



# HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message



A great winter is slowly coming to an end for us and with it a lot of activities are coming to a finish in both schools. We have had a great winter at HCI and HES and I am looking forward to an even better spring.

The Collegiate has wrapped up a busy sports schedule with curling, hockey and is slowly finishing basketball. In curling our middle years teams went to Binscarth and competed in the divisional tournament. We were successful in capturing the B-side of the tournament. Well done team. The boy's hockey program was completed on February 11 after losing to Deloraine in the playoffs. The boys may have not won a pile of games but I was impressed with their composure and discipline on the ice all season long. Thanks to Tom Mollard and Janice Norrie for all their time with this year's team. Our middle year's basketball teams are both wrapping up their season ending tournament as I write this letter. Thanks to Orland Usick, Megan Strachan and Rachel Proven for coaching and supervising these teams. I have great news at the senior level of basketball. For the first time in over 20 years both boys and girls' basketball teams headed to provincials on March 15-17. Our boys lost two hard-fought games, but our girls are MHSAA Provincial Champions!



Many other events have taken place over the winter at our school. Student council has run a valentine movie night, helped organize a husky day with the boys basketball team, and are working on an ALS walk for the spring. Mr. Dowden and Mrs. Penner were very busy with the festival in the middle of March getting all our grades ready to perform. I was able to listen to some and it was quite good. Mr. Negrave's working hard on the drama production for the spring and from what I hear it should be fantastic as usual. Mr. Czarnecki took our grade 10's to the Career Symposium to look at potential careers. Unfortunately because of the warm weather our grade 11/12 ski trip was cancelled.



The elementary school has been busy also. The Valentines' day party on February 10 was a huge success and everyone enjoyed the skating and food after. The elementary grade 5's have been busy curling during the winter. We had, "remember to read", month in February and thanks to Mrs. Smith for organizing all the different events for it. Just a note that report cards will be coming out soon for elementary students and that the Celebration of Learning will be on April 19 from 4:00-7:00pm and April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00. There will also be an orientation for grade 5 parents and students who are transitioning to the high school at 4:30 at HCI and an orientation for grade 8 parents and students at 5:00 on April 19<sup>th</sup> for transition to grade 9 (showing them the credit system). PAC and the elementary continue to work on initiatives including fundraising and we have a design for our playground.

I hope you are having a great winter. I hope the students enjoy the break and come back ready for the spring stretch. Again if you have any concerns, questions or just want to talk please call me or stop in. Thanks and take care.

- Jon Zilkey





## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

March is flying by! At the beginning of the month, we travelled to Miniota School to participate in the festival. As a Kindergarten Choir, we performed "Bears" and "Butterflies." There are a great bunch of singers in this class and they sounded awesome. Great job Kinders!

We are so lucky to be able to spend time with Chris Sigurdson, our Artist in The School, who is teaching us about Mime and Mask. It is such a positive experience to be exposed to another type of performance. We learned to act out something using our hands and body movements - no talking allowed!



After Spring Break, we are looking forward to "Listening with Paint" at the Arts Center.

In our own classroom, our theme is Bears. We have listened to many different stories about Bears and have realized that there are fiction and non-fiction and non-fiction books. The non-fiction books are teaching us many important facts about Bears and hibernation. When we return from Spring Break, we will be dramatizing the well-known fiction story, Goldilocks and The



Three Bears. In math, we have measured bears by length and are learning about mass. We are working hard on strategies such as acting out and drawing a picture to solve number story problems about teddy bears. At Letterland, we have met Bouncy Ben (Bb) and Oscar Orange (Oo). We will cook our own oatmeal and graph: Do we like oatmeal? yes or no. Mrs. Rawlings came to our classroom and taught us how to draw Teddy Bears using circles. Thanks Mrs. Rawlings! Our home reading program has started and we are very excited about learning how to read!

When returning to school after St. Patrick's Day, we were so surprised to discover that a leprechaun had been in our classroom and had played many tricks on us. He hid our running shoes and turned all our chairs upside down! Mrs. McNabb's chair was in the bathroom! That was sure funny! When we were cleaning up his mess, we found gold coins that he had left behind for all of us. He left Mrs. McNabb bags of skittles from his rainbow so we could sort and graph the colors of the rainbow. Kindergarten is so much fun!



