

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Park West School Division

MARCH 2016

Principal's Message

Spring break is here and I think it is fair to say all students and staff are excited about the break and a chance to recharge all of our engines. I have lots to tell you about including staffing changes, activities and upcoming events.

We have hired new staff to replace Mrs. Proven and Mrs. Whelpton who will be away on maternity leave. Mr. Woodcock and Mrs. Brown will be coming in for the rest of the year in those positions. I want to welcome both new teachers to our school and wish Mrs. Proven and Mrs. Whelpton the best in their leave. Welcome also to student teachers Miss Harrison, Miss Hawkins, and Mr. Coughlan. I also wanted to congratulate Mrs. Skayman and Mrs. Gregory who were part of a team that won the province for seniors curling and will now go to Digby, Nova Scotia to represent Manitoba at Nationals. We also had students Eveline Juce go to Quebec for the Biathlon and Joelle Little go to Corpus Christi, Texas for kayaking.

HES has been busy with festival where both our grade 1-3 and 4-5 choirs were trophy winners in Miniota. We have also had a very successful Jump Rope for Heart activity on March 15 and thank you parents and community for supporting it. The grade one class was busy cooking and fundraising in the support of Ghana, great job grade one! Our grade 5 class also had the opportunity to go to the CIS nationals in Brandon and watched a very exciting game.

At HCI we have elections and our new student council will take over after the March break. Congratulations to all students who ran. It is never an easy thing to put your name out there. The current student council ran a very successful Tea for Seniors and is organizing the year end activity, "A Port in the Storm". Tornado Hunters was also at our school this week. In addition to student council activities we had ski-trips for middle years and high school, career symposium and construction expo for grade 10, middle year's basketball wrapped up, and the varsity girls team went to provincials in Vita. Drama is going strong and don't forget to get your tickets for our show which is upcoming right after the break.

Just a note to remember celebration of learning is on April 14th from 4:30-7:30 and April 15th from 9:00-12:00. In addition we will be having an orientation meeting for current grade 5's on April 14th at 4:30 in Mr. Coulter's room and current grade 8's at 5:00 also on April 14th in Mr. Coulter's room. If you have kids in those grades please plan to attend. You will also get a letter home soon explaining that we are making time for more dedicated one on one conversations during celebration of learning. If you have any questions on this or anything else please give me a call. Thanks everyone and take care.

Sincerely,

Jon Zilkey, Principal

Hamiota Collegiate
presents
BACK TO THE 80'S
...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL

PERFORMANCES
April 7, 12:30 p.m. School Performance
Public Welcome—
Rush Seating for this performance
April 8, 7:00 p.m.
April 9, 7:00 p.m.
April 10, 2:00 p.m.
Adults: \$13.00 Students: \$5.00
Advance Tickets on Sale beginning March 21.
(Weekends or Spring Break please call the school and leave a message at 204-842-2803)

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BACK TO THE 80'S is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI), 421 West 58th St. NY 10019.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

It has been a very busy few weeks at HES. Students and staff alike have been enjoying the warm weather. Please remember to send splash pants and extra socks/mitts as the playground is still mucky.

The kindergartens have been busy in their reading groups acting out "The Three Bears". There is a puppet theater where we retell stories and create our own stories using puppets. Lots of fun! In kindergarten math, we have been creating stories to show numbers up to ten in two parts. Role playing these first is their favourite. We then connect numerals to the words and progress to number sentences. The students are finally given the chance to create their own story and number sentence. Great job, Kinders!



The grade 1 class has been undertaking a special project called "Marvelous Muffins." They are fundraising to buy school supplies to send to a partner classroom in Ghana, Africa. They are very grateful for all of the muffin orders and they are learning a lot through this project! In math, the grade 1s are focusing on measurement. In science, they have been learning about objects and materials. We also continue to spend lots of time working on our reading, writing and word study!

In grade 2, we had fun building boats in science class. We tested them to see if they would float, and many held 35 marbles. We enjoyed writing St. Patrick's day poems and making leprechauns.



In Mrs. Dixon's class, Miss Sarah Harrison is student teaching until the end of April! We have enjoyed building magnetic racetracks, cookie reading and learning about multiplication.

