

Hamiota Schools

Newsletter

March, 2015

Principal's Message

As spring break approaches thankfully so does the warm weather. It is great for our students and staff to enjoy the better weather as we approach the break. As usual at Hamiota still a great deal going on at our schools.

At HCI there have been a variety of field trips, activities, and changes going on. First I want to thank Miss Hammond for her time at HCI. Miss Hammond is done at spring break and she has provided a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to our school. We welcome back Mrs. Proven-Luhowy from her maternity leave after the break. I also want to welcome two student teachers. Miss Novalkowski will be joining Mrs. Kirkland in the band room as a student teacher and then be taking over the program for the rest of the spring. Miss Knoll will be working in the grade one room with Mrs. Nowosad. Welcome student teachers and have a good maternity leave Mrs. Kirkland!

The kids have been extremely busy both in and out of the classroom. Our students participated in the construction expo in Brandon on March 3rd and also went to the Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg on the 5th. We had numerous classes from both HES and HCI participate in the Birdtail Festival in March also and they represented their school well. Our middle years students went skiing on March 9th and our high school ski trip was on March 23 and 24th. We also have the French Trip upcoming over the break with the students visiting many great places in Europe. Should be a blast! The Me to We group did a candy gram fundraiser and is busy planning an overnight fundraiser for March 27th at HCI filled with lots of activities. Drama is working hard and don't forget their show, "Oklahoma" is coming the first week after the break. Finally I do not want to forget the great job the band students did in February with their band concert. All proceeds from the event went to the Sparrow family.

Our athletics have been busy also. The middle years girls completed their basketball playoffs a couple of weeks ago and the varsity girls team has qualified for provincials and finished 3rd. Badminton is in full swing at the school and will as usual have a very busy April. Don't forget when the snow clears we will have baseball, soccer and track and field teams start up.

I just wanted to mention a couple of things for HCI. First we have put our TTFM survey results online. We as staffs have talked about the survey and while we are generally pleased with the results we do still have work to do and are going to continue to improve. Secondly we have been working on a new technology policy that will be coming out after the break. We feel this change is a positive for our students but we are also watchful that it is handled responsibly and that is why it is on a trial basis. Any questions on either of these please give me a call. Finally I want to thank students, teachers, parents and community. We are an incredibly busy place where things don't always go right and mistakes are made. But some of the wonderful things are students and staff have done reminds me what a great place this is and I just wanted to say thanks before the break. Take care.

- Mr. Jon Zilkey, Principal

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Hope Everyone had a very LUCKY and a very GREEN March! We sure did in Kindergarten. We had so much fun with our new friend Lucky The Leprechaun who visited our classroom each morning, leaving us secret messages where we had to fill in the missing words and letter sounds. We never did see him, but he always left behind evidence, leading us to believe that he visited our classroom on a regular basis. We came to school one morning and he had mixed up our tables and table spots! Imagine our surprise when we discovered the lifesavers he left us from the colors of his rainbow! He helped us to learn our // sound and got us thinking about why we are LUCKY kids.



Here are some of the answers we wrote to him: I am a lucky kid when.....

- *I get my hair cut!
- *I get to go to DisneyWorld.
- *I get to play hockey in the basement.
- *I get to look at the constellations.
- *I go on a special holiday and all my family is together.
- *I get to go shopping!

On St. Patrick's Day, we wore green to school and Lucky surprised us with candy necklaces.



In March, we also got to travel to Miniota School to sing at festival. We sang 2 songs under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Penner. We sang, "Dinosaurs" and "If You are Happy and You Know It." We did a great job!

In math, we are learning about measurement. We have measured how tall we are using mittens and created a class book with our results. We measured the heights of various shamrocks using our links, and had great fun creating and measuring paper snakes.

Did you know that St. Patrick was a real man that drove all the snakes out of Ireland many years ago? This is a legend that we learned about. If you don't like snakes, you should move to Ireland!

During playtime, everyone is taking a turn at the easel painting green pictures and our kinder playhouse is a store. We learned how to make grocery lists and have a great sale on right now! One of our options at playtime is to play learning games on our school netbooks.

We have been working so hard in kindergarten that we are looking forward to a relaxing spring break full of sunshine and good times!



