

# HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER  
2013

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The holiday time is upon us and I want to start by wishing you all a great festive season. I know the students have had a great fall and winter but they certainly are ready for a well-deserved break.

At HES we had student lead conferences in late November. We were very pleased with the turn out again and we are looking at ways to make sure parents are not waiting too long and hit their scheduled appointment time. The biggest news for HES was our Christmas Concert on Dec 12. We had two showings and once again the students did great. I want to thank all my staff for their help with this, the parents who helped with costumes and to Mrs. Routledge, Mrs. Penner and Mrs. Norrie for their direction in leading this.

We had great news at HCI with the boys Volleyball team winning A provincials on their home court. Way to go boys! Thanks to Mr. Smith and Mr. Rawlings for coaching them. A big thanks out to Mrs. Hawkins and all the volunteers who helped to make this event a huge success. I also want to recognize especially our student volunteers who went above and beyond with

the canteen, serving at the banquet, door working, hosting, scorekeeping, announcing and even sweeping the floors. Great job students! Also congratulations to the girls' volleyball team and Mrs. Birch for qualifying for provincials in Shoal Lake. Last in sports I want to congratulate our middle year's teams in volleyball for their hard work and all coaches who helped. I also want to remind everyone of the Christmas Classic in Rivers this year on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> with our boys hockey team lead by Mr. Mollard. This should be a great event.

If you missed our middle year's drama on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> you missed a great performance. All the students did remarkably well and it was certainly hard to tell this was brand new for some of them. On a personal note I really enjoyed having the band and choir in this fashion with the play and having it all work together. Great job students and staff!

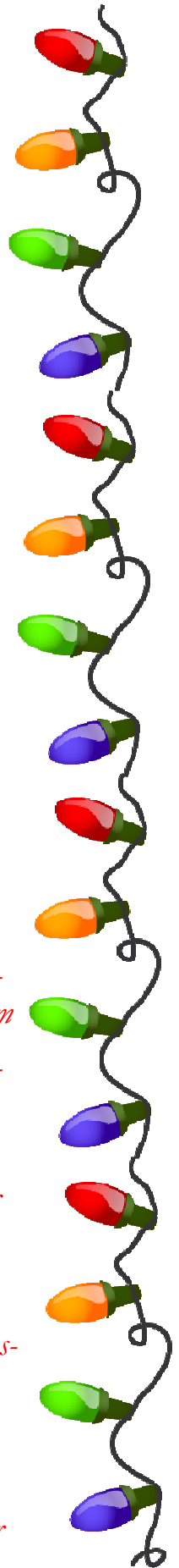
I guess I would be remiss without reminding you all that we do have to come back on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Until then though I wish you all

again a great holiday season and the best in the New Year. Take care.

Sincerely,  
Jon Zilkey  
Principal  
Hamiota Schools

## Upcoming:

- *Jan. 7-10 Grade 12 Provincial L.A. Exam*
- *Jan. 7, 7:00 p.m. Band Parent Meeting*
- *Jan. 9, 6:00 p.m. PAC Meeting*
- *Jan. 10 Hockey vs. Glenboro in Hamiota*
- *Jan. 22 Grade 12 Provincial Essential Math Exam*
- *Jan. 23 Grade 12 Provincial Pre-Calculus Math Exam*
- *Jan. 24 Hockey vs. Major Pratt in Hamiota*
- *Jan. 27-31 Final Exams*
- *Jan. 31 Spring BREFA Festival Entries Deadline*
- *Jan. 31 Hockey vs. Dauphin in Hamiota*
- *Feb. 11 7:00 p.m. Winter Band/Choir Concert*



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Ho Ho Ho! How many sleeps until Xmas Eve? At calendar time, the kinders countdown using their personal "countdown Santas", how many days until Xmas? As of right now, there are 8 sleeps! A BIG thank-you to Emma McConnell and Mrs. Dixon for helping us with our performance of "Must Be Santa" at this year's Xmas concert. Mrs. Dixon accompanied us on her guitar while Emma led us with her beautiful singing voice. It was a perfect opening act for our annual concert. The Kinders performed like professionals, dressed in their Xmas best and their Santa hats.



We have had a few trips to the highschool this past month.....we adopted the volleyball team from Melita for the Senior Boys Provincials. We made the players good luck cards and had a lot of fun cheering them on at one of their games. It was exciting to have these boys and their coach visit us in our classroom. It was a very positive experience!

