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NLSD schools are Science Giants

(Bonnyville, Alberta – September 5, 2014) Northern Lights School Division No. 69 would like to thank Devon Canada for selecting five NLSD schools to receive Science Giants grants.

"Our teachers are continually looking for innovative and creative ways to make learning about science relevant and engaging for our students," said Board Chair Arlene Hrynyk. "It is gratifying to see our schools rewarded for their hard work."

This year, Devon presented Science Giant grants to five NLSD schools in Bonnyville, Iron River and Lac La Biche this week. H.E. Bourgoin Middle School in Bonnyville received \$5,000, Bonnyville Outreach School received \$1,800 and Iron River School was given \$5,000 on Wednesday, September 3. In Lac



Devon Canada presented an \$1,800 Science Giants grant to Bonnyville Outreach School on September 3.

La Biche, Aurora Middle School and J.A. Williams High School each received \$5,000 earlier today (Friday, September 5).

"As a company, Devon encourages innovative thinking and practices that raise the bar for our own employees and others within our industry," said Devon's Director of Corporate Communications, Nadine Barber. "This program is a reflection of those values and we are pleased to support the creativity and ingenuity we know exists in our schools. Congratulations to the schools in the Northern Lights School Division who are receiving money from this year's grant."

Science Giants grants are given to junior high and high schools within Devon's operating areas that demonstrate innovative approaches to science education. They help provide equipment needed to implement innovative lesson plans.

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"We have seen what a difference being creative and innovative in delivering science education can be through our Science Olympics, sponsored by Devon, which has replaced our annual division science fair. Our students are more engaged and learning co-operatively through hands-on activities," said Hrynyk. "These grants will help foster that same student engagement and innovation in our classroom."

Devon Canada supports many projects and initiatives in Northern Lights School Division. In 2011, Devon received the board's Friends of Education award for its many contributions to the division's schools and students.

Northern Lights School Division No. 69 provides a quality public education program with enhanced learning opportunities to approximately 6,000 students in 29 schools in northeastern Alberta.

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