GRADE ONE NEWS

We are very excited to have our student teacher, Miss Tara Knoll, join our class for 7 weeks. She has jumped right in and is a welcome addition to our classroom. The grade 1s are all really enjoying having her here.

We have been really busy with lots of reading and writing. We are working really hard in guided reading and becoming much more confident readers! It's amazing how much growth they can show since the beginning of grade 1. We have written about Snowmen, and what we



think they might do at night. We wrote about how to catch a leprechaun, what we would do if we found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and how we might catch a leprechaun. We even partnered up with another classmate to compare how we are the same and different.

In math we have been working on addition strategies and now starting subtraction. We are learning about fact families and reading and writing word problems. Our students are able to log into IXL Math, as well as happynumbers.com to work on math skills, at their own pace.

Science was fun learning about five senses. The mystery box was a hit. Students had to reach in and try to figure out what was inside just using their sense of touch. The best part was using our sense of touch to describe the differences and similarities between gummy fish and popcorn.



In Social Studies, Miss Knoll is working in a unit called My Environment. They are learning about communities, where



we live and how we can respect our environment, country and community. They are having a lot of fun, and learning lots!

We enjoyed going to festival in Miniota to sing our songs!

A huge thank you to Mavis Smith for coming each week to listen to our kids read. The kids love having a chance to read to "Alyssa's grandma"!

With this warmer weather, our playground is very wet. Please remember to send extra pants, socks and mitts, etc..

Have a wonderful spring break and enjoy your time with your families!

GRADE TWO—O NEWS

Written by the grade 2 class

Finally, we have finished our fractured fairy tale book called *The Six Little Chickens and the Big, Bad Coyotes*. Our class created the illustrations and story. We also designed the book. Next, our job is to make the story into a play script so we can act it out!

To practice math, we are doing the Dreambox Challenge. Dreambox is an online math game. It is really fun and it helps us grow our brains by getting better at math. Grade 2 students can login at home or school by going to: <https://play.dreambox.com/login/e5cv/hamiotaes> The contest continues over spring break, so we are going to try to do Dreambox math practice at home too!

In social studies, we are learning all about Canada and Manitoba. Our symbols are things that represent our country. Some symbols we know are: bison, Queen Elizabeth, the maple leaf, deer, beaver, loon, hockey, polar bears, wildlife, great grey owl, the crocus, elk, our money, moose, the Bluenose, big bluestem grass, spruce trees and the Canada goose. We are also learning about our natural resources like soil, water, plants and animals.

In science, we are learning about solids, liquids and gases. Our class thought of jots about solids, liquids and gases which is matter. After, we split up in groups of three to make posters. Each group put Matter at the top of the paper. Then we made 3 categories. When we were done we made picture of different kinds of solids, liquids and gases. Then we wrote the word beside the pictures.

Before St. Patrick's Day we painted shamrock art. We wore green on March 17th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. First, we made St. Patrick's Day patterns. Next, we wrote about the characteristics that would make us good leprechaun. We also wrote about what was special to us or what our "pot of gold" would be. Later, we found an app to make us leprechauns with a picture of our face and leprechaun details. You can see our St. Patrick's Day blog post at mrso-bachsclass.blogspot.com.



GRADE TWO-G NEWS

With the arrival of spring, we are all hoping the snow will melt and the weather will turn warmer again. We have had another busy month learning new skills and enjoying some special events.

In language arts we continue to work on our reading and writing skills. We have been sorting words using blind sorts and blind writing sorts. For St. Patrick's Day, we wrote about a leprechaun and had fun coming up with some great Irish names. We also answered questions



about the Easter Bunny and learned what our bunny names would be. Since Christmas we have been learning how to do many of the lower case letters in cursive handwriting

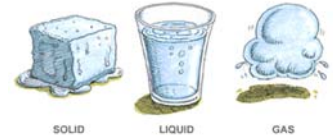
Our math lessons this month have revolved around measurement. We have worked on some calendar activities, measuring length and distance around using non standard units and measuring mass using different units. Predicting



before we measured was another skill we practised. This month we have also learned different strategies for subtracting numbers. We practised our problem solving skills by working on different St. Patrick's Day problems.

The science unit we have been working on is the properties of liquids, solids and gases. We tested items to

see if they would sink or float. We also mixed different liquids to see which ones were heavier or lighter. Testing different liquids on a race track to see which one moved fastest was also fun. But our favourite activity was the boat building challenge. We planned and designed boats out of materials we brought from home. We had some very interesting and creative looking vessels. All of our boats floated and many of them were able to hold the maximum number of nickels.