Great job to the middle years students with their Xmas Show starring the Grinch! We were very entertained and happy to be a part of the audience for this wonderful production!

We are looking forward to our Xmas movie day in the gym and our Xmas gift exchange on the last day of school.

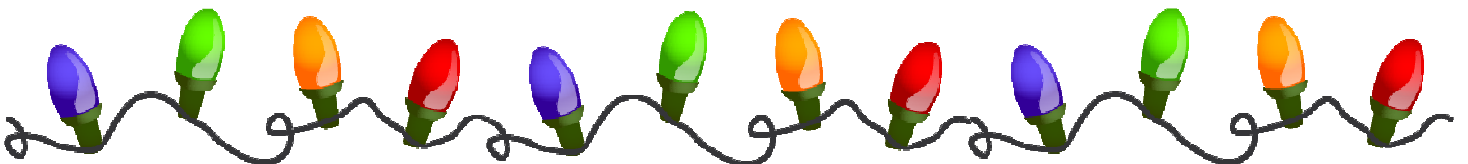
On behalf of our Kindergarten class, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a safe and relaxing holiday with your loved ones and friends!



## GRADE ONE-0 HIGHLIGHTS



- ◆ The Christmas concert - The Drummer Boy was our song and we were dressed up as Mary, Joseph, angels, kings, animals and shepherds from the manger scene.
- ◆ We enjoyed cheering on the Rosenort Redhawks, our adopted team at volleyball provincials.
- ◆ Our class hosted Farmer Appreciation Day to thank local farmers their hard work. We made cookies and coffee for our guests and showed them a movie we made to show how important farmers are!
- ◆ In math, we are focusing on addition. We are also continue developing skills for problem solving and estimating. In science, we continue to learn about living things. We are learning about basic needs for living things.
  - ◆ Our reading and writing continues to improve. Our current text type study focuses on procedural texts, which explain how to do something. We've read texts like recipes and how-to books and now we are writing our own procedural texts.



## GRADE ONE-N NEWS

It is hard to believe November is over and we only have a few more days left in December before Christmas holidays. It's been very busy with lots of activities happening!

In math, we have continued with addition strategies, writing our own story problems, working with comparing numbers and lots of math games.

In ELA, lots of Christmas writing has been happening. Letters to Santa (we are still waiting to hear back!!), letters for the newspaper, and writing about our favourite gift. We had a lot of fun filling out Elf applications to see if we could become some of Santa's helpers. We continue to read every day and are really becoming great readers!

At the end of November, our class had the opportunity to "adopt" a volleyball team to support during the provincials held in Hamiota. Our team was from Glenboro. The kids made the team cards, and were able to go to the high school to cheer them on for a couple of games.

We have written letters to our pen pals in Riverton, MB, and are anxious to hear back from them!!

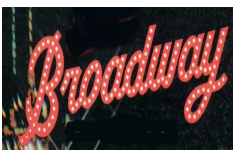
The Christmas concert was a lot of fun, with all 27 grade 1s performing The Little Drummer Boy – great job kids!!!

Things at school are winding down, and the kids are getting very excited for Christmas. From all of us in Grade 1 – have a wonderful Christmas holiday and Happy New Year!!



## GRADE TWO NEWS

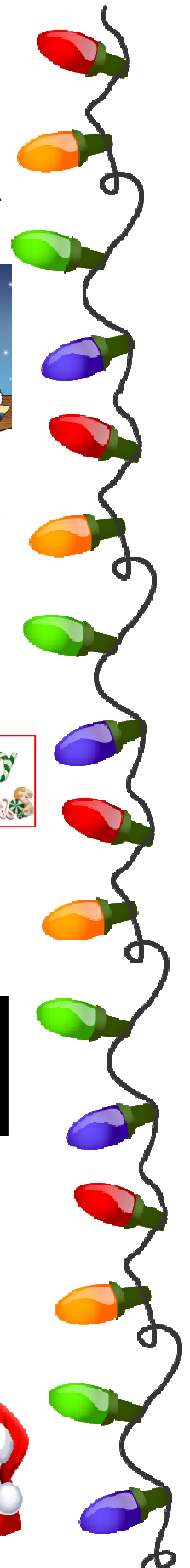
What a busy time of year for everyone. We have been involved in so many interesting special events. We loved going to the provincial volleyball games and cheering for our team, the Gilbert Plains Trojans. We were thrilled to have them come and visit our class as well. We enjoyed watching the middle year's drama. One of our favourite activities was perform-



ing in our Christmas concert, Santa's Playlist. We were Broadway singers and dancers and sang the song BroadwayLights. We were quite dazzling with our sparkly outfits and hats.

