



J-Hawk Journal

Race Around Webster

4th Annual Race Around Webster - Oct. 6, 2016

This year marks our "4th Annual Race Around Webster." This event will serve as the primary fundraiser for Webster Elementary. Students will seek sponsorship dollars from friends and family towards their goal of a 1 mile or a 3.1 mile (5k run/walk). Students can receive sponsorship funds in the form of cash, checks, or online via credit card through our event management website (Fund Monkey). Specific information on accessing Fund Monkey will come home in packets on September 8. By taking our fundraising campaign online, parents will be able to take advantage of social media by sharing their child's unique pledge code via email, Facebook, and other social networking sites. This will allow for friends, family and friends of friends from all around the world to pledge towards our students with the click of a mouse.



Race Around Webster (R.A.W.) Important Dates to Remember!

September 8, 2016 - Kickoff Assembly

September 16, 2016 - Cash & check turn in day
(Friday prize drawing for turning in money!)

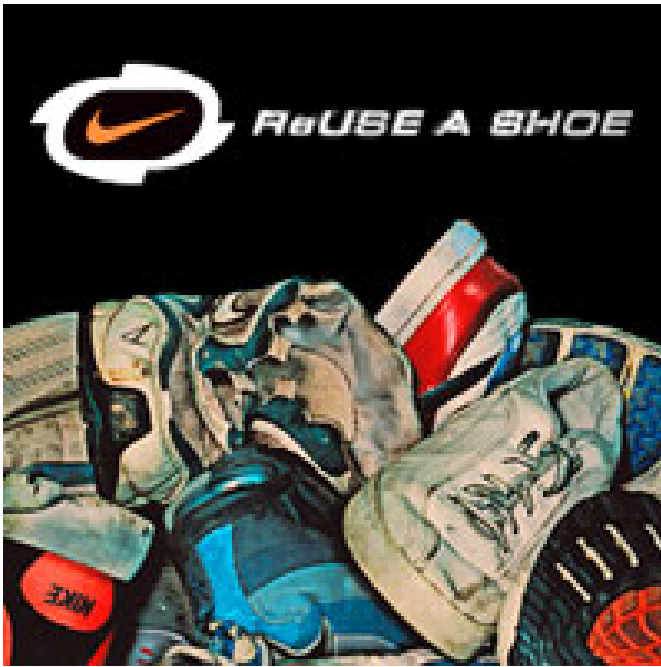
September 23, 2016 - Cash & check turn in day
(Friday prize drawing for turning in money!)

September 30, 2016 - FINAL cash & check turn
in day
(Friday prize drawing for turning in money!)

October 6, 2016 - 3rd Annual Race Around
Webster

October 7, 2016 - Event rain date





Bring in those worn out athletic shoes!

The City of Urbandale, Webster Elementary, and the rubber recycling plant in Tennessee are teaming up again this year to collect old tennis shoes. The collection will take place September 19th through September 30th. There will be bins inside the Webster hallways for the shoes to be dropped off. Webster Elementary will receive \$1 for every pair of shoes collected! Only athletic shoes can be used for this recycling effort. So please go through your closets! Now is the time to clear out all of those athletic shoes that have seen better days and benefit Webster at the same time!



Dates To Remember



Lunch/Recess/Specials



Letter Day Calendar



Lunch Menu



Online Lunch Payment



Flyer Hub



Transportation



Staff Directory



Shop 'N Share Weekends 2016-2017

Sept 9, 10 and 11

Feb 10, 11 and 12

Oct 14, 15 and 16

April 14, 15 and 16

Nov 11, 12 and 13

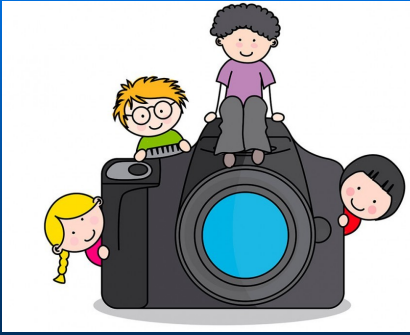
May 12, 13 and 14

Dec 9, 10 and 11

- ▶ Take a form with you when you do your shopping at the Urbandale Hy-Vee (86th & Douglas)
- ▶ Give the bottom portion to your cashier as you check out
- ▶ Hy-Vee will generously donate 5% of your purchase to Webster Elementary!