This month we participated in the festival. The Grade 1-3 choir did a great job of singing their songs and would like to thank Mrs. Penner for her hard work in getting them reading to perform. We also enjoyed the Oak Hammock Marsh presentation called Animal Detective. We learned many interesting things that give us clues that animals have been in a certain place. We had fun seeing the stuffed birds and animals and touching the fur of different animals.

As March winds down, we are all looking forward to a great spring break. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!



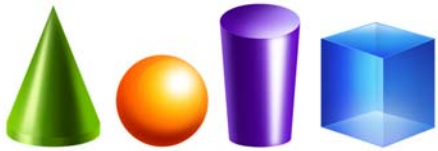
GRADE THREE NEWS

March has been a busy month! Our class was part of the Gr. 1-3 choir, which participated in the Festival in Miniota. Thanks to Mrs. Penner for preparing us to sing so well!

During our March Lilac visit, our buddies welcomed us to their rooms and we really enjoyed seeing all their pictures, knick-knacks and gadgets. We played games or completed puzzles, too. It was a wonderful visit!



We've been doing our regular 3 R's but we've also been doing some animal research in L.A. This group has been diligent about finding as many facts as possible, then using the information to prepare a Power Point. We're looking forward to sharing them!



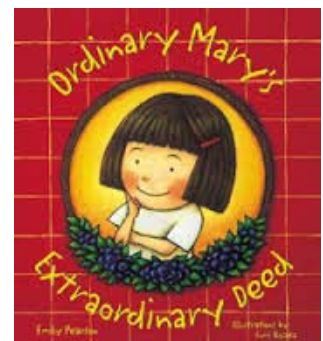
In Math, we're working with 2 D and 3 D shapes and solids. It's interesting to see all the real world shapes that surround us. We've also been trying something new called, MAT. During this time, we work in groups - Math Games, At our Desks, or

Teacher Time. We're accomplishing a lot and really enjoying that time, too.

We've completed our Forces unit in Science. We explored forces such as magnetism, gravity and static electricity. We built some fantastic magnetic racetracks. Many of us learned that sometimes our designs on paper need to be revised in order to actually work. It was a great lesson, and fun was had when we raced each other!

In Social Studies, we're ready to take a trip to Southeast Asia. We're told it's a tropical climate, so we've packed our shorts and bathing suits. We'll keep you posted.

We've been talking at length in our class about kindness and how small deeds go a long way. We read a great book, called, "Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed." Mary picks a bowl of blueberries and this leads to other acts of kindness that touch everyone in the world! It's a great read!

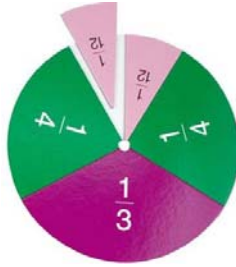


During the month of March, we've been "taking a bite out of reading" for our home reading program. Students have been working in teams to "eat" a cookie. Hopefully, we can reach our team goals and actually eat the real things!

Everyone is ready for a change of seasons and it looks like Spring is well on its way. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

GRADE FOUR—A NEWS

4A has been hard at work sorting out fractions and decimals. We have discovered that these kinds of numbers are all over and that they are things we use daily. It was a challenging unit but everybody was a really good sport and we all came away from it with a new appreciation and understanding for fractions and decimals.



Our social studies unit on Canada's North is wrapping up. We learned all about how the way of life has changed a lot over time. We were able to compare and contrast our daily lives to those who live up north. It was neat to see how things were different. During the sunny afternoons, our learning was brought outside. We played some traditional Inuit games and had a blast!

Art this month was built around our social studies unit. The kids created some beautiful interpretations of the sky filled with Northern Lights. They turned out gorgeous. We also created our own version of a stained glass inspired picture with some of the animals that the Inuit rely on. Our last art feature was a background and Inukshuk painting in the style of Ted Harrison. The bright colors really make it feel like spring is finally here!

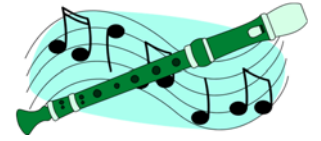


GRADE 4—R NEWS

Spring is HERE! Or so we thought...

