

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS

May, 2014

Principal's Message

We have had a number of great things happen in the month of April at HCI and HES and as usual more planned for the future months. I am very proud of our students and here are some of their accomplishments.

Grease was beyond fantastic. Three sold out floor shows, over 50 students participating along with great community and staff involvement left a fantastic show. All our students, Val Caldwell and her crew, and Mrs. Mathison and her crew are to be commended on a performance as good as any high school one I have seen. I heard a rumour that drama might not be my thing but this performance was and I was very impressed by it and all the hard work that went in to it.

The senior Tea on April 24th was a huge success also. Great job to the student council and the age friendly committee for organizing a tremendous event that included well over 100 seniors. The food was great, the music by Emily Usick was nice, and it was really great of our students to give back to the community in a small way. I think the event went really well and great job students in ensuring it. The next big item for student council is the Cystic Fibrosis Walk on May 25th.

At both schools we had wear pink days to raise awareness to bullying and stop it. The kids in both schools had some great ideas that I hope they follow through on to make sure we stop bullying. Gord Olsen also came in from the Winnipeg RCMP ICE unit to do presentations to our grade 5-12 students on texting and sending inappropriate pictures on the internet and the pitfalls of it. This was a great presentation for our students and we had a few parents come out, but if you did not hear about it, ask your child.

Earth day was celebrated on April 22nd at HES with presentations by Oak Hammock Marsh and we included a lights out portion to our day also. I was unfortunately away that day but I heard everything went well. Celebration of Learning has come and gone and if anyone has any concerns about their child and their learning and did not make it please contact your child's teacher. Now is the time, not in June when it may be too late to fix the problem.

Sports are rolling along also with badminton at middle years and senior years wrapping up. We had divisional winners in grade 8 and we are sending 8 students to provincial badminton on May 2nd. We also have middle years' soccer getting started up and baseball/fastball is also getting going. Track and field is just starting as well.

As always if you want to talk with a concern or idea please give the teacher or myself a call. I cannot guarantee everything you say we will agree with, but I will guarantee we will listen. I hope everyone has a good and hopefully warm spring and wish our farmers the best with seeding.

Take care,
Mr. Jon Zilkey

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Upcoming Dates

- **May 16—Bake Sale & Barbeque—remember to bring baking items!!**
- May 30 Hot Lunch at HES
- June 10 Band/Choir Concert at HCI
- June 12 Sports Banquet at HCI
- June 13 Fun Day at HES
- June 16-20 Final Exams at HCI
- June 24 Middle Years/Grade 9-11 Year End Ceremony at HCI
- June 25 Graduation at HCI
- June 26 Farewell Assembly at HES

Walk with us
Sunday, May 25, 2014



10:00 a.m. Registration
11:00 a.m. Walk
Barbeque & Entertainment to follow.
Public is welcome.

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Fund-Raising Bake Sale and Barbeque
Friday, May 16
Vanguard Credit Union
Parking Lot
11:30am—1:00pm



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

On May 5th, The Kinders celebrated 100 days of Kindergarten. This group of children is the first Kindergarten class from HES to reach the milestone of 100 days at school. To celebrate, we sang a 100 day song and wrote stories about "What we would buy with \$100....." There were many creative answers such as:



"I would buy a mermaid."

"I would buy LOTS of movies."

"I would buy a house."

"I would buy a quad."

"I would buy all the seas."

"I would buy Barbies and Monster High Dolls."

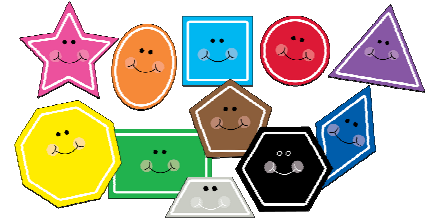
"I would buy a bunny."

Come by and check out all our great stories on our hallway bulletin board! We also guessed how many jellybeans were in our estimation jar. Of course there were 100! Then we sorted the jellybeans by color and graphed 100 jellybeans!

We have also been creating our own movie about SHAPES using the imovie app from Apple. It's almost ready for it's debut performance. For the movie, each student created their own pictures using pattern blocks. More information will be available very soon for families who are wanting to view our movie.

Do you know what it means to be a bucket filler? We do! All day long, people walk around with an invisible bucket. If you are feeling happy, your bucket is

full. If you are sad, then your bucket is most likely empty. We can be bucket fillers by doing kind things and using kind an loving words to others. When we are unkind or make a poor choice, it can dip into

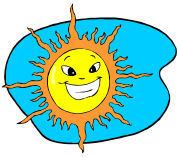


someone's bucket - even our own! Bullies are bucket dippers and try to fill their own buckets by being hurtful to others. Sadly, this never works. Each kindergarten has created their own personal bucket. When someone fills our bucket, we put a pompom in it. When all our buckets are full, we will celebrate with a movie! It is great to see the kinder kids working together to try to fill all of our buckets!



