

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 9:

- Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10:

- District PD Day—School Closed for Students

November 11:

- Remembrance Day—School Closed

November 17:

- School Council Meeting

November 18:

- District PD Day—School Closed for Students

November 21:

- Report Cards Issued

November 23 & 24:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16:

- District PD Day—School Closed for Students

December 21:

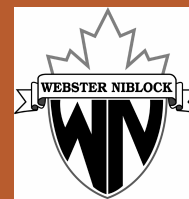
- Christmas Family Night—Leisure Centre

December 23:

- Christmas Vacation Begins—12:15pm Dismissal

Sign up on our website (www.websterniblock.ca) to receive your newsletter via email. While your there check out the pictures, special events, etc.

“In the Web”



WEBSTER NIBLOCK SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2011

Health and Wellness Committee

Thank you to the staff and students of Webster Niblock School for participating in the Terry Fox Run on September 30th. Students ran or walked a distance of 1.25 km to honor the 125 year anniversary of the Medicine Hat School District No. 76. We raised \$423.25 towards cancer research! Thank you for your contributions!

The Turkey Trot took place on October 6th. Congratulations to the following students who won a Thanksgiving turkey to take home to

their families: Chance Miller (Kindergarten), Barbara Predyk (Grade 1), Jordan Vatcher (Grade 2), Cameron Srubowich (Grade 3), Connor Herter (Grade 4), Levi Lennox (Grade 5) and Staven Mitchell (Grade 6).

Students have been participating in Ultimate and Bocce Ball intramurals. Stay tuned for the next activity to be played during recess and noon hours. Thanks to Mr. Buchko for organizing intramural opportunities for our students!

Parents are invited to pick up a School Calendar in the Office.

Library

On October 13 the Grade 1-4 students enjoyed the awesome storytelling of the author, Tolowa Mollel. It's always exciting to see the actual author of the books we read. On November 21-23 the Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school. On Monday and Tuesday the book fair will be open from 3:00-4:00, then on Wednesday the book fair will be

open during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Come out and see the new books and maybe do some Christmas shopping! The library will soon have many new books on the shelves as the big Fall Book Buy has arrived! Lots of new picture books, easy readers and novels for the Grade 4-6 students. Happy Reading!

www.sd76.ab.ca

You're Invited!

Medicine Hat School District No. 76

TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011
Higdon Hall – Cactus Room
6:30 pm to 8:15 pm

Where Kids Count!

Medicine Hat School District No. 76
1886-2011...celebrating 125 years of success!

Pull Together



for Ronald McDonald House Southern AB

September 19, 2011—May 18, 2012

Please join us and collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House to help give sick children what they need most... their families.

To learn more visit:
www.rmhsouthernalberta.org

The Jeunesse Dance Troupe from Calgary will be performing the "Nutcracker" at the Esplanade on Dec. 3 & 4. Congratulations to 3 of our students that will be performing, Daryl—Kind.; Conner—Gr. 3 and Elizabeth—Gr. 1.

Webster Niblock School Council

I can't believe it is November already! It seems like we just started this school year, time sure flies when you're having fun. We had a great turnout for our first meeting of the Webster Niblock School Council this year. There's a lot happening so let's get to it!

First things first, we have a volunteer sign-up sheet available on our School Council board located right inside the front doors. Please take a moment to write down your name and phone number for any project you would be able to help with. We have a coordinator for each of these projects and now we are in need of volunteers to help by making phone calls and getting information about the different things needed to get these events underway!

The first project happening this year is a **Webster Niblock School Clothing Sale**. We are hoping to get

enough volunteers to help with this project as soon as possible so we can have the clothing back in time for Christmas. We have a volunteer already checking on pricing but we will need people interested in collecting order forms, picking up and setting up a sample size rack at the school and people who can help on delivery day to make sure everything runs smoothly.

The next project out of the gate will be our **Casino**. Every 16-18 months the Webster Niblock School Council has the opportunity to participate in working a **Casino**. This fundraising opportunity brings approximately \$20,000 to our School Council and helps us fund almost all of the "extras" that we support for the school. For example, in the last 5 years we have been able to fund the new playground equipment and we have donated \$30,000 to the Web-

ster Niblock School Library Revitalization Project. Without volunteers, like you, we would not be able to continue with these casinos. **The dates for this year's casino are Thursday, January 19th and Friday, January 20th 2012.** We will need volunteers for all positions and shifts. Day shifts are 12:00pm-8:00pm, evening shifts are 8:00pm until 3:00am and we need count room volunteers from 11:00pm until 3:00am for both days. This is an easy and fun way to earn lots of money for our school council and a free meal is provided for each volunteer. Please consider lending your time to this fundraiser. Deborah Srubowich is our **Casino Co-ordinator**, she will be sending volunteer forms home shortly. Please fill them out and return them to the school with the times and dates that you will be available to work.