We have also done some special writing assignments. We wrote articles for the paper about what Santa should bring our parents for Christmas. Be sure to read the Christmas edition of the Crossroads to see our writing. We also wrote letters to Santa and are anxiously waiting to see if he has time to write back to us.

The Grade 2's would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!



Cheering at Volleyball Provincials

Happy visit at Lilac

Roll A Christmas story  
writing was fun

Indoor Recesses (many!)

Shh! Secret Santa is here!

Terrific job at the concert

Marvellous Province  
Power Points

Art's been awesome,  
so has addition

Special holiday wishes from  
Grade 3!

## GRADE FOUR NEWS

Whew! Where has December gone?! The Grade 4 class is taking a breath this week, along with the rest of the school! Last week we entertained two large groups of people in the afternoon and evening, with our annual Christmas concert, *Santa's Holiday Playlist*. The concert was another hit with the stu-



dents and the audience. All the hard work that goes into the concert is greatly appreciated. Mrs. Penner with the music, Mrs. D. Routledge with the lines, and all the other staff who chip



in and do their parts. Together we make it work! The Grade 4 class performed an energetic country line-dance called *A Real Live Country Christmas*. Great job

Grade 4!

In between all the concert practices, the Grade 4 students have been working like troopers learning their multiplication facts. Flashcards, multiplication math games, cards, and timed practice

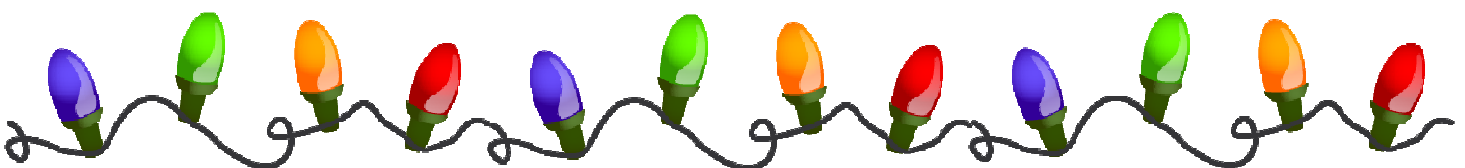
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using to strengthen our recall. Our goal is to be able

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to recall all facts up to 9x9 quickly and accurately! We are doing great so far! In the New Year, we will explore division and its relationship to multiplication.



## GRADE FOUR NEWS (CONTINUED)

Oliver Twist has been on our minds for the last 3 weeks. We read the graphic novel version of the classic story by Charles Dickens and are finishing up the unit with a movie. The students loved this story and some have even started reading the Christmas Carol by the same author!



In Social Studies we are finishing up our unit on The Geography of Canada. The students are busy learning the provinces and territories and their capital cities. Placing them accurately on a map of Canada has been our focus as of late.



Last week, we attended the HCI presentation of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. We so enjoyed it and the students commented on how much it was like the movie! Great job, kids!

Our festive little Christmas elves adjourn our hallway and will be coming to your homes soon! Wishing all my students and their families a warm and festive holiday season. Merry Christmas!

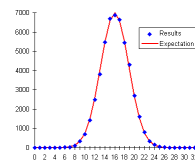
## GRADE FIVE NEWS

We have worked very hard these past few weeks preparing for our annual Christmas concert! This year we performed "Santa's Holiday Playlist". We enjoyed performing for both our afternoon's and evening's audience. Thank you to everyone who came out to see us!



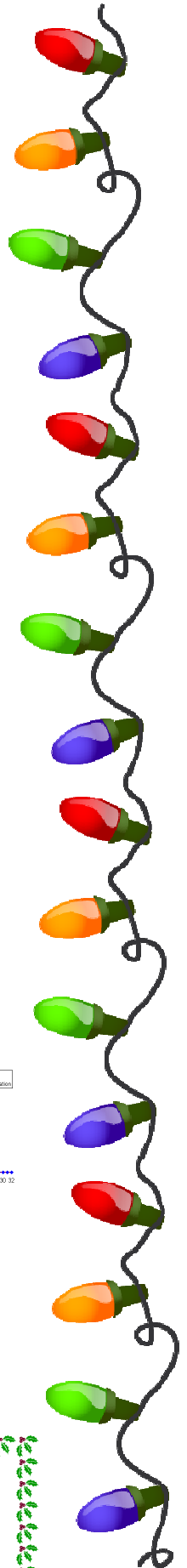
We have also been taking curling lessons with Mr. Lints this month. By the time the break is here, we will have had four classes. Thank you Mr. Lints for taking the time to teach us the basics of curling!