# Grade 1 News

We have been  
trying ipads. They  
were FUN!! IN math  
we are Measuring.

In science We are  
learning the senses.

We do Calendar. We  
do learning games.

We use Tootles to tell  
good things about people.





With the warm weather and the snow gone, everyone is definitely feeling in a springy mood. The past month has been very busy learning new skills and enjoying some special activities.

We would like to welcome a new student to our school. Megane Botte-Belle joined our class in March and comes to us from Mauritius near Africa. Welcome Megane!



In math we have been working on many different problems. We have been doing a problem of the day and have completed our second problem solver book. We have also been learning about fact families and our mental math strategy has been subtracting 8. We have been working on some calendar activities as well.

In language arts we continue to work on our reading and writing skills. Some of our centers this month have revolved around our word wall. We have gone word wall shopping to see how much different words cost, done word wall alphabetical order, completed a word wall acrostic and written and illustrated sentences using words from our word wall. We have written letters to an imaginary pen pal and written an ad for the world's largest pizza.



We had a great time participating in many special events during February. Mrs. Smith planned some fun activities during I Love to Read Month. We dressed up like a favourite storybook character and did some buddy reading on pajama day. We really liked the story our guest reader, Mr. Zilkey read to us.

Our Valentine's Party was a great success. We enjoyed skating at the rink and our snack of hot dogs and hot chocolate.



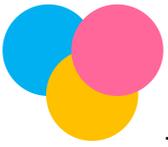
On February 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Almost everything we did revolved around the number 100. We all brought collections of 100 things that we could eat. We mixed them all together and shared the delicious mixture. Doing a hand print picture with 100 fingers was another favourite activity.

In March we participated in the festival in Miniota. The grade ones, twos and threes did a great job of singing their songs. We would like to thank Mrs. Penner for all her hard work in getting the choir ready to sing.

We have been having fun learning about and practicing mime during our mask and mime sessions. It is challenging to use our imaginations and imitate different activities using actions.

As March winds down, we are all really looking forward to spring break. We hope everyone has a great holiday!





## GRADE THREE NEWS

The amazing weather lately has us all dreaming of spring days, soccer, baseball and riding bikes!

We are reading the story of "Stone Fox" in L.A. and are enjoying our first novel study about a determined boy, his dog and a dogsled race.



Our March home reading program is "Take a Bite Out of Reading" and we are working in teams to "eat" a cookie. Hopefully, we can eat some real ones at the end of this program!

Our class has read 100 books for the Scholastic Classrooms Care program, and 100 books will be sent to a deserving school. Well done, Grade 3!

We have been experimenting with "Math Groups" in our class. Thanks to Mrs. Norrie for joining us at this time. It's interesting to work on our math skills in smaller groups.

We have had two Lilac visits since the last February visit involved making "heart glyphs" with sharing wedding pictures.



newsletter. Our our buddies, as well as

In March, many of us had the opportunity to visit our buddies in their rooms. It's always interesting to see how they live and it's also fun to see some of their trinkets and treasures!

We are enjoying the "Artists In the School" program right now. Chris Sigurdson has been teaching us the basics of mime and mask. He's a great entertainer; it's amazing how much energy is used when doing mime....all without talking!

Grade Three has been learning what it takes to be a "Bucket Filler." When we fill each other's invisible buckets, we are doing or saying kind things to make another person's day. Here are some examples written by the Grade 3's about their classmates:

- He said, "Hi!" and smiled.
- She was waiting for me to get off the bus.
- He gave me his pencil because I didn't have one.
- She said, "Hi, you look nice today!" and "How are you?"
- He said, "I hope you're feeling better."
- He said, "You're a good reader!"
- She played with me all recess.
- She is always there for me and she's awesome!

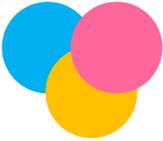


Our goal as citizens is to be bucket fillers, not bucket dippers, as dippers do or say things that empty our buckets. Filling others' buckets helps to fill our own and we all would like our buckets to be overflowing!