We have been busy, busy, busy in Grade 4 this last month!

Festival was a huge success this month with the



Grade 4 classes performing some excellent recorder pieces, as well as the $\frac{4}{5}$ choir! What a talented bunch! It was so great to see so many parents and grandparents come out to support us, so THANK-YOU!

In ELA, both classes have been working toward some specific goals in guided reading and daily writing. In our writing we are really pushing ourselves to be the

“keeper” of our writing. This means simply taking ownership of our writing and playing a larger role in self-editing for things such as spelling, capi-



talization, grammar, sentence structure and proper punctuation. The students wrote some excellent, humorous, pieces on their lunchtime experiences! Many interesting details were included.

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Guided reading has again been in full swing. We have been reading some short novels as well as non-fiction and fiction texts. Some goals we continue to work on are self-correcting, pausing for punctuation, and reading with expression and intonation. Our weekly group reading meetings always prove to bring up some interesting stories...glad to see the students making connections and using background knowledge!

In Social Studies, we are currently finishing up a unit on Canada's Far North. We are learning all about the Inuit people and their way of life long ago as well as now during modern times.

Spring break will soon be here! Wishing all my students and their families a relaxing, fun-filled, vacation!



GRADE FIVE NEWS

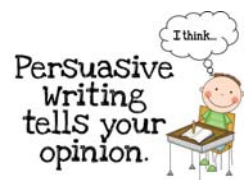
Well, another month has quickly flown by, and spring break is almost here! First of all, we would like to welcome Marshall Henry to our class. Marshall has moved here from Brandon, and we are all very excited to have him here. That brings our class up to ten boys and ten girls!

Since our last newsletter we finished our measurement unit in math and then learned to do long division. That was a lot easier than everyone thought it would be! We are now working on fractions and decimals, and have started with equivalent fractions.

In language arts we finished up our persuasive writing pieces which included a variety of topics like: Canada being a better place than the U.S., country being better than city, why we should have pets at school, why kids should be paid an allowance, why school days at Parkwest should be shortened, why women should have their own NHL... and the list goes on. We are now working on research projects. We are busy gathering our information, and will soon learn how to organize it into paragraphs.

In social studies we are studying European Colonization. We have talked about the Northwest Passage and the many explorers who tried to find it. We have also written old looking journals as if we were the explorers.

In the last month we have also performed at festival, both as a choir and with our recorders. We think we did very well! We have also had presenters come from Oak Hammock Marsh to talk to us about Wacky Weather! We've certainly seen some of that lately! We hope everyone has a great spring break!



ROOTS OF EMPATHY

GRADE ONE

Our last Roots of Empathy theme titled "Sleep" focused on a baby's need for sleep and the indicators of tiredness. The Grade 1 Class was shown how to put a baby to sleep, on their back, with the aid of the Roots of Empathy doll. Different transitional objects to soothe a baby through sleep transitions were also discussed, such as a blanket, a stuffed animal, a pacifier.



We were very excited to welcome Baby Dayton's Dad, Bryce Cowling, along with Mom, Laura to the classroom for our Family Visit. Bryce and Laura both talked about Baby Dayton's bedtime routine and the different ways that they soothe her. Laura shared Dayton's transitional object which is a cross between a stuffed animal and a small soft blanket.

Baby Dayton wowed us with her interest in books when Laura showed us her favorite read. Students observed how much more active Dayton is since her last visit, as she crawled all over the green blanket to visit with them!

It was exciting getting to know Baby Dayton's Dad and listening to all of the ways that he takes care of her and all of the activities that he does with her. Thanks for the visit Bryce!

GRADE SIX

The Grade Six class has now covered the topics of, "Safety" and "Communication" in the Roots of Empathy program.



In the "Safety" unit, we learned about the importance of supervision, skill development, putting babies to sleep on their backs and abstaining from alcohol and nicotine while pregnant. We learned that even second hand smoke can harm a baby. Students were able to recognize potential hazards to babies in many different environments.