Besides these two things, we have completed a math unit called "Statistics and Probability", and have taken some time to review some of the math concepts we did earlier in the year. We have also worked with idioms in LA, and completed our social studies unit on Canada's First Peoples.



We are all looking forward to our break, and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!



## HAMIOTA VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WIN GOLD AT HOME!!!!

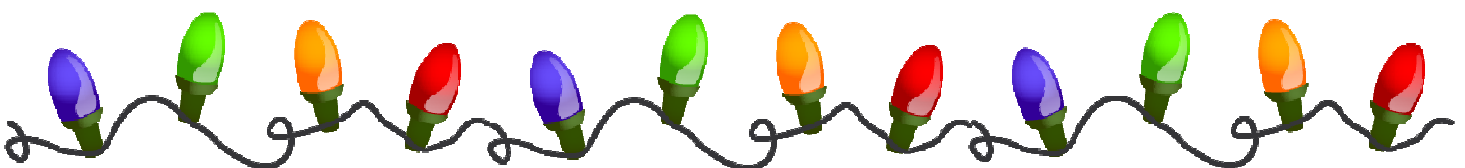
Hamiota Collegiate was a very busy place from November 28 –30. 9 teams from across the province were in Hamiota to play in the Provincial 'A' Boys Tournament. The gym was full of parents, family and community to cheer on the Huskies. Tournament Convener Mrs. Karma Hawkins had done a fantastic job of organizing the weekend. Over 75 students, as well as staff and community volunteers worked in all aspects of the weekend activities. This included canteen workers, scorekeepers, team greeters, banquet workers, web cam operators, decorators, photographers, door workers and floor sweepers. The banquet featured guest speaker Russ Pad-dock, current Athletic Director at Brandon University and former Bobcat Volleyball Coach and Men's National Team player. Each class in Kindergarten to Grade 8, 'adopted' one of the teams at the tournament. Mem-bers of the team visited the classes and the students came to cheer on their team for a game.

Of course the weekend was all about volleyball and the Huskies excelled, winning all their matches and losing only two games the entire weekend. They defeated the Glenboro Panthers 25-23, 25-16 in the finals to win the gold medal. This is the first time in HCI history that a boys team has won a MHSAA championship banner!! The Strathclair Skyhawks were the bronze medal winners. Huskies game stars for the round robin games were: Jordan Leronowich, JunJun Taborlupa, Vincent Grabowski and Sawyer Norrie. JunJun was also selected as tournament MVP and Jordan and Norrie were named to the Tournament All-Star Team. On December 18 a student volunteer appreciation lunch was held to recognize all the students who helped to make the weekend a great success. Congratulations to Coaches Mr. Cory Smith, Mr. Dave Rawlings, Mr. Kardy Fedorowich and the whole team for all their hard work over the season.



Back: Mr. Smith, Sawyer Norrie, Mr. Fedorowich, Brayden Heapy, Vincent Grabowski, Cody Hunter, Mr. Rawlings, JunJun Taborlupa

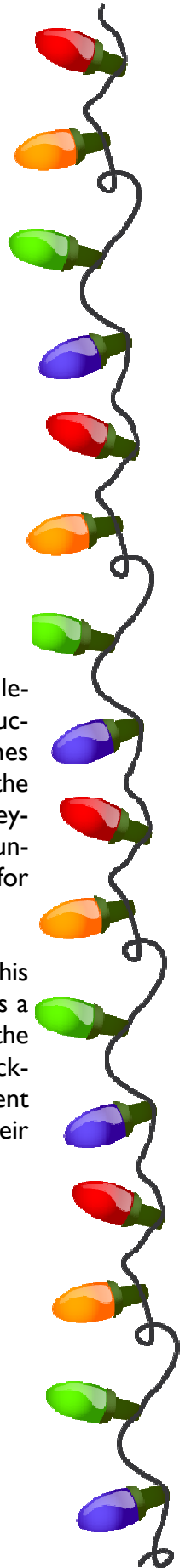
Front: Nico Miranda, Jordan Leronowich, Joel Kirk, Brady Waddell, Will Chappell



## VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Hamiota Huskies Varsity Girls team were Zone 10 to Representatives at the Volleyball Provincials held in Shoal Lake from Nov. 28-30. Despite having some close games, the girls had a tough weekend winning one match and finishing fourth in their pool. They lost their first playoff match to Glenboro, who went on to win the Provincial Title. Shayna was selected as a Game Star at these provincials.