Finally, the biggest project

we have in the works is the **Webster Niblock Bi-Centennial Celebration**. This awesome school has been educating children for 50 years and we will be celebrating this milestone in the 2012/2013 school year. We have some great ideas and need to get the ball rolling on this project ASAP! If you would like to be a part of this committee, please sign-up on the School Council board and you will be contacted to let you know how you can help. Also, if you have any ideas that would make this celebration more amazing, please contact Christina Schmidt at 403-928-6653 or Carmen Payne at 403-502-3947.

That's all for this time. You are all invited to our next School Council meeting on **Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm**. As always baby-sitting is provided free of charge!



Asim Adam, Gr. 1—with his finished Thanksgiving project.

Hand-Washing to Prevent Influenza

The flu (influenza) virus can live on your hands for 5 minutes and on doorknobs for days! Protect yourself and others by washing your hands often. Teach young children to wash their hands too.

When to clean your hands:

- After you cough, sneeze or blow your nose
 - Before you eat or serve food
 - After you are near a person who is ill
 - Before you brush your teeth
- What to use:
- Use regular soap and water or
 - Hand cleanser or sanitizer with alcohol in it

Character Ed. Committee

We would like to thank our Proactive Playground Patrollers for the leadership role they have taken on! Our Playground Patrol is currently operating with three teams of Grade Six volunteers who patrol the playgrounds at morning and lunch recess. They are doing a great job scouting out those students who demonstrate proactive behaviors on the playground. They have a big

heart for our school and our students! The first three teams consist of Jasmin Lentz, Elizabeth Schenkey, Shelby Bach, Staven Mitchell, Kyra Gertridge, Reid Beach, Sydney Campbell, Kay-Lynn Pinto, Stephanie Edward, Cody Waters, Sophie Kaszyk, Janet Kamara, Cassidy Virovec, Amanda Roseveare, Keara Schiltroth, Jessica Smith, Kyler Ertman and Brin Kohli.

We are already noticing our community group envelopes bursting with earned popsicle sticks! This means we'll be able to announce our first community group earned reward very soon for the most popsicle sticks collected. The anticipation is high! So watch in our December newsletter for which community groups have earned that reward.



We invite **ALL** children to enter November's monthly contest! We ask you email us your children's entry along with their name, grade and school.

November's Contest: **"Eating Healthy"**

Email us a picture of your son or daughter eating a healthy meal from home! Be sure to include what they are eating! Good Luck!

Email: info@kidsplate.ca

AISI

Alberta Education continued to support the AISI (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement) projects around the province with reduced funding this year. Our district has been working on Instructional Intelligence with Dr. Barrie Bennett for the last 2 years. This year our teachers are engaged in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) at the school level and the district level. PLC time allows teachers to collaborate with their colleagues while they engage in implementing Instructional Intelligence strategies in their classrooms. At Webster Niblock our teachers have the opportunity to work together in their PLC's once a

month. Throughout the year PLC time has been scheduled into the teacher's timetables. The Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 teachers work together. The Grade 3 and 4 teachers collaborate and the Grade 5 and Grade 6 teachers form a PLC.

AISI Wednesday is an exciting time for our students as well. When teachers have job embedded PLC time the students get to work together with Mr. Cowan, Mrs. Hensel and/or Mrs. Stockman. Last year we focused on the whole person paradigm—it is important to take care of the heart, body and mind in order for our spirit to soar. During our sessions with the students we

continued to reinforce the 7 Habits. This year we will maintain this core foundation. In October we focused on developing a sense of belonging. First, the children participated in an activity called "Just Like Me". Next we watched video clips from the movie "Happy Feet," after each clip the children engaged in a Think Pair Share where they discussed how Mumble, the penguin, would have felt when he was different and then when he was accepted for his unique talents. Then we all decorated a leaf to put our stamp on Webster Niblock, the leafs will be displayed on our mural at the front entrance. Finally, we danced like no one was watching!

Before and After School Program

Reminders to Parents:

- Before hours start at 7:15am
- Monthly calendars are due the second last Wednesday of every month. We have grown in numbers so space is limited.
- We go outside everyday in all types of weather for a little while. Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather.
- Indoor shoes must be worn in the gym when it is wet outside.
- Please label your child's clothing (coat, etc.) backpacks and lunch bags.
- Check. Must enjoy working with children. Please bring resume to the office.

Thank you,
Mrs. Quast

We are looking for a part time person in the BASP They must have Level 1, Criminal Record Check and Child Welfare

November 2011



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