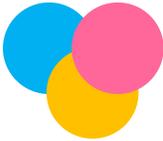
Our class recently performed at the Birdtail River Festival, as part of the Grades 1-3 choir. Thanks to Mrs. Penner for teaching us and helping us to prepare so well for this!

Though this has been mild winter, we are looking forward to Spring Break and to the change of season that comes with it. Have a great holiday, everyone!





## GRADE FOUR NEWS



Spring is in the air, and we are so enjoying the warm, dry playground weather! It is making these last few days before Spring Break fly by.



The Grade 4 students have had a busy and exciting month. At the start of March, Mrs. Penner's Grade 4 and 5 choir performed at Festival in Miniota. The students "WOWED" the audience with their performances and ended up bringing home an award! Way to go kids! The students also performed two recorder pieces at HCI. Well done!

ELA has been a flurry of excitement as we explore the world of mysterious creatures around the world. Bigfoot, or Sasquatch in Canada, has been our main focus this month. The students are currently completing a research project on Bigfoot that will accompany their soon-to-be-made dioramas. REMINDER: If you haven't brought in your shoebox or nature accessories, please do so soon.



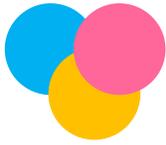
Decimals are the focus in math. We are learning how to change a fraction to a decimal, what makes decimals equivalent, and working with decimals as money. After the break, we will have an opportunity to work hands on with many forms of our Canadian currency.



We are wrapping up our unit on Canada's North and the Study of the Inuit Peoples, in Social Studies. The students have been using Inuit symbols to make real Inuit words. We discovered that the English letter "e" seems to be missing!

Come on in and see our Bigfoot art displayed in our hallway!





## GRADE FIVE NEWS

It's hard to believe another month has passed by! We have been keeping busy with a variety of different things. In math we have completed our unit on measurement, and have recently been working on long division. Those of us who know our multiplication facts well are finding this unit a little easier than those who don't. We are wrapping up our reading groups in LA, and will be starting some research projects right away on Canada's First Peoples. In social studies we are looking at different explorers and how New France came to be settled.

On March 9th we had a peer mentor celebration. We went to Brandon and swam at the YMCA, before heading to Thunderbird Bowl for lunch and bowling. Mrs. Little was kind enough to drive some of us there. Thank-you, Mrs. Little! That was also the last day for Jack Nesbit who moved to Australia. Good luck, Jack!

This month we are also enjoying our Artist in the School. He is doing mime and mask with us, and we are having a great time! It's a great way to come up to Spring Break!





Elementary students enjoyed the skating party at the Sports Complex for Valentine's Day.



Lots of reading activities happened at the Elementary School for February's 'I Love to Read' Month. Above are "Reading Buddies and to the right Mrs. Barb Brown is a guest reader.



# VARSITY GIRLS WIN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP!!!



Back Row- ( L to R ) - Coach, John Zilkey, Kailan Robinson, Brooke Mathison, Mikaela Jay, Olivia Ellis, Shayna Mathison, Jill Kerr, Manager, Ashley Jay

Front Row- ( L to R ) - Jessica Ritchie, Janice Maitland, Jimena Montenegro, Jacquelyn Hawkins and Keegan Robinson.

The Hamiota girls varsity basketball team traveled to Fisher Branch on March 15-17th, 2012. They played their first game on Thursday against St Laurent and defeated them by a score of 101-24. They then played on Friday against Treherne and won that game 57-43. They played against Glenboro in the gold metal game. The final game was very close throughout most of the game. In the fourth quarter the girls relaxed and played very well. The game's final score was 60-47. The Hamiota Huskies brought home the gold medal for the first time in ten years, since 2002. In the first game Shayna Mathison received player of the game, followed by Kailan Robinson in the second and Brooke Mathison in the third. Brooke Mathison and Keegan Robinson were named tournament all stars. Kailan Robinson was named tournament MVP!