Shayna was also selected as an A-AAA Provincial Graduating Volleyball All-Star. On December 7, 2013 she attended the banquet in Winnipeg and played in the All-Star Game at St. John's Ravenscourt School. Congratulations Shayna!!



## SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS by Randy Kirk- Grade 10

It is approaching Christmas break and things are starting to slow down here at Hamiota Collegiate. Last month we had our first ever Fowl Supper held at the school and it was a huge success. On November 27<sup>th</sup>, we had a fundraising barbeque that raised over \$1,000 for the Philippines Relief Fund. We would like to thank everyone that came, donated and participated in the event. Also, at the end of November, we were lucky enough to host the MHSAA "A" Boys Volleyball Provincials. It was a huge success, with everything running smoothly, thanks to all the volunteers and organizers. We would also like to give big congratulations to the HCI boys' team for winning gold!

We are now into December and the last couple of weeks of school. The middle year's drama this year was on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. They did a rendition of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas". There was a little change this year, because there was no band concert with the Christmas play. Instead, the senior band and choir will be played and sang during the play. The Annual Christmas Classic Hockey Game will take place in Rivers on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Go Huskies! Finally, members of our student council have been doing a project called "Spares with Seniors". Every Wednesday during their spare periods, they visit and help seniors and it is a great experience!

From everybody at Hamiota Collegiate, Happy Holidays everyone!

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## MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL WRAP-UP

The MY Volleyball wrapped up their season after the last newsletter.

Hamiota 2 coached by JunJun won the "B" side at the Divisional Finals in Strathclair.

Hamiota 1, coached by Mr. Gurr, were participants in the divisional finals. A big thank you to Mr. Gurr, Madame Hodgson, and JunJun for their time and effort with the Middle Years Volleyball teams.



Back: Liam Caldwell, Cole Allan, Hayden Crampain, Dawson Brooks, Coach JunJun Taborlupa  
Front: Cale Murray, Brody Robinson, Foster Tolton, Brady Daniel, Brendan Lawn and Jamie Waddell



Back: John AbdelMesih, Sean Schweitzer, Sebastian Tolton, Brett Hemrica, Bobbi Hunter, Coach Mr. Sheldon Gurr

Front: Ben Murray, Holden Norrie, Mason Gurr





## MIDDLE YEARS DRAMA PLAYS TO A PACKED HOUSE



The afternoon of Tuesday, December 10, saw the Hamiota Gym full of excited students from Birtle, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, Oak River and Hamiota Elementary School as well as members of the public, eager to see the play, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas". A public performance was repeated in the evening.

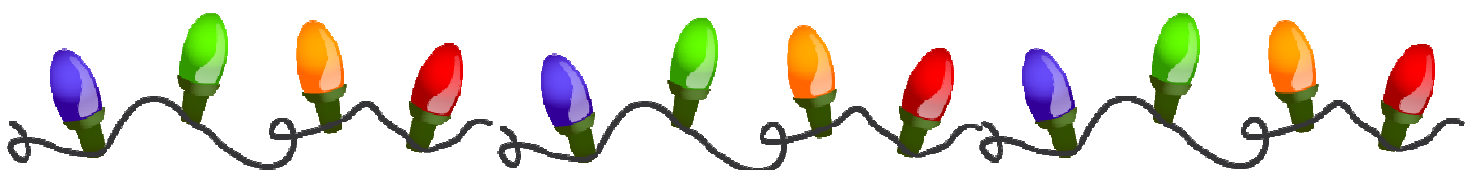
The Middle Years Drama is an optional program, but all but 8 students chose to take part as actors or backstage helpers. In order to be involved, students gave up many noon hours beginning in late October to be ready for the production. For the past many years, the drama production was held with the Band & Choir Concert. This year it was decided to move this concert to February 11, 2014. However, Mrs. Kirkland was willing to have the Senior Band and Senior Choir be part of the Christmas production and their playing and singing added to the play. Thanks to directors, Mrs. Mathison, Mrs. Skayman and Mrs. Slimmon and to everyone who helped to make the production a success.

