



Nicholson News

“Stars Shine at Nicholson”

Principal’s Perspective

The first month of our new year is already ending! Unfortunately, due to lack of snow and cold temperatures we didn't have the crazy carpets out until this past week but now the students are enjoying our sliding hill daily.

February promises to bring more fun and excitement. Gr. 6/7s will enjoy 3 Cross-country ski lessons at Dawn Mountain. We'll also be getting out the snowshoes to enjoy more outdoor activities in the snow.

Mid-February brings Valentines Day and a celebration of the 100th day of school for the primary classes. Monday, February 6th there is no school as staff will be involved in Professional Development activities.

February is also the month that all gr. 4 and 7 students are doing the Foundation Skills Assessments. These are provincial tests in the areas of reading, writing and numeracy. Results will be sent home to parents after spring break.

Have a great February!

Mrs. J. Arlt

Rocky Mountain
School District

January 27, 2012

**Nicholson
Parents & Tots
Free
Drop-In Program at
NES School
Every Tuesday from
9:00-11:30
Children age birth
to 5 are welcome
Games, Crafts,
Snacks and more!
For more info
Call Jenn Keilty
250-344-0346**



Winter Wonderland

In January, each primary classroom enjoyed a morning learning with a Wildsight presenter. The students enjoyed a wide variety of winter activities in the classroom and on the playground.



Valentine’s Day Tues., Feb. 14th



If students choose to bring Valentine’s cards to school, we ask that they bring one for every student in their class. A list of names will be provided by the teacher.

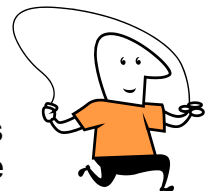
**No School
Mon., Feb. 6th
Professional
Development
Day for Staff**

**Monday, February 13th
Mrs. Hunt’s K/1 class
& Mrs. Olson’s Gr. 1/2/3 class
will be celebrating
the Hundredth Day of School
There will be activities between 1:00 and 2:00 pm
The classes have challenged each other to
donate 100 items to the Food Bank.
Other classes can help out.
Students can bring donations any day up until
February 13th.**



Skipping for Literacy

On January 25th, there was a Family Literacy event in the community. Mrs. Williams and some of our Nicky Bopper experts, along with helper, Mrs. Olson, were there to share some singing and skipping songs.



This was a fun event organized by Monice De, of Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, to demonstrate a variety of ways for families to develop literacy in children.

Wed. Feb. 29th is Pink Shirt Day. Show support for anti-bullying!

January Home Reading

Make reading a habit for your child. Reading calendars for January should be signed and returned by **Friday, February 3rd**. Your child will earn house points by reading.



PAC Bottle Drive

Thanks to all those that supported the PAC Bottle Drive on Friday, January 13th. A special thanks to the sorting crew that volunteered their time — your work was much appreciated!

\$275.01 was raised to be put towards a SMART board for the school.

The PAC also received a special and very generous donation toward the SMART board from **Sandra and Mike Mills**. Thank you so much for always thinking of our Nicholson students! We can never find enough words to adequately thank you for your support!

Child Abuse Protocol Training for Nicholson School Volunteers

We appreciate volunteers in our classrooms and on field trips. Every year as a requirement of the Ministry of Education, all individuals involved in school activities must have child protection training. This is intended to familiarize adults working with students with the warning signs of child abuse and neglect, and the procedures and duty to report suspected child abuse and neglect. If you plan to join us on spring field trips, etc. and haven't done the training it takes about 15 minutes online. You can access the training at:

<http://www.sd6.bc.ca/intranet/training/childabuserreporting/img0.html>

If you do not have a computer at home, you are welcome to come to Nicholson School to complete the online training. When you have finished the online session, a message with your name will be sent to the School District Office. We would also appreciate it if you would phone the school secretary or send a note to the school to let us know when you have completed the training. The school phone number is 250-344-2370.

Nut- Free School



Thanks to parents and students for the time you take to make our school nut-free. Information about nut free products and snacks is available online (google 'nut free snacks') or at the school. These efforts have helped us all to reduce the risks and show consideration for the safety of others.

**The next P.A.C. Meeting is on
Mon., March 5th at 2:30 p.m.
All parents welcome!**

Grade 7 Perspective

Welcome to the magnificent grade 7 perspective where Taylor (a.k.a. Velociraptor) and Natalia (a.k.a. Unicorn) tell what is happening—so please enjoy!

In gym we have been using the gymnastics equipment and learning a lot of things. Don't worry, we are being safe!

Just this week, the grade 6/7s have been finishing their art modeled after Louise Nevelson's "Sky Cathedral". We each glued ten random items in a box and spray painted them, some pink and some purple. Then we put the boxes together to make an amazing sculpture. It is on display outside the gym.

Recently we started studying Ancient China and we must say it's a very interesting culture. We also have been working on Book Talks—speeches reviewing books we've read. In Health & Career, we started a game called "The Make It Real Game" where we get a job and learn what it's like in the adult world. Soon we are going cross country skiing—fun!

Today we had '80s Day' where we all dressed up in styles from the 1980's. There were some great costumes—they were crazy, man! Well it's been an amazing month and a lot of learning happened. Join us next time for the Gr. 7 Perspective. Have a great weekend!

By Velociraptor & Unicorn



You are invited to

Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program

Start Date: Thursday, February 2, 2012

Time: 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Location: Nicholson Elementary School

Program dates: Thursdays—February 2 /12 to March 15/12

Call: R. Smith—250 344 2000

Meet with other parents of young children; **share** questions, concerns and ideas about being a parent, **learn** about child development, health and behavior; **discuss** real-life parenting situations; **work together** with the support of two trained facilitators, **discover** positive ways of parenting.

It's free! Babysitting is provided.

Meals or snacks are offered.

Transportation assistance is available.

You decide the issues you want to talk about.

February 2012



Remind your child to read at least 15 times this month and sign the Home Reading Calendar!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Nobody's Perfect Parenting Workshop 12-2 pm	3	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL Professional Day for Staff	7 9-11:30 Parent & Tot Hot Lunch: Potato soup	8	9 Nobody's Perfect Parenting Workshop 12-2 pm	10	11
12	13 100s Day Gr. 6/7 Crosscountry Ski day Hot Lunch: lasagna	14  Valentine's Day 9-11:30 Parent & Tot	15	16 Nobody's Perfect Parenting Workshop 12-2 pm	17	18
19	20 Hot Lunch: perogies Gr. 6/7 Crosscountry Ski day	21 9-11:30 Parent & Tot	22	23 Nobody's Perfect Parenting Workshop 12-2 pm	24	25
26	27 Hot Lunch: chili Gr. 6/7 Crosscountry Ski day	28 9-11:30 Parent & Tot	29 PINK SHIRT DAY Gr. 7 Boys BIG DAY OUT	March 1st Gr. 7 Girls BIG DAY OUT		