Congratulations to our two graduating players, Brooke Mathison and Olivia Ellis for an excellent season. You showed great leadership and hard work throughout the entire season.



# Varsity Boys Basketball Team at Provincials



L-R: Coach Miss Strachan, Back- James Hunkin, Andrew Beamish, Emilio Montenegro, Shaun Hunter, Patrick Hawkins

Front- Dominic Miranda, Daniel Miranda, Taylor Madsen, Jun Jun Taborlupa.



The Varsity boys basketball team finished off their season this weekend with provincials in St. Laurent. The boys suffered losses to both Pinawa and Dufferin Christian. Jun Jun Taborlupa and Taylor Madsen were named game stars in the two games. The boys are coming off a successful season by beating Shoal Lake to win the league finals and making it to provincials after a 20 year drought!



## Middle Years Teams End a Great Season

The boys' and girls' middle year's basketball teams had a very successful season. Both teams played a number of games at home and around the division throughout the regular schedule. The boys team ended up ranked in the top four teams which won them a birth in the A side final tournament. The boys travelled to Birtle on March 6<sup>th</sup> for the final tournament. After two hard fought games they boys lost in the bronze medal game.



Back: Mrs. Proven (Coach), Caitlin McTavish, Orianna Hyndman, Destiny Allen, Ashley Jay, Emily Hunter, Kara Kent, Chyna Lake

Front: Korinne Alexander, Brenna Kirk, Ashlyn Kirk, Michelle Bell



Back: Randy Kirk, Joel Kirk, Joel Usick, Jason Ritchie, Mr. Usick (Coach)

Middle: Holden Norrie, Will Chappell, Mason Gurr, Sebastian Tolton, Mark Lawn

Front: Hessten LaRose

## Middle Years Badminton



Another Middle Years Badminton season is underway with two a week practices. Approximately 40 boys and girls from grades 6 – 8 are busy working on their skills in preparation for some tournament play. Grade 7 and 8 boys and girls have the opportunity to play in a divisional tournament in April. The singles tournament takes place on April 10, the doubles on April 12 and the mixed tournament is on April 17.

## Senior Badminton

Senior Badminton players are practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays. Our playoffs will be April 18th and 25th. We will be hosting the doubles for the South half playoff and Zone playoff. Provincials are May 4th and 5th in Carman.



### Shelby Mollard at Provincial Competition

Shelby Mollard has won the right to attend a Canadian National Bowling competition. The Canadian 5 Pin Bowling Youth Challenge will be held in Winnipeg this weekend, March 22-24



## CAMP STEPPING STONE



This camp is designed to provide a safe and supportive environment where grieving children and adolescents learn that they are not alone in their grief and feel free to share their feelings and thoughts with peers who have also experienced the death of someone they loved. The camp is held once per year, this year June 1, 2 & 3, at the Camp Arnes facility just north of Gimli. It includes typical camp activities such as horseback riding, swimming, campfires, and wall climbing as well as age-specific information and activities related to grief. There is no cost to children attending this camp. For more information, contact Interlake Regional Health Authority Palliative Care Program, (204) 739-2777 or [info@irha.mb.ca](mailto:info@irha.mb.ca).



## From the Guidance Office.....by Mr. Czarnecki



### Manitoba Student Aid Parent Meeting

Mr. Bryce Neufeld, Manitoba Student Aid Supervisor of the Westman Regional Office, visited Hamiota Collegiate for an information session for parents of Grade 11 and 12 students on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Neufeld spoke about student aid options, scholarships and post-secondary financial planning in general. Parents in attendance stated that they found the evening very useful. Mr. Neufeld plans to return to HCI next year for another session for parents who were unable to make this year's presentation.

### Olds College Presentation

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Tori White, Student Enrolment Officer from Olds College in Alberta gave a presentation at Hamiota Collegiate to the Life / Work Planning class about the college and its many programs. Students reported that the class was very informative and helpful in understanding the many different college programs options available.

### Brandon Career Symposium

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Czarnecki's Grade 10 Life / Work Planning 20S class attended the yearly Brandon Career Symposium.