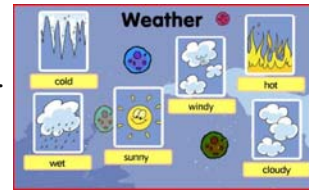
Mrs. Nowosad's grade 3 class also enjoyed making magnetic racetracks, finishing our unit on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as well as starting to learn about India. We look forward to Mrs. Sheridan coming to our class to show us her pictures from her recent trip there. We had a chance to visit our Park buddies again, and this time were able to see the suites where they live.



Grades 4s are currently wrapping up all units. We are busy multiplying 3 digit by 1 digit and have learned three new strategies. Please keep practicing those time tables over the break! When we come back we will be creating our dioramas of, "The Kidnapping of Albert Ostman". Please remember to have your box at school for the first day back!

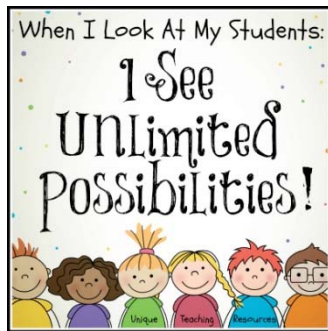
ELEMENTARY NEWS (continued)

Miss Armstrong's grade 5s have finished their work in social studies on New France and did a great job on their settlement model. Our extreme weather unit is coming to an end. Everyone did an amazing job on reporting the morning weather for the school.



We have been implementing social studies into much of our day in Mrs. Routledge's grade 5 class. In the mornings we have been working on research projects of different indigenous groups, and in the afternoons we have been studying European Colonization. We are pretending to be an explorer and are keeping a journey of our travels! We have also done some pencil sketches of our explorer for art.

HES was excited to take part in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Our K-5 classes did an amazing job of supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation by skipping rope and collecting pledges for heart disease and stroke research. By participating in Jump Rope for Heart, students learned about heart health and the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle. Thank you to everyone who donated! Every dollar raised helps families like yours live longer, healthier lives!



The last week before Spring Break will be a fun filled week. We have different dress up days planned as well as an active living activity each day.

Staff at HES wishes everyone an enjoyable and relaxing break with your families.

Congratulations to the many students in the Elementary and Collegiate who have been taking part in Provincial Hockey Championships over the past weeks. You are commended on your hard work that has taken you to this level of play!!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE OPERA??

The senior choir will be taking a trip to Winnipeg on Thursday, April 21st to see *Of Mice and Men*. This event is called Student Night at the Opera and is put on twice a year. The senior choir has opened it up to everyone in the school. Parents are welcome to join as well. If you would like to join us please email Miss Novakowski at cnovakowski@pwsd.ca no later than Tuesday April 5th to reserve your tickets!



BIRDTAIL RIVER FESTIVAL

The spring session of the Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival was held in Miniota this year. Congratulations to all who took part! The Recorder and Band Session had to be cancelled this year because of a conflict which meant many band students were not able to attend.

Scholarship and Trophy Winners from Hamiota Schools were:

Hamiota Gr. 1-3 Choir —Park West Trophy for Classroom Choirs Gr. 1-4

Hamiota Gr. 4 & 5 Choir —Tommy Mitchell Memorial Trophy Choir Gr. 5-8

Bailey Wilson —Hamiota Art Club Scholarship

Brian Johnson —Strathclair Coop Folk Song 15 yrs & over, Eileen Kent Award for Festival Commitment, Miniota UCW Scholarship, \$400 Peace Garden Scholarship (provided by Prairie View RM, Sensus Chartered Accountants, Sunrise Credit Union, SWA Retired Teachers' Association, Wayne & Susan Poppel, RM of Woodworth-Wallace, RM of Yellowhead, Campbell Flowers & Funeral Home)

Shirley Johnson —Vi Smith Memorial Folk Song 10 & under, Miniota ACW Vocal 10 & under,

Jaimie Rose —Miniota UCW Sacred Troophy 15 & over, Mathison Trophy Vocal Excellence 15 & over, Miniota New Horizons Musical Theatre, Miniota UCW Scholarship

Jaimie Rose, Bailey Wilson, Joel Usick & Jessica Young, Miniota —Hamiota Lions Club Duet, Trio or Quartet

Emma Dmyterko —Honourable Mention Viisual Arts

Zachi Espayos —Honourable Mention Viisual Arts

Emily Usick —Viterra-Oakner Level 6 Piano

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS MONDAY, JUNE 6 AT 7:00 PM - MINIOTA UNITED CHURCH

A COMMITTEE IS NEEDED IF THE FESTIVAL IS TO CONTINUE. THE PRESENT MINIOTA COMMITTEE OF 5 PEOPLE HAS SERVED 4 YEARS AND IS NOT WILLING TO GO ANOTHER TWO, SO ANOTHER TOWN NEEDS TO COME FORWARD.