"Communication" was a very interesting unit for the Grade Six class. We talked about the fact that babies are "wired" to learn language and that this learn-

ing can start in the womb. We brainstormed the different ways in which people of all abilities communicate and also the best ways to communicate with a baby. Along with verbal and non-verbal communication, we also discussed ways to be more empathetic listeners. Students re-wrote and illustrated popular nursery rhymes and presented them to Baby Elle at her visit.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visits with Elle and her mom, Becky Birch, this month. We were joined by Colleen Weibel, the Roots of Empathy mentor, who remarked at how well students were catching on to the concepts of temperament and the importance of being an inclusive classroom.



STAFF CHANGES AT HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE



Mrs. Kirkland

This week will be the last for two teachers at HCI: Mrs. Paula Kirkland, our band and choir teacher going on maternity leave and Miss Brittani Hammond, who had taken over Ms. Rachel Proven's position as Language Arts teacher and guidance counsellor. Ms. Proven will be returning from maternity leave after spring break, and Miss Chelsea Novalkowski, who has been working with Mrs. Kirkland as a student, will work with Mr. Tom Dowden until her graduation when she will take over the band and choir position during Mrs. Kirkland's leave.



Miss Hammond

The staff and students extend their best wishes to Mrs. Kirkland and Miss Hammond.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS by Sawyer Norrie

This has been a slower month for student council. The main focus this month has been planning the upcoming Anti Bullying day and more organization for the Relay for Life. The school participated last year on anti-bullying day with an assembly and with every student receiving a pink t-shirt to wear. This year the student council will ask all the students to wear pink that day as shirts will not be provided. Instead each student will get a special bracelet. This event will take place on April 8th. Discussion about the Relay for Life continues with more planning of events. If anyone would like to participate in anyway such as being a volunteer, joining a team or perhaps taking

part in our Cancer Survivor's lap, we ask they call the school to register and get more information. The annual Friday hat day of this month raised a total of \$54 with the proceeds going to the Month of Dreams Foundation. The student council is also proud to announce that we will be hosting a school dance sometime in May. The details of this dance have not yet been determined so stay tuned for more information. That's all this month from the Student Council.



The International Day of Pink
April 8th, 2015.

What will YOU be wearing?

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Once again the Hamiota Collegiate business program would like to thank the business community and all our patrons for the continued support in our businesses. The Start Your Own Business class consisted of 4 businesses. All businesses learned from creating a business plan, creating a bank account, and having to enact their actual business. A special thanks goes to our local Vanguard Credit Union in providing resources and other learning materials during business operations. Following are the Executive Summaries of this year's four businesses:

Freaky Flax Executive Summary

Strong, dependable and trustworthy. When it comes down to the FreakyFlax business we are determined to give you the best of the best! Flax Bags are very popular around this time of the year and that is what we decided to make. There are large flax packs that are long and narrow and smaller size ones to fit in your mitts. With the new idea of smaller size flax packs for your hands that sets us above other competitors! Many new children have come into the school making it easier for us to sell products as well, not having to worry about previous buyers of the past flax pack business. FreakyFlax consists of Hanna Tolton, Naomi Best and Jessica Sparrow. In total our group has \$45 to start off the business. With the price being reasonable for our product and the quality being exceptional we plan on selling a lot of product. Our goal is \$350, which will be easy to reach. Our customers can easily trust us because we are reliable and put lots of time and effort into our product.

Odd Job Squad Executive Summary

Our business is a service called "The Odd Job Squad". What we do as the title describes is odd jobs. These jobs include snow shovelling/ removal, taking down Christmas decorations (Outdoor) and cleaning out Shops, Garages, sheds, etc. As of right now we have no competitors, but that will not stop us from doing the best of our ability at every job. The Men involved in our business venture are, Grady Routledge, Willford Chappell, Brayden Heapy, Damon Bunn and Nick Hatfield. To start our business we are selling shares of \$10 to anyone who would like to be a part of our venture. As now 3 of the group members have funded into the business. I feel we will make lots of money, he have a good young hard working crew capable of doing extraordinary things. This is not an opportunity someone wants to miss, our excellent prices combined with our hard working work ethic this is truly a perfect combination.

Squeaky Clean Team Executive Summary

Our business is cleaning houses and cars for the students of HCI and the community members of Hamiota. For the houses, we will clean the main living areas such living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, and basement if our customer has one. As for the cars we will clean the interior, by wiping the insides of windows, the interior of the doors, the dashboard, and vacuum out the interior. Our business is different from the other business because we have a guaranteed clean and if you are not satisfied we will stay and do it until you are. Our group consists of four members, MacKenzie Sims, Emma Coulter, Destiny Allan, and Caitlin McTavish. As for the start up for the financial side of our business, each group member brought in \$10 which came to a total of \$40 which was all we needed to get the business started. We ended up having not as many houses as we expected and we ended up having more cars than we expected which is exactly what we wanted. Come use our service because we will clean so you don't have to!