The Career Symposium is where students have an opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives from all sectors of the labour market. It is a key time for students looking ahead to enter the workforce and better understand present and future opportunities!

At the Career Symposium, the students learned about jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities, and leading academic programs.

Upon returning to class, follow up assignments were completed to reflect on the entire experience. It was an informative and interesting experience!

### Scholarship Websites

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

[www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

### Upcoming Career Events

ACC and BU Tours – Life / Work Planning 20S –  
April 11<sup>th</sup>

Grade 10 Job Shadowing – May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>



# HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM Works for Both Students and Communities



Submitted by: Lindsay Rubeniuk, HSAP Facilitator

Two years ago Park West School Division (PWS) decided to put some extra resources behind their High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP). The result being that the program went from three participants in 2009/2010 to over 30 students participating. The program is geared towards students who are serious about exploring a career in the trades by having them apprentice with local businesses.

“We have had amazing success in the amount of time that this program has been promoted. We are having students not only graduate with their Grade 12 diploma but their level one hours done and ready to write their level one exam. Meaning they are nearly done their first year of college when they graduate” states Lindsay Rubeniuk, HSAP Facilitator, further adding “Businesses and organizations see this has a positive investment for the future of their operations as well as their communities. These people realize the need to pass on their trade skills to the next generation of entrepreneurs & workers, our students”



Students participating in this program permit them to put every hour they work towards their level one apprenticeship, these same hours can be used to obtain credits towards their High School Diploma. Any student enrolled in Grade 10 or higher who can find a job with a trades employer can apply. Students can enrol in HSAP any-time throughout the year and can count all paid working hours such as summer and after-school work. There are over 50 trades in

Manitoba and more information about all of them can be found at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/index.html>. HSAP is made possible through the division’s partnership with Apprenticeship Manitoba.

The program’s success is beneficial to the local communities such as the retention of young people and greater access to a skilled labour force for local businesses. These are two key factors that help drive the local economy. Last year’s HSAP graduating class saw half of their apprentices remain with their local employers and this year it is expected to increase. HSAP attributes its success to having eager students who are truly committed to learning while on the job and by having inspirational organizations and businesses who believe in passing their knowledge on.



Park West School Division looks forward to continuing this dynamic program and welcomes enquiries from students, parents and businesses. To obtain more information about the **High School Apprenticeship Program** please call/text 1 204 821 5174 or e-mail [lrubeniuk@pwsd.ca](mailto:lrubeniuk@pwsd.ca) .



# EXCITEMENT GROWS



## Thriller



"This is thriller, thriller night  
'Cause I can thrill you more than any ghost would ever dare try  
Thriller, thriller night  
So let me hold you tight and share a  
Killer, diller, chiller, thriller here tonight"

In a few short weeks this year's high school drama, **Thriller**, will take to the HCI stage. The musical features 10 hits by the late King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Woven into a story of love and gang rivalries, **Thriller** spotlights such songs as Billie-Jean, Black or White, Beat It and the title track Thriller. There is plenty of smooth choreography, melodious singing, a remarkable set, and memorable costumes & makeup. The show is sure to entertain both young and old.

**Thriller** performs at 7:30pm on April 12<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>. There is also a matinee on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Advance tickets go on sale April 2<sup>nd</sup> by calling the Collegiate, 842-2803. Advance sales end on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:15pm. Tickets booked in advance are \$10 for grade 9 to adult, \$6 for grade 8 and under. Rush seating at the door is \$15 for grade 9 to adult and \$9 for grade 8 and under.

