

Webster Review

Webster Raises \$2587 at St. Baldrick's Day

Daniel Webster Middle School celebrated the annual St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser. This national fundraiser was created to raise money for cancer research to help children with cancer and their families. Donors contributed money for students and teachers who agreed to get their heads shaved.

On St. Baldrick's Day at Webster, we had a huge assembly in the gym. Ten students agreed to have their heads shaved or hair cut for cancer research. We also had twelve staff members who shaved their heads!

To promote interest, seventh grade social studies teacher Mr. Bade had his own additional contest to encourage student participation. The

student who raised the most money would earn the distinction of shaving Mr. Bade's head! Nallely M earned this distinction and got to shave Mr. Bade's head!

St. Baldrick's Day got started at Webster Middle School by one man who had a big heart. Mr. Bade learned about St. Baldrick's Day when he was watching the news and decided it would be a great initiative for our school. Mr. Bade believes it is important for us to participate in activities that support childhood cancer research.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Webster staff members, students, and friends who had their heads shaved to raise money for St.

Baldrick's day. Staff members Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Kreml, Mr. Rivera, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Solano, Mr. Bade, Mr. Zwetz, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Candelaria, substitute teacher Mr. Niemeitz and finally, brother to Mr. Payne, Mr. Nick Payne. In



addition, a number of brave students participated, making St. Baldrick's Day a day of outstanding school spirit.



Science Fair

Students from every grade participated in Webster's Science Fair, which was held in March in the Gym.



The 2011 Science Fair winners!

Battle of the Books

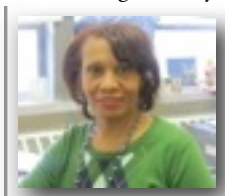
Battle of the books is an annual event at Daniel Webster. This year's contest took place March 24th at the Waukegan public library. Team members included Alexis C, Lillian M, Maycol V, and DeAndre W. Our Webster team worked very hard and the competition was fierce. Webster tied for 3rd place with Abbott and Benny. Jaurez earned 1st place and Jefferson came in 2nd, our team was very hard working and motivated. We hope to have another fun competition next year!



Nurse News

Fitness Club is an after school exercise program for Daniel Webster students and staff that is led by Nurse Washington and Ms. Jackson. Started in 2010 as part of the "Fuel Up to Play" program, the club met on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:30 - 3:30, on the gym stage. Members used exercise equipment to warm up and then, they had a lot of fun participating in various activities, such as basketball, soccer, and field hockey. Also, members were provided a healthy snack at each meeting.

Exercise is important for maintaining a healthy body and mind. If you are not already a member, perhaps you will consider coming out to join the Fitness Club next year. Fitness Club is a great after school activity because it helps you stay in shape and have a lot of fun doing it!



Spring Sports

Girls' Soccer

Coach Stone was very excited about the girls' soccer team. Mr.

Stone coached girls' Varsity, with help from Mr. Payne and Mr. Zwetz, who coached Junior Varsity.

Everyone who tried out was invited to join the team. Some of the team requirements were to have a passing grade in all classes and to stay out of trouble. Skills needed on the field were footwork skills, passing the ball, staying in position, running and of course, teamwork. Practices were held on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2:30 in the field behind the school.

At the season tournament on May 21st, Varsity lost its first game, 1-0 to Abbott, but, Coach Stone explained, "it was a gutsy game with only 10 players and no subs. They might not have won the game, but they showed everyone how much "heart" they have. I have never been prouder of any team I've ever coached. " We look



forward to the girls coming out with renewed vigor and a strong "heart" next year.

Girls' Softball

Ms. Gillengerten, Girls' Softball 8th grade team coach, commended her team's "throwing skills, really good hitting, and good teamwork." Ms. Feder assisted as coach of the 6th-7th grade team. There were 13 girls on the 8th grade team and 15 girls on the 6th-7th grade team. The girls practiced throwing, catching, hitting, running, and situational plays on Mondays and Tuesdays. Games were on Thursdays at the back of the school.