Yummy-licious Executive Summary

Our business is making and selling baked goods. We are a retail business and our competitive advantage is that we are determined and stubborn and of course our products taste amazing! Our products differ from our competitors because we put time and effort into them and we have a different variety of products. The research has told us that we will have a large range of people all ages both male and female. There are 5 members in our business group this includes Chyna, Saige, Mikayla, Jenna and Ashley. Chyna and Mikayla have experience working in restaurants and Saige, Jenna and Ashley have experience baking at home. Each group member has contributed a share worth \$25 to help pay for supplies. We have spent around \$328 on supplies. Our total profit will be around \$250 minus the 40% that the school taxes us and the \$125 for our shares. In the end we could have done better if we bought our supplies somewhere cheaper like Walmart in order to save money but at least we have made some profit.



VARSITY GIRLS WIN BRONZE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

After a very successful season the Varsity Girls Basketball team ended the year with a bronze medal win at the "A" Girls Provincials held in Glenboro March 19-21.

After winning their Zone playoffs the girls travelled to St. Laurent to compete in the Regional playoffs where they won both of their games and qualified for provincials

In Glenboro the girls won their first game against Shevchenko School from Vita 63-51 in overtime. Their next game was very close as well, but they lost 59-65 to Ross L. Gray from Sprague which sent them to the Bronze medal game against Elton Collegiate. In another very close, very exciting game the girls were victorious 49-46. Ross L. Gray went on to win the provincial title defeating Grandview in the finals.



Game Star and Tournament All-Star
Ashley Jay



Back: Mr. Zilkey (coach), Shayna Mathison (assistant), Jaimie Rose, Jessica Hunter, Ashley Jay, Kara Kent, Caitlin McTavish, Ashlyn Kirk, Mikaela Jay (manager)

Middle: Naomi Best, Brenna Kirk, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Destiny Allan

Front: Chyna Lake, Korinne Alexander



Game Stars :Jacquelyn Hawkins & Chyna Lake

Jacquelyn Hawkins is the only graduating student on the team and she will be missed. However, with Ashley Jay and Jaimie Rose in Grade 11 this year and all the other team members in Grade 9 & 10, the girls look forward to continuing to have a strong team in the upcoming years.

The girls would like to thank Mr. Zilkey, Shayna Mathison and Mikaela Jay as well as their parents, families and friends for their support over the season.

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL



The Varsity Boys Basketball team had a successful season. They won their zone playoffs and went on to Regional Play in Hamiota. They won their first game but lost their second which meant they did not continue on to provincials.

Thanks to Miss Lopes for coaching this team and to their parents and fans for their support this season.

Back: Miss Sarah Lopes (coach), JunJun Taborlupa, Cody Hunter, Randy Kirk, Will Chappell, Jordan Leronowich, Mark Lawn



Back: Jana McTavish, Hailey Chappell, Ashley Jay (coach)
Middle: Mikayla Grabowski, Emma McConnell, Zachi Espayos, Mercedes Lake
Front: Eve Routledge, Kareena Sims

MIDDLE YEARS GIRLS BASKETBALL

This year Hamiota Collegiate was fortunate to have enough girls in the middle years who wanted to play basketball that we could make two teams. They had games against Russell, Binscarth, Shoal Lake, Rossburn and Waywaysecappo. The teams learned many new skills and the meaning of working together as a team to be successful. The finals

were held in Russell on Tuesday, March 10th. The younger team won their first game against the younger Shoal Lake team and advanced to the B side final against Waywaysecappo. Unfortunately, the girls gave it all they had but were defeated in the end. The older girls played in the "A" side and lost their first game against Inglis. They then played Shoal Lake in the Consolation final but were beaten in a hard fought match. The girls are looking forward to next year's basketball season. *Missing from the photographs are Emma Dmyterko, Phoenix Jackson and Telyna Lake.*



Back: Sheena Johnson, Joelle Little, Pastor Orland Usick (coach)
Middle: Montana Jackson, Kiara Kirk, Olivia Tolton, Daisy Martinez, Taylor Good
Front: Chantelle Chappell, Emily Usick

MIDDLE YEARS BADMINTON

Middle year's badminton is in full swing. Regular practices began on March 19 and there has been an excellent turnout of athletes. 21 girls have signed up to participate along with 18 boys.