Thanks for helping Hy-Vee help our kids!
Follow Hy-Vee on Twitter at UrbandaleHyVee for notices on special deals and offers!

Share forms with friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives!



Picture Day!

Don't forget to send your kids with their best smile on Friday, September 16th, for Picture day at Webster!

Order forms will be sent home the week before pictures. Please be sure to send your form back with your student on Picture Day for them to take with them to the photographer.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 331-8600.



Late Start Days

There will be two late start days at Webster this September.

On Wednesday, September 14th, and Wednesday, September 28th, classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Students may begin entering the building at 9:45 a.m.



PTO Meetings

Our next Webster PTO Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4th, at 6:30 pm. We hope you will consider joining us. Free childcare is available!

2016-2017 PTO Meeting Dates

August 30, 2016	January 10, 2017
October 4, 2016	February 7, 2017
November 1, 2016	April 4, 2017
May 2, 2017	

Webster J-Hawk Running Club

Dear Webster Parents,

This fall we will continue a running club at Webster Elementary in addition to physical education class. This program is a way to increase physical fitness, improve school performance, and promote self-esteem. Webster kindergarten through fifth grade students will have the opportunity to jog or walk laps on the track during their noon recess times. The program is optional but all students at Webster are automatically included. Students may choose the number of days they wish to participate in the running program. Students do not need to participate every day or for the entire recess unless they wish to. The fall program will begin on September 12th and will conclude on October 21st.

Any student who chooses to participate will have his/her laps recorded by a parent/grandparent volunteer. These laps will be totaled on a weekly basis and awards will be given to five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty plus mile runners. Students in Kindergarten, first, and second grade will receive prizes on a modified scale appropriate for their age. Students who complete 26 miles or more during the running club will be eligible to participate in the Drake Relays Grand Blue Mile Run April.

If you have any further questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact me at 331-8612. I am anticipating a track filled with excited runners and wish to thank you in advance for your support. If you wish to check on your runner's progress, the running club sheets are posted in the gym. New sheets will be posted at the beginning of each week.

Thanks again - Jodi Schutt, Physical Education Teacher





Happy Birthday Urbandale School District!!

Webster will be having a "birthday party" to celebrate the centennial of Urbandale Community Schools on Thursday, September 22nd! You can come cheer on the Webster staff -(still in birthday party mode) at the Homecoming Parade later that evening too!

Be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

Calendar of Events

Monday, **September 5th** - Labor Day/**NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, **September 6th** - Curriculum Night
Grades K, 2, 4 - 6:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Thursday, **September 8th** - Curriculum Night
Grades 1, 3, 5 - 6:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Monday, **September 12th** - First Day of Fall
Running Club

Wednesday, **September 14th** - LATE START
Classes begin at 10:00 am

Friday, **September 16th** - Fall Picture Day

Mon. - Fri., **September 19th - 23rd** - Homecoming
Week

Thursday, **September 22nd** - Homecoming Parade
6:00 pm

Friday, **September 23rd** - Fall Classroom Parties
2:45 pm

Wednesday, **September 28th** - LATE START
Classes begin at 10:00 am

Friday, **September 30th** - J-Hawk Huddles

Tuesday, **October 4th** - PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm

Thursday, **October 6th** - Race Around Webster
Rain Date -Friday, **October 7th**

Hello
my name is

Brittany Cooley

Family Outreach Worker

My name is Brittany Cooley and I am the new Family Outreach Worker (FFO) here at Webster. My role as the FFO is to be an additional support for students and their families. I work with families in setting and reaching their goals either short or long term. I also am pretty knowledgeable about resources in the community.

I graduated from Iowa State University (Go Cyclones!) and have been working in the human service field since 2006. I am a wife to Craig and a mother to two energy filled boys, Cameron and Christian. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family swimming, going to parks, and traveling.

I am honored to be a part of the Webster family and I hope to meet many of you soon! Please feel free to reach out for any reason, my email is cooleyb@urbandaleschools.com or you can call my cell at 515-559-7086.