Thanks to all the families who came and visited our classroom at Celebration of Learning. We had a great turnout and were very happy to see all of you!

GRADE ONE 'N' NEWS



May is here, but it still feels like March!
We are really hoping it warms up soon.
Grade 1s were excited to welcome a new student to our class – Carrie-Ann Sheane.
The girls now outnumber the boys 8-5!

We continue to work hard on our reading, practicing our expression and fluency. Our readers theater will be ready soon and all are excited to try performing them using the green screen.

Our class did some research on different animals that live in our area. We decided to focus on the porcupine. Each student created a terrific porcupine diorama, and we learned many facts about this interesting animal. Some great writing came out of this. We read a story called, "A Hullabaloo at the Zoo." This was a fun book to read, so we decided to draw a picture of what a "Hullabaloo in Grade 1" would look like. Some very interesting (and a bit crazy) ideas came from this. But it was a lot of fun.



For Easter, we did lots of math activities, including addition, measurement and graphing – all using jellybeans, chocolate eggs and chocolate bunnies. We continue to work with our grade 3 buddies. This month we worked on some writing activities. Next we might try working on some cartoons together. Our latest writing activity involved students imagining what it would be like if they were the teacher for a day. It sounds like it would be lots of fun, with many more recesses and gym classes!

Mother's Day is just around the corner, so we are busy working on different activities to show just how special our moms are!



Happy Mother's Day to all of our amazing moms!!!

GRADE ONE 'O' NEWS

Grade 1 Newsletter

Do you know how many days we have been at school? We have been at school for over 149 days!

We have a student teacher named Miss Dyck in our class.

Together we made a goal of working towards 400 PAX minutes a week. PAX is about peace, being good, and happiness.

We have been learning about geometry. Geometry is about 3-D objects and 2-D shapes. To practice shapes we use popsicle sticks and tangrams.

We've had a busy month in science. For Earth Day we had Oak Lake Kinders come and visit our school. We learned about beavers and water from Oak Hammock Marsh presenters.

GRADE 2 NEWS



Everyone came back from spring break refreshed and ready to work hard for the final term. The grade 2 class has continued to work hard on improving their reading and writing skills. Our mini theme this month has been pioneers. We have been reading some Little House on the Prairie books and doing a variety of reading and writing activities.

We continue to work hard on our cursive writing and have learned many of the lower case letters. We have also finished learning all of our Words of the Week and are now brushing up on some of the more difficult ones.

During the past month we have been working hard on learning various subtraction strategies. We are also learning strategies to help us add two digit numbers up to 100. We have been using a variety of units such as paper clips, Popsicle sticks, straws, toothpicks and snap cubes to measure with. We have learned to measure straight objects, objects that are not straight and the distance around objects using a single unit or multiple copies. We

have also been using balance scales to determine the mass of different objects.

In social studies we are also studying pioneers. We have looked at pictures, read pioneer diaries and completed a chart to compare how things were

long ago and today. During our spare time we are having fun weaving on our looms. Our goal is to make 15 patches so everyone can take one home.

We have had some interesting special events during the month of April. We were amazed by the excellent singing and dancing of all the people in the Mecca choir.

For our Earth Day celebration we participated in the one hour without power activity. We also enjoyed the presentation from Oak Hammock Marsh. We learned many interesting facts about beavers. Our Celebration of Learning was well attended and everyone did a great job showing their work to their parents.

It is hard to believe there are only two more months of school left! We are looking forward to some warm spring weather so we can finally get rid of rubber boots, mitts and hats!



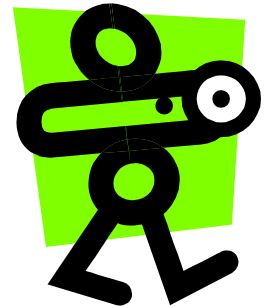
GRADE THREE NEWS

We are continuing with reading groups, writing activities and weekly spelling lists! We've also done a few extra projects, such as producing Power Points about an animal or famous person. We researched our facts first, then put our information together to make some impressive presentations. Students were able to share these as well as their daily work with their families during the Celebration of Learning held recently. The day was well attended once again!



During our April Lilac visit, we made birdfeeders from Cheerios and pipe cleaners. It's nice to help our feathered friends! Students also entertained their buddies with a rendition of "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More."

In Math, we're now working with multiplication's best friend....division! This can be a tricky concept, so we're working our way through it. Any extra help at home is appreciated!



We are still travelling in India and were very surprised to learn that Canadians produce forty times more garbage than people in India. We've been discussing ways for us to cut down on our garbage output. Many of us are good recyclers and we also have tons of ideas how to "make something out of nothing."

I'd like to thank my students and parents for their patience during the last few weeks when I've been a bit under the weather. I'm on the mend now and am looking forward to resuming regular activities. Thanks also to the substitute teachers who have so capably stepped in. It's all appreciated!

Bring on Spring!!