## **Students Excel at Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival**

All Elementary classes, the Grade 7, 8 and Senior Bands and several individuals took part in the festival this year. Hamiota hosted the Instrumental, Band and Small Group Dance sessions. Congratulations to everyone who performed. Award Winners are listed below:

**Hamiota Gr. 4 & 5 Choir-** Tommy Mitchell Memorial Trophy for Gr. 5-8 Choir; **Eve Routledge** –Heise Family Trophy for Musical Theatre 12 & Under; **Brian Johnson**-Twin Valley Co-op Trophy for 11-14 year Folk Song, Miniota UCW Scholarship for Gr. 5-8 Vocal, Crandall United Church Trophy for 14 & Under Vocal Promise, Strathclair Credit Union Scholarship for Instrumental; **Chantelle Chappell**- Vi Smith Medallion for 10 & Under Folk Song; **Joel Usick** Nicholson Farms Level 3 Piano, Hamiota Pentecostal Instrumental Scholarship; **Chris Usick**– Mable Brandon Scholarship Level 3-6 Piano, Hamiota Pentecostal Instrumental Scholarship; **Holly Campbell, Brooke Mathison & Kaitlyn Henderson**-Edward & Beth Lelond Dance Scholarship; **Jacinta Doupe**- Arrow River Women`s Trophy Highest Mark Vocal Solo 14 & Under, **Tess Stevenson**– Mable Brandon Piano Scholarship Level 7 & Up; **Meghan Drake**– Whyte Family Trophy Level 8 & Up Piano, Mathison Trophy for Vocal Solo 15 & Over, Strathclair Co-op Trophy for Folk Singing 15 & Over, Miniota New Horizons Trophy for Musical Theatre 13 & Over, Eileen Kent Award for Vocal Solo, Sheane's Garden Shed Vocal Scholarship Gr. 9-12.

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL MEETING—JUNE 12, 2012—7:30 P.M.-MINIOTA SCHOOL**



# STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



## SENIOR COUNCIL by Erin Houck

This month at HCI our Student Council has been very busy. In early March we hosted a movie night at the school where the movie was projected on the wall. We also had an exhibition game for the Varsity Boys basketball team against Vincent Massey from Brandon that the whole school watched and cheered at. (The Boys won!!)

Also, we are planning a big event for June. On **Sunday, June 10**, there will be an ALS Walk in town. The walk will be held at 2:30 p.m. with a barbeque and entertainment to follow. So save the date and come on out to show your support! More information on this will be given to students at a later date.

## MIDDLE YEARS COUNCIL by Kara Kent

This March we had a nutrition presentation put on by the ARHA. We learned a lot and made healthy smoothies (YUM!!) We have now concluded Middle Years basketball and have started Middle Years badminton. On March 23rd the Middle Years Student Council is organizing a fun afternoon of games in the school. On April 12, 13 & 14 the school will be presenting a musical "Thriller" with some middle years students participating.

# Kenton Legion Presents Awards

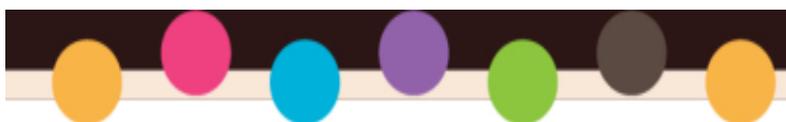


Kenton Legion members Mike Ramsden and Jack Houston came to Hamiota to present awards to students who had entered poems, essays and posters in the annual Remembrance Day Contest and were selected as winners. Meghan Drake's entry had been forwarded on to the next level of competition.

Back: Jaimie Rose, Joel Usick, Jessica Sparrow, Morgan Strachan, Tess Stevenson, Meghan Drake

Middle: Jack Houston, Quade Wood, Caitlyn McTavish, Randy Kirk, Cameron Nolan, Bailey Wilson, Ben Murray, Mike Ramsden

Front: Michelle Bell, Emily Lints, MacKenzie Sims, Destiny Allan, Kara Kent, Sydney Murray, Marion Juce, Hanna Tolton



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

### Hamiota Elementary

- April 3-5 Listening with Paint Grades K-2
- April 18 Hot Lunch - wraps
- April 19 (evening) & 20 (a.m.) Celebration of Learning
- April 25 2012-13 Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- April 26 Lungs for Life Grade 4 & 5 10:30 a.m.
- May 2 & 4 2012-13 Kindergarten Registration

### Hamiota Collegiate

- April 12-14 Thriller Musical
- April 19 (evening) & 20 (a.m.) Celebration of Learning
- June 10 ALS Fundraising Walk
- June 26 Senior Awards and Graduation
- June 27 Middle Years Year End Assembly