## GREASE IS THE WORD!! - SENIOR DRAMA

It has been decided that the Major Production for 2014 will be Grease. The following have signed on to assist in the production: Director-Mrs. Val Caldwell, Musical Director-Mr. Tom Dowden with assistance from Mrs. Paula Kirkland, Choreographer: Mrs. Jana Tannas. Other volunteers have agreed to help with sets, costumes, makeup hair, props, etc.

Formal auditions will take place in the new year. It's not too late to sign up. In addition to 20 speaking roles, there are lots of extras needed for school and dance scenes. Please see Mrs. Mathison if you want to be a part of this fun production or if you have any questions. The play includes a rock band, gangs, a DJ and many more memorable characters.

If parents or students wish to help out, please contact Mrs. Mathison at the school 842-2803 or email [kmathison@pwsd.ca](mailto:kmathison@pwsd.ca).



## HCI'S PHILIPPINE RELIEF EFFORT



The staff and students of Hamiota Collegiate held a fund raising barbeque on November 27. The barbeque was well supported by the school and the community. When all was said and done, \$1118.20 was raised for the relief effort. Special thanks to the student council for supplying the hotdogs and drinks and to Country Crocus bakery for supplying buns. Also thanks to Mr. Coulter for spearheading this project.

## STUDENTS RECEIVE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CONTEST AWARDS

Each year the Royal Canadian Legion holds Poster and Literary Contests encouraging students to remember the sacrifices made by our soldiers. The contest begins at the local level through Kenton Legion Branch #118. Winners at this level are forwarded on to Zone competition.

**This year's winners who received certificates from the Kenton Legion and Zone 26 are:**

### Junior Colour Poster

Aaron Clark 1<sup>st</sup> in Kenton Legion, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Zone 26

Levi Best 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kenton Legion

### Junior Black and White Poster

Phoenix Jackson 1<sup>st</sup> in Kenton Legion

### Intermediate Colour Poster

Joelle Little 1<sup>st</sup> in Kenton Legion, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Zone 26

Cameron Nolan 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kenton Legion

### Intermediate Black and White Poster

Joun AbdelMesih 1<sup>st</sup> in Kenton Legion, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Zone 26

Brett Hemrica 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kenton Legion

### Senior Black and White Poster

Vincent Grabowski 1<sup>st</sup> in Kenton Legion, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Zone 26

Gage Martinook 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kenton Legion

### Senior Colour Poster

Kaylee Daniel 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kenton Legion

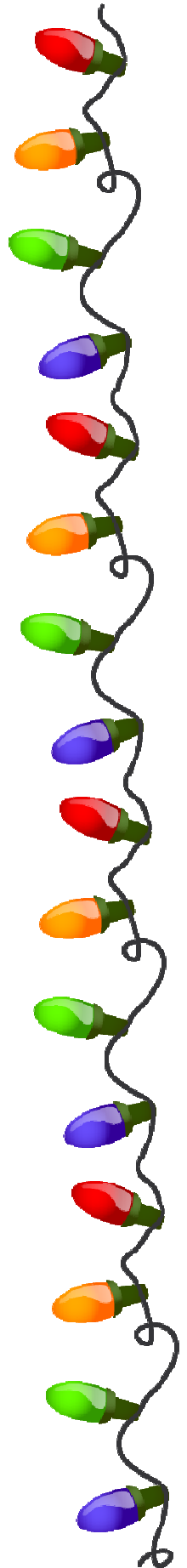


**The following Senior students placed first in Kenton and first in Zone competition and received a certificate and cash prize:**

Brooke Tolton for her Colour Poster

Randi Wall for her Poem

Jacquelyn Hawkins for her Essay



# YEARBOOK NEWS

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Please feel free to present the coupon above to your son/daughter for Christmas and you can return this order form with payment to the school by January 31, 2014.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**



We have recently received our 2012-13 yearbooks and hopefully you have picked up your copy. If you are still looking for a last minute Christmas Gift, please consider giving your child the gift of a 2013-14 HCI yearbook.

To give your child this gift, simply give them the Yearbook Coupon shown on the left this Christmas and fill out the order form and drop off payment at Hamiota Collegiate by January 31, 2014.

We also have a few extra copies of the 2012-13 yearbook. The cost for these books is \$30.00 as well. You can pick one up at the school.

If you would like further information, please contact Yearbook Editor Kimberlee Gray or Mrs. Mathison, Yearbook Advisor.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING BAND DATES

- ◆ Band Parents meeting -  
January 7th @ 7pm
- ◆ Winter Concert -  
February 11 @ 7pm

