATE DRESS GUIDELINES

Just a reminder of our guidelines regarding student clothing - clothing should be respectful and suitable for active learning and should cover shoulders and tummies - spaghetti straps and short T-shirts, as well as "low rider" pants are not suitable. Clothing design must be appropriate, having no drug, alcohol or obscene pictures or language depicted. As well, hats are not to be worn inside the building.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) NEWS

The Parent Advisory Council in the past has been very involved and supportive of the programs, students and staff in the school. Do not miss your opportunity to support and get involved in the school. The first P.A.C. meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m. (location tbd).** *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!



- BUILDING PRIDE**
New Intermediate Playground
- GROWING PRIDE**
Webster Greenhouse Project
- CREATING PRIDE**
Framed Student Art in the Community
- FEEDING OUR PRIDE**
Support of our Breakfast and Snack Program
- PROTECTING OUR PRIDE**
Road Safety Awareness



MR. STEFANI'S PRIDE

1. Our **NEW** windows.... well almost. ;)
2. New Kindergarten students - ahhhh.... to be 5 again.
3. All of our students excited to be back at school - what a "pride".
4. Our incredible staff (teaching and support) for getting everything ready for another great year here at WES!
5. The true feeling of a community school every time I come to work.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	September 1
2	3 Labour Day	4 WELCOME BACK!	5	6	7 Performance @ 12:45 pm	8
9	10	11	12	13 PAC Meeting	14 Student Information Sheets & Fee Envelopes Due to Office	15
16	17	18	19 Parent Afternoon/ PAC BBQ	20	21 Pro-D Day (no school)	22
23	24 K-4 Fire Safety Visits	25	26	27	28 Crazy Hat & Hair Day Terry Fox Run	29
30	1	2	3	4 Photo Day PAC Pizza Day	5	6
7	8 Happy Thanksgiving	9	10	11 PAC Meeting	12	13



UPCOMING @ WEBSTER

October 4th
Student Photo Day
PAC Pizza Day

October 8th
Thanksgiving Day

October 21st
Provincial Pro-D Day

October 23rd
Earth Rangers Presentation

October 31st
Halloween Costume/
Black & Orange Day



November 7th & 8th
Parent-Teacher Conferences
(early dismissal @ 11:45 am)





WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Calendar 2018-2019

Schools Open "Welcome Back!" (dismissal @ 10:45 am)	Tuesday, September 4 th
District Professional Development	Friday, September 21 st
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8 th
District Professional Development	Friday, October 19 th
Interim Reporting	October 22 nd to 26 th
Parent-Teacher Interviews K-7 Early dismissal @ 11:45 am	Wed. November 7 th & Thurs., November 8 th
Remembrance Day	Mon., November 12 th
First Formal Report Card Home	Thurs., December 6 th
Winter Vacation	Dec. 22 nd to January 6 th , 2019
Happy New Year! 2019	
Schools reopen after Winter Break	Monday, January 7 th
School Professional Development	Friday, February 8 th
Curriculum Implementation Day	Friday, February 15 th
B.C. Family Day	Monday February 18 th
Second Formal Report Card Home	Thursday, March 7 th
Spring Break	March 16 th to March 31 st
Schools reopen after Spring Break	Monday, April 1 st
Easter Weekend	Fri., April 19 th & Mon., April 22 nd
Interim Reporting	April 23 rd to April 26 th
District Professional Development	May 6 th
School Vacation Day	Friday, May 17 th
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20 th
Third and Final Report Cards Home	Thursday, June 27 th
Last day of classes (dismissal @ 10:45 am)	Thursday, June 27 th
Administration Day - Schools close	Friday, June 28 th

School District No. 20
(Kootenay-Columbia)

2018-2019
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Weekends*
Statutory Holidays*
School Vacation Periods*
Extra Vacation Day*
Administrative Day**
District Pro-D Days**
School-based Pro-D Days**
First/Last Day of School
Semester Completion Days (Secondary)
First Day of Second Semester (Secondary)
Curriculum Implementation Day

*schools closed

**school not in session - staff only in attendance

August	29	District Pro-D Day
August	30	School-based Pro-D Day
September	3	Labour Day stat
September	4	First Day of School (shortened day)
September	21	School-based Pro-D Day
October	8	Thanksgiving Day stat
October	19	District Pro-D Day
November	12	Remembrance Day stat
December	21	Last day of school before winter vacation
December	24	Winter Vacation
to January	4	
January	7	Schools re-open
January	24-25	Semester completion days
January	28	First Day of Second Semester
February	8	School-based Pro-D Day
February	15	Curriculum Implementation Day
February	18	Family Day stat
March	15	Last day of school before spring break
March	18	Spring Break
to March	29	
April	1	Schools re-open
April	19	Good Friday stat
April	22	Easter Monday stat
May	6	District Pro-D Day
May	17	Extra Vacation Day
May	20	Victoria Day stat
June	26-27	Semester completion days
June	27	Last Day of School (shortened day)
June	28	Administrative Day



