

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 6:

- Turkey Trot

October 7:

- District PD Day—
School Closed for
Students

October 10:

- Thanksgiving Day—
School Closed

October 13:

- Kindergarten &
Council Meetings

October 31:

- Halloween Parties—
pm only

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9:

- Remembrance Day
Assembly

November 10:

- District PD Day—
School Closed for
Students

November 11:

- Remembrance Day—
School Closed

November 17:

- School Council Meet-
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November 18:

- District PD Day—
School Closed for
Students

November 21:

- Report Cards Issued

November 23 & 24:

- Parent/Teacher Inter-
views

Students participating in Walk to School Week will be eligible for classroom prizes!

“In the Web”

WEBSTER NIBLOCK SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2011

Staff Meeting and Common Planning Time Fridays

This year all the schools in the Medicine Hat School District will have 1 full Friday a month in which students do not attend so that teachers can attend their staff meetings and partake in collaborative planning and public learning committee meetings. This means no early dismissal Wednesdays for our school. Please watch the calendar as these days do not always fall on the third Friday of the month.

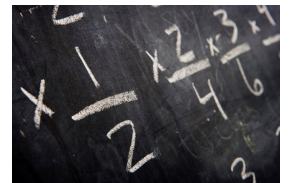
There are many benefits to students and teachers from collaborative planning time:

- Having teachers participate in collaborative

planning is a powerful example to students about the importance of learning together.

- Collaborative planning gives teachers an opportunity to experience a way of learning they can use with their students.
- Working with colleagues on issues focused on student learning builds a sense of trust in a school.
- Collaborative time together in the school is more efficient than pulling teachers from their classrooms and sending them to workshops to learn.

- Collaborative time together allows teachers the opportunity to share with each other their knowledge and skills.
- Some of the best learning that teachers can do involves working on researched-based instructional projects together.
- Even excellent teachers can benefit from working with other teachers and continue to learn about improving their practice.



International Walk to School Week

International Walk to School Week (Oct. 3-6, 2011), gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking. Every year, millions of walkers from around the world walked to school to-

gether for various reasons—all hoping to create communities that are safe places to walk.

Walking:

- encourages physical activity by teaching children the skills to walk safely, how to identify safe routes to school, and the benefits of walking
- raises awareness of how

walkable a community is and where improvements can be made

- raises awareness about concern for the environment
- reduces traffic congestion and pollution near schools

For more information:
www.iwalktoschool.org

Webster Niblock School Council



We would like to invite everyone to come out to this year's first meeting of the Webster Niblock School Council on October 13th at 6:30pm. Our school council is responsible for many of the wonderful things that happen at Webster Niblock. Every year we help to support Grade 6 Outdoor Education, numerous classroom fieldtrips, our Library Revitalization Project, the yearly family dance and several other projects that continue to make Webster

Niblock the best school in Medicine Hat. We have already elected our new council for this year so there's no pressure, just come on out and help us make the decisions that affect our children's education. We provide free babysitting at the school for our meetings and we're always happy to see new faces and hear your ideas!

Our newly elected Webster Niblock School Council Executive for the 2011/2012 school year is:

Chairperson: Carmen Payne

Co-Chair: Tansy Hobman

Treasurer: Paula Kinch

Secretary: Shelly Halpin

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Heather Street

Casino Co-ordinator: Deborah Srubowich

We look forward to seeing you on October 13th at 6:30pm.

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.” - Chinese Proverb

Character Ed. Committee

The Character Education Committee is eager to start this new school year by re-launching our "Proactive Playground Patrol" with an exciting new twist! The aim of our "Proactive Patrol" is to encourage students to

enjoy their recess times while interacting positively and making good choices with their peers. Last year students were recognized by adult supervisors as proactive and were handed a popsicle stick which the students then placed in their community group folder by the office. Those groups with large amounts of popsicle sticks were treated to a longer lunch hour and play time for their efforts, much to their delight! Now, this year, the students are

ready to be leaders in this area. Each month there will be two assigned teams of students who will patrol the playground in search of their fellow students who are demonstrating excellent playground choices. We know this will promote leadership amongst our students and allow them to act as role models. We look forward to seeing our students encourage each other in this way!





This months newsletter is coming to you from **MR. FIL-LUP.... CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSHUA THUNBERG, A GRADE 4 STUDENT AT VINCENT MASSEY SCHOOL!!** He was the lucky one chosen that came up with our logo name for our September contest. Joshua will enjoy a gift certificate for free lunches. Thank you to all of

Feeding Your Child’s Mind, One Lunch at a Time

the children who emailed us your ideas, we enjoyed reading all entries, they were creative and playful.

Octobers Contest: “Name that Lunch”

We’re always looking for new healthy fun lunch ideas. Email us your entrée idea(s) and the winner will have that entrée named for him/her for the month of December, as well as

a great KP prize! Good luck!
Email: info@kidsplate.ca

We invite ALL children to enter this contest. We ask you email us your children’s entry along with their name, grade and school. In the next months newsletter we will announce the winner, what school they go to and what they have won!



The annual Turkey Trot will be taking place on Thursday, October 6th at 1:30pm.

Library News

Once again our students are taking out many new and wonderful books from our Library. We will have an author, Tolowa Mollel, come to visit on October 13. He is a wonderful storyteller. The Scholastic Book Fair is coming in November in conjunction with Parent-Teacher Interviews. Just in time to do some Christmas shopping! We have one more

major book buying trip and the new books will start to trickle into the Library in November. Watch for the new books then. Our Library Committee is excited to plan another awesome Reading Promotion for January/February. We have some great ideas on the go. Thanks to Parent Council for the fabulous Library Book Bags for the Kindergarten to

.Grade 3 students. These bags protect our library books from all sorts of disasters. Keep reading!



Vision for Children

October is eye health month. Your child’s vision health is an important component to learning. Vision examinations help develop a baseline for your child’s future vision needs. Alberta children under 19 years of age get 1 free annual vision exam.

Here are a few symptoms you

should watch for that may indicate a vision problem:

- if your child loses their place while reading
- avoids close work
- holds reading material closer than normal
- tends to rub their eyes

- has headaches

- turns or tilts their head to use one eye only
- omits or confuses small words when reading

For further information go to www.opto.ca

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