BASKETBALL

The Varsity Girls played at Vita at the "A" Girls Provincials. They started with a win over Glenboro and a loss to Sprague, who went on to win the tournament. They then lost to Elton in the Third Place game. Congratulations to game stars Chyna Lake Jaimie Rose and Ashley Jay. Ashley was also recognized as a Tournament All-Star. Good job girls, Mr. Zilkey and Miss Lopes and congratulations on a great season!



Ashley Jay



Jaimie Rose



Chyna Lake

BADMINTON

Varsity Season Underway



The Varsity Badminton season began practices in February and are now preparing for upcoming tournaments. Twelve players travelled to Erickson on March 17th where Hayden and Reece, Carly and Sydney, and Brody and Emma placed 1st and Mason and Emily got 2nd. Upcoming tournaments include: Vincent Massey, Brandon and Louis Riel in Winnipeg as well as Division play-offs that will take place April 20th and 27th.

Middle Year's Badminton

Middle year's badminton is in full swing. Regular practices began on March 17 and there has been an excellent turnout of athletes. 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 26. 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 12 in Hamiota and Strathclair respectively. The doubles tournament is on April 19 with Hamiota hosting the boys and Strathclair hosting the girls. The mixed tournament is in Russell on April 21.



Eveline Juce at Biathlon Championship

Eveline Juce was in Valcartier, Quebec from March 14-20 to take part in the National Biathlon Championship. Biathlon combines the power and aggression of cross-country skiing with the precision and calm of marksmanship. Eveline placed in the top 15 in the Youth Women 7.5km Pursuit, 10 km Individual and 6 km Sprint races in Valcartier. She was also a member of the



Relay Team which placed 1st. Ev reported that they all shot well and skied hard and were very excited with the unexpected win.

Congratulations!!



Above: Eveline with her medals from the Western Canadian Biathlon Championships. She won 2 golds, a silver and a bronze medal. Westerns were held at Falcon Lake, MB home to Olympian biathlete Megan Imrie. Left: Shooting at Nationals

COLLEGIATE SKI TRIPS

Middle Years Students traveled to Asessippi Ski Area & Resort on March 9. Senior Students' ski trip was March 21 & 22.



Are you hosting an event?

The HCI French Travel Club has 250 black chair covers and 250 white chair covers for rent. There are also tablecloths available.

Please contact the school to make rental arrangements. 204-842-2803



Elections

On Friday, March 11 the students of HCI selected their new student council. There was voting for only two positions: Will Chappell and Destiny Allan ran for Sports Rep. and Amber Raycroft and Mikayla Madsen ran for Secretary.

All new student council members made brief speeches to the student body. The running candidates were introduced by their campaign managers, made speeches and provided answers to questions, one they knew beforehand and one given to them at the time of their speeches.

Congratulations to everyone who ran for Council and good luck as they take over from last year's council after spring break !

HCI'S NEW STUDENT COUNCIL



Naomi Best-President



Emma Coulter –Vice



Mikayla Madsen – Secretary



Hanna Tolton - Treasurer



Saige Braden – Canteen



Jessica Sparrow- Literary



Caitlin McTavish – Social



Destiny Allan – Sports



MacKenzie Sims – Room Rep.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS by Cassie Hunter

The student council held a lovely senior's tea on March 11. All who attended said that they had a very good time. We served tea, coffee, desserts and also some crackers cheese, pickles and olives. We would like to thank everyone who attended. We have started planning for our big fundraiser for June 5th. This year our fundraising efforts are going towards "Port in the Storm", we have been coming up with fundraising ideas. Chris Chittick from Tornado Hunters came to HCI on March 23rd and gave an interesting and informative presentation. A chili hot lunch was served. Hat days are still on the last Fridays of every month, so remember your toonies!



SENIOR TEA



CHRIS CHITTICK
TORNADO
HUNTER



Thanks to everyone for supporting the Grade 9 Foods & Nutrition class with their 3 hot lunches so far.



Stay tuned for more hot lunches being offered after spring break!