Important Upcoming Dates at Hamiota Elementary

May 23 - Hot Lunch due

May 30 - Hot Lunch Barbeque

June 13 - Fun Day

June 26 - 10:30 a.m. Farewell Assembly



GRADE 4 NEWS



Spring has sprung! Time for flip flops and lighter jackets...we hope!

It's business as usual for the Grade 4 students! We have been busy, busy, busy in all subject areas.

In ELA, we are learning about and researching the mysterious world of Bigfoot. We have read two stories about real-life Bigfoot encounters; Roger Patterson and Albert Ostman. What interesting stories and quite convincing as well! There are some passionate discussions going on about whether we believe in Bigfoot or not! The students wrote excellent retellings about the story, "The Kidnapping of Albert Ostman". They are hanging on our bulletin board so come on in and read them. We have also completed some beautiful and highly creative and imaginative Bigfoot dioramas. It's amazing to me how a simple shoebox can transform into such a work of art! These are also on display in our hallway. Definitely worth a trip into the school to see! Currently we are completing a research flip book on all we have learned about Bigfoot.

Back to multiplication and division in math class! We are learning how to multiply one digit by two digit and

three digit numbers. It's so important to know our math facts and the students have been working hard to memorize their facts to 9x9! It makes multiplying these big numbers so much easier. So please encourage your child to play card games and flash cards for a few minutes each night.

In Science we are learning about Habitats and Communities. In particular we have explored the beaver and its natural habitat in Canada. On earth day, we had a fellow from Oak Hammock Marsh come and speak to our class about the beaver and its habitat. Thanks to Mrs. Obach for organizing this great presentation! The students were able to answer ALL of his questions and share their knowledge as well.

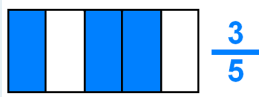


Our art hangs on the walls as well and is always a lovely sight to see.

This week on Thursday, Cort Dogniez is coming to speak to the students about First Nations' peoples. This is in conjunction with our visit next week to Shoal Lake for the Pow Wow presentation. We will take the bus to Shoal Lake on May. 20th. We are looking forward to watching these creative forms of art and dance.

GRADE 5 NEWS

Well, another month has flown by, and we're now gearing up for a busy rest of May and June. There will be many days when we will be out of the school in the next five or six weeks, so please keep a look out for a note I will send home with more information.



In math we have completed our unit on geometry, and have been working hard to understand how fractions and decimals work. This will be our last major unit, which should then allow us some time to

review some concepts from earlier in the year.

We have also completed our research projects in Language Arts. These were done in time to share at "Celebration of Learning". We have begun a novel study for Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. We are doing a lot of work with vocabulary, and continue to work on our writing.

We will soon be finishing our social studies unit on "European Colonization", and will work hard to get through a science unit on the "Human Body". This is always an interesting unit!



Enjoy the spring!

MIDDLE YEARS BADMINTON



Back: Kassidy Heapy, Joelle Little, Kara Kent, Sydney Murray, Jessica Hunter, Emily Lints, Taylor Good, Montana Jackson, Sierra McTavish, Coach: Mr. Coulter

Front: Emily Murray, Eve Routledge, Daisy Martinez, Korinne Alexander, Olivia Tolton, Carly Shamray, Chantelle Chappell



Back: Liam Caldwell, Reece Breneman, Sebastian Tolton, Bobbi Hunter, Ben Murray, Gary Sheane, John Abd El Mesih, Mason Gurr, Sean Schweitzer, Coach: Mr. Crampain

Front: Kale Murray, Cole Allan, Foster Tolton, Brody Robinson, Brendan Lawn, Brady Daniel, Hayden Crampain



Congratulations to Sydney Murray and Emily Lints, winners in the Park West Girls Doubles competition. Thanks to the coaches Mr. Crampain and Mr. Coulter and congratulations to all the players. We hope to see you on the badminton court next year!!



Varsity Badminton by Jake Coulter



Provincial Players: L-R: Destiny Allan, Emily Hunter, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Jake Coulter, Dominic Miranda, Sawyer Norrie, Brody Smith, JunJun Taborlupa

The Varsity badminton team got off to an early start this year with practices beginning in February. Fortunately some of the players were able to participate in tournaments in Vincent Massey. All of our hard work paid off as every member was able to participate in the South half of the division playoffs. *Boys singles – Brayden, Dale and Will

to the South half playoffs. Winning 1st or 2nd allowed all of our players from Hamiota to advance to provincials. All the players had some success at provincials, with Emily & Destiny making it to Saturday in the Consolation playoffs in girls doubles. Thanks to our coaches Mr. Smith and Mrs. Hawkins for their work during the season.

Year End Ceremonies—Sports Banquet, Grade 6 to 11 Year End Presentations and Graduation Ceremonies



Hamiota Collegiate is excited to announce their first ever **Sports Banquet** being held on Thursday, June 12th, 2014. All grade 9-12 students who participated in any sports this school season are encouraged to attend, along with any family and friends that would like to come and see what the night is all about. The banquet is to start