The middle year's philosophy is to allow all students the opportunity to participate. Grade 6 students will practice twice weekly for the season and there will be a grade 6 singles tournament in Birtle on April 28. The badminton season ends with a divisional tournament for the grade 7 & 8 students (2 singles boys and girls, 2 doubles teams boys and girls, 2 mixed teams). All tournaments are scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm. The boy's and girl's singles tournament are on April 14 in Hamiota and Strathclair respectively. The doubles tournament is on April 16 with Hamiota hosting the boys and Strathclair hosting the girls. The mixed tournament is in Russell on April 21.



SENIOR BADMINTON

The varsity badminton team has a great turnout this year with over 30 athletes participating. The athletes enjoyed a clinic where they learned new skills and drills with Justin Friesen from Badminton Manitoba. We have been busy preparing for the upcoming South Half playoff and Divisionals on April 15th and 22nd.

MHSAA CHAMPIONS CROSS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Champions is a "Lifestyles" cross mentoring program developed by the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. The goal of this program is to have senior high school student leaders visit grade 6 classes and make the students aware of peer pressure and the affect that it has on any decisions they make. It is designed to help the high school students, and in turn, the middle year's students develop life coping skills.



Jacquelyn Hawkins and Jake Coulter have recently spent some time with the grade 6 class presenting on a number of topics. Some of topics include: peer pressure, communication skills, and making the right choices. The main objective of the Champions program is to

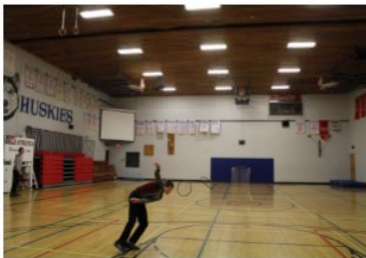
prevent substance abuse by providing students with positive peer role models through cross-mentoring, to spread the message that you can succeed in life without using drugs and alcohol, and to attempt to identify some of the problems, for example peer pressure, that cause young people to resort to drug use.

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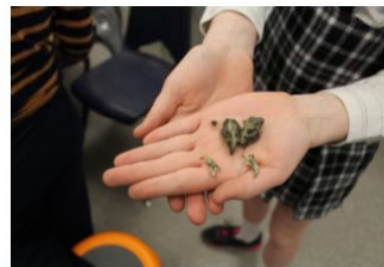
Four students from grade 11 and 12 participated in the University of Manitoba's Science, Engineering and Technology Day on February 20th. Ashley Jay, Eveline Juce, Cody Hunter and Brady Waddell participated in some hands on activities as well as had the opportunity to listen to a number of professors speak on various topics in the field of Science, Engineering and Technology.



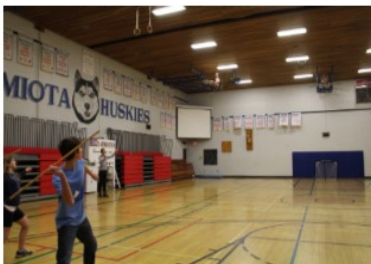
OAK HAMMOCK MARSH PRESENTATION



Representatives from Oak Hammock Marsh were at Hamiota Collegiate on March 23 .



Students had a presentation on owls. After the presentation students dissected owl droppings to determine what foods the owls had eaten.



Students also had the chance to play some traditional Aboriginal Games in the gym.



WE ACT COMMITTEE

The We Act Committee managed to raise \$450.00 for Jessica Sparrow through the Candygrams Fundraiser (during which they sold over 300 candygrams). They would like to extend a big thank-you to the staff and students at HCI for helping make their first Candygrams fundraiser a huge success.