The team placed third at the softball tournament held May 21st at Jack Benny Middle School. The Girls' Softball team finished the season with a 3-5 record.

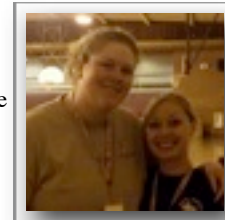
Boys' Volleyball

Here at Daniel Webster Middle School, our boys' volleyball team practiced on Mondays, Tuesdays and sometimes on Thursdays in our gym. During practice, the volley ball team worked on defense, setting,

footwork, and serving overhand. To be on the volleyball team, students needed to demonstrate good behavior and pass all their classes.

The season included four games, two home games and two away games. The 6th and 7th grade team won their first game against Jefferson and the 8th grade team was victorious, also. At the tournament, the 6th and 7th grade team lost to Benny. The 8th grade team beat Juarez in the first round but were defeated by Abbott in the second round.

Coach Behmke shared, "The coaches at the other schools were amazed at our awesome serving and hustle." Both teams



wrapped up the season on May 24th with the 3rd annual Staff vs. Boys' Volleyball Team competition. The staff won, upholding their three year

winning record.

Boys' Flag Football

Webster's flag football team was the team to watch. This year at Daniel Webster Middle School, we had two teams, a 6th and 7th grade team, and secondly, an eighth grade team. Both teams did their best to win. Every Monday and Tuesday from 2:30-4:00, the team practiced for their Thursday game. During practice, the players practiced catching, running and various plays.

Everyone was welcome to try out for the team "If you have the heart to do it, then you can make the team," Steven D., who played safety and corner back, explained. The players were mostly boys and were proud to have one girl play on the team. The team enjoyed playing for spectators. Their

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Teachers You Should Know

Ms. Mendoza

We stopped by Ms. Mendoza's classroom and asked her to tell us about herself so we could get to know her. Ms. Mendoza



joined the Webster staff this year. She teaches all subjects in 7th grade. We learned she was born in Mexico and she and her husband have a one and one half year old daughter. Ms. Mendoza has a degree in Psychology and her hobbies are soccer and art.

Ms. Mendoza's expectations for her students are very high. She stated, "I think students can go

beyond what they think they can do." Ms. Mendoza says the best part about her job is being part of students' lives. She is a great addition to the Webster staff and we are happy to have her here.

Ms. Pragelz

A teacher you should know is Ms. Pragelz. Ms. Pragelz teaches science and social studies on the multi team. This year is her first year teaching at Webster. Prior to coming to Webster, Ms. Pragelz taught Spanish for six years. The best thing about her job, Ms. Pragelz explained, is that she gets to teach new subjects. She loves being creative when designing her lessons.

Her favorite activities include basketball, softball and skiing. Also, she is the loving owner of two dogs, an American bulldog and a Staffordshire terrier. Ms. Pragelz admires the poet Maya Angelou greatly and she loves Italian food.

Ms. Pragelz' believes her students can achieve anything they set their minds to do. We are happy to get to know Ms. Pragelz and to have her on our staff.

Mrs. Kreiter

Another staff member who is new to Webster this year is Ms. Kreiter, who teaches all subjects on the multi team. Working with her students is what she really likes about teaching at Webster. Ms. Kreiter is amazed at the



considerable growth her students make in short order. "It's amazing!" she explained.

There are challenges to being an effective teacher, Ms. Kreiter explained. It is hard to have your

A-game and to stay on top of things everyday.

We are pleased that Ms. Kreiter joined the Webster team and her students soundly agree!

Mr. Payne

It was fun for us to learn more about another staff member new to Webster this year, Mr. Payne, who teaches all subjects on the multi team. Mr. Payne enjoys football, baseball and loves to see movies, play video games and read. His favorite home cooked meal is lasagna and he loves the deep dish pizza you get from Lou Malnati's Pizza.

We are happy to have Mr. Payne here at Webster. His students being a role model for his students and we agree that they are lucky to have him to look up to. Another fun fact about Mr. Payne is that he is married to Mrs. Payne, who teaches science, also on the multi team!