Days of Instruction	181
Non-Instructional Days	7
Bonus Vacation Day	1
Administrative Day	1

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Kindergarten: required 848 hrs/yr	848.0
Grades 1-7: required 873 hrs/yr	874.8
Grades 8-12: required 947 hrs/yr	947.2

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2018 - 2019



☺ Welcoming Bell - Entry
Morning Session I

8:15 a.m.

8:20 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Recess

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

☺ Welcoming Bell
Morning Session II

10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Students head outside to play.

11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

☺ Welcoming Bell

12:10 p.m.

(students return to class to eat their lunches)

Afternoon Session

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Dismissal (see you tomorrow ☺)

2:15 p.m.



School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) Student Transportation

BUS REGISTRATION REMINDER FOR 2018/19

Each student must register annually for bussing in order to ride on a School District No. 20 school bus. If you plan for your child(ren) to ride the bus to and/or from school next year and have not yet registered for bussing for the 2018/19 school year, please do so asap to guarantee your child a seat on the bus.

To register for bussing go online to the Kootenay-Columbia School District's website www.sd20.bc.ca follow the transportation link to the bus registration form.

Each registered bus rider will be issued a bus pass in the form of a hard plastic card which is carried by the student. **This pass must be presented each time the student boards and departs the school bus.** Upon entering or leaving the school bus, the students tap their pass against a reader which logs the time, date, and GPS location of the scan. The information is then securely transmitted to a password protected website which School District administrators can access. This information is used both as a safety feature to track missing children, as a passenger list in case of emergency, as well to compile data to be used by the district to find efficiencies in our bus routes. Bus Passes will be made available to students registered for transportation in September. There will be a \$10 fee for the replacement of lost or damaged bus passes.

Bussing FAQs

1. When will my child receive his/her bus pass?

Bus passes will be made available via their school in September.

2. Do all bus riders need to be registered every year?

Yes, all riders from kindergarten to Grade 12 need to be registered annually. Routes are finalized in the summer, therefore *to ensure your child a seat on the bus, they must be registered for bussing prior to the end of this school year.*

3. What happens if I do not register my child for the bus?

The child will not be allowed to use the transportation system. If your child attempts to boards the bus without a bus pass you will be contacted.

4. What if the bus pass is lost?

A replacement bus pass costs \$10. Please complete the required bus pass replacement form at your school and make the \$10 payment. A new pass will be sent out to the child's school.

5. Where can I find the bussing schedule?

Bus Schedules for the 2018/19 School Year will be posted mid-August. They can be found under the transportation tab on the Kootenay-Columbia School District's website

6. What happens if I am late to pick my child up from the bus?

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.

7. What if my child gets off at the wrong stop?

If your child is missing, please call the transportation department ASAP at (250) 365-8331 option 2. We can track where your child has gotten off through the bus pass tracking system. All students must know their bus stop and be able to depart the bus on their own accord. It is highly recommended that you familiarize your child with their bus route.

8. Can drivers add a stop or change a route?

No. The routes are built annually by the Transportation Department.

9. Will I receive a call if the bus is late or cancelled?

No, you will not receive a phone call about the status of bus times. All bus alerts are posted on the main page of the SD20 website; www.sd20.bc.ca or call Transportation Department at (250) 365-8331 option 2.

10. Who do I call if the buses are running late?

If your bus is running late by 15 minutes or longer call the Transportation Department at (250) 365-8331 option 2.

11. Can my child bring a friend on the bus?

On occasion, yes providing there is space on the bus and a signed note of permission from the friend's parent is received by the school's principal.

12. What pieces of equipment can my child bring on the bus?

Acceptable Items: skates, small musical instruments, skateboards (not longboards), foldable scooters.

All items must be on the student's lap and not protrude above or outside the passenger compartment of the seat

Unacceptable Items: skis and poles, sleighs, toboggans, golf clubs, hockey sticks, baseball bats, furniture or other large items, large musical instruments, longboards, scooters that do not fold. If the item you are wondering about is not on the list, please contact our Transportation Department.

13. My child is small. Can a booster seat be used?

No, booster seats are not allowed because there is no way to properly secure them.

For additional questions please email transportation@sd20.bc.ca or call the Transportation Department at (250) 365-8331 option 2.

I have a **GROWTH MINDSET!**