The We Act Committee will also be hosting an all-nighter at HCI on Friday, March 27th to raise funds and awareness for CODE (Canadian Organization for Development through Education) and bring the students at HCI together for some grade 6-12 bonding through a series of games, activities, and great conversation. The all-nighter will take place from 7:00pm-7:00am.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life Committee is continuing to make plans for the Relay to be held at Hamiota Collegiate on June 12. There are a number of plans for before the relay. This includes a Barbeque and Bake Sale and Blind auction of services from committee members. to be held in May. There are plans to have a table at the Town-Wide Yard Sale in Hamiota on May 9 to sell Luminaries for the **Luminary Ceremony** at the Relay. A luminary is a special bag with a light inside to honour a cancer survivor or to pay tribute to a loved one lost to cancer. Luminaries are lit during a moving twilight ceremony and provide light and inspiration to participants all night. The Quilt-Til-You-Wilt Group has donated a beautiful "What Cancer Cannot Do" quilt to be raffled for the Relay. The



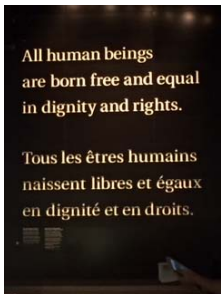
Quilt-Til-You-Wilt

Group is helping to sell tickets, which are also available at the school or from Committee members.

Survivor's Victory Lap: Cancer survivors are invited to walk in the inspirational first lap of Relay For Life – the Survivors' Victory Lap. Survivors celebrate success in their battle with cancer and provide inspiration to those still facing the disease. Jacquelyn Hawkins in the coordinator of the Survivor Ceremony, so please contact her or the school if you wish to participate or know of someone who would.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for the Relay. If you can spare some time on June 12, please contact Cody Hunter or the school.

LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS & HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM TOUR by MacKenzie Sims



Grade 9 and 10 students took a trip to Winnipeg to visit the Human Rights Museum and the Manitoba Legislature. Our first stop was the legislature building. The legislature is a massive building and lots of fun. We were able to see a meeting room and the debate room and even got to have a meet and greet with our MLA Doyle Piwniuk. After our tour of the legislative building we went to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights which was a pretty amazing building. We learned about the rights that we as Canadians have and how they became rights. The building was made of all glass and the elevator that went all the way to the top had a beautiful view of Winnipeg. This experience for us as students was pretty



amazing, it gave us an insight to how the legislature came to be and how everything works inside the building. The Human Rights Museum gave students who knew little about rights of Canadians a way better understanding and for the students who already knew about our rights, it gave us a better idea of where they came from.



Twenty students in Grades 9-11 accompanied by Mr. Smith and Mr. Lints attended the Westman Construction Expo in Brandon in



March. The students were able to see many displays on many different trades. The students enjoyed seeing the large variety of trades available and a highlight was being able to operate some of the machines.



Hamiota Collegiate Presents OKLAHOMA!

Students at HCI have been working hard over the last months, learning lines, songs and dances for their performance of the musical "Oklahoma!" to be presented April 9-12. Under the direction of Val Caldwell, musical director Paula Kirkland and choreographer Jana



Tannas 30 students will be onstage with another 6-8 working backstage. A crew of parents are building and preparing sets and props. Set in a Western territory just after the turn of the century, the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colourful backdrop for the romance of Curly (Randy Kirk), a handsome cowboy and Laurey (Jaimie Rose), a pretty farm girl. The play also tells the story of Will Parker (Brian Johnson) who is

trying to marry Ado Annie (Jenny Harrison), a high-spirited girl who has difficulty choosing between Will and an exotic pedlar man (Sawyer Norrie). Jacquelyn Hawkins and Caitlin McTavish share the role of Aunt Eller, Laurey's aunt who cares for her and the rest of the territory. Jud Fry (Cody Pope), Aunt Eller's dangerous hired hand who wants Laurey for himself, Gertie (Brooke Tolton), a girl after Curly, and Andrew Carnes (Jake Coulter/Korinne Alexander), a farmer and the father of Ado Annie round out the main cast. Other members of the cast are: Bobbi Hunter (Cord Elam),



Holden Norrie (Slim), Saige Braden & MacKenzie Sims (Dream Laurey), Liam Caldwell (Ike Skidmore), Cassie Hunter, Chelsea Lawn Ashley Morden, Ashlyn Kirk, Brenna Kirk, Emily Lints, Chantelle Chappell, Montatna Jackson, Sheena Johnson, Hailey Chappell, Zachi Espayos, Emma McConnell, Tess McTavish and Kareena Sims. See you there!

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