Webster PTO Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2016

Attendance:

Mrs. Erin Shearer, Webster principal

PTO Board: Jenny Birchem, Marcie Bowser, Melissa Baker, Stephanie McCraney, Amanda Brockman, Laurie Hughell, Lori Glynn

Webster Staff: Mrs. Schaub, Mrs. Fausch, Mrs. Monson, Mrs. Gass, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Schutt, Mr. Justin Chugg

Agenda/Recap:

1. Welcome & Introductions of 2016-17 PTO Board and teachers and staff present at meeting
2. New Principal Introduction - Mrs. Erin Shearer
 - Quick background/get to know her
 - Highlighted professional growth model for staff
 - Shared Strategic Plan for 2016-17
 - Focus on reading - push towards 100%
 - Focus on family communication - consistency from teachers to parents
 - The Leader in Me
 - Focus for 2016-17 = Casting our Vision
 - Visiting local Leader in Me schools, attending leadership day, other events
 - Highlight new furniture in 4th/5th grade pod
3. 2016-17 PTO Budget presented
 - Similar to previous years
 - Top fundraiser is RAW
4. RAW Committee Update - Committee Spokesperson: Amy Hensley
 - 4th annual Race Around Webster
 - Background/history shared - shifted from typical fundraiser to healthy/fun event for kids; keep higher % of money-raised
 - Goal = \$45,000; Still seeking sponsorships, but need to speak up soon if interested based on deadline to order t-shirts
 - Volunteer sign-ups will be available
 - Fun event for parents and family members to attend
 - Sept. 8: Kick-Off Assembly - fundraising materials will be sent home with kids
 - Oct. 6: Race Day
5. Playground Committee Update - Committee Spokesperson: Matt Carlile
 - Provided background/history on planning - 6 phases for total of approx. \$400,000
 - Phase 1 & 2 completed in 2014
 - Planning and saving for Phase 3
 - Approx. total cost of \$100,000
 - Phase 3 is 45' x 70' section "mud puddle"
 - Looking at options to split phase 3 into 3A and 3B to accelerate timeline
6. Other Updates:
 - 2-Hour Power - Sign-up to volunteer for a committee; Still need committee chair for Conference dinners
 - Running Club - Gets kids active! 6-week program during lunch recess time; Kids only get total of 30 hours of P.E. during school year
 - J-Hawk Huddles - Commitment is only 4x per year for 30 minutes; Lead small group of kids from all grade levels in activities (Leader in Me)
 - Drama Club - This will be earlier this year than in the past, starting in October with final presentation before winter break
7. Any ideas for topics/speakers for future PTO meetings? Please share them with any PTO board member or email communications.websterpto@gmail.com.





Fall Classroom Parties Friday, September 23rd, at 2:45 p.m.

Nurse's Notes

Peanut Allergies in the Classroom

You may have received a note from your teacher about there being a student with a peanut or nut allergy in your child's classroom. At Webster we are not "Peanut/Nut Free" but are "Peanut/Nut Aware" which means that we take measures to reduce exposure to students who have these life threatening allergies. Like any community setting, we are not in control of every variable. So what we aim to do is to keep nuts and nut products out of the classrooms that have children with these allergies. Nuts and nut products are allowed in the lunchroom, as students with the allergies do not sit with students who bring cold lunch from home. Our kitchen does not use nuts or nut products, so the hot lunches are safe for these children to eat as well. For birthday treats or daily snacks in classes with peanut/nut allergies, please do not send in anything with nuts or nut products or anything cooked in peanut oil. Birthday treats and snacks are typically eaten in the classroom. For a baked treat that does not contain nuts or nut products, you may consider ordering directly from our kitchen at Webster and having it delivered directly to the classroom. We have a talented baker who makes treats like brownies, cupcakes, and cookies—and there is even an option to order a fruit or veggie tray! The link to order is here: [Urbandale Nutrition Services Catering](#).

There are also a lot of good nut-free snack ideas at the following link: [Snack Safely](#).

Flip Flops can be a Flop

Although cute and fun, flip flops don't work great at school. Every fall and spring I have a lot of visits to the health office due to these beach weather shoes. There are ripped off toenails, cuts, abrasions, bruised toes, and many flip flops that get broken where the thong attaches to the bottom of the shoe (making the shoe completely unwearable). We don't have rules for footwear worn to school, but please consider leaving flip flops at home. :o)

Illness Policy Reminder

A quick beginning of the year reminder of our illness policies in the Urbandale district:

Students may return to school after illness when:

- **Student has been fever free without the aid of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours**
- **Student has had no vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours**
- **If Student has strep throat, antibiotics for at least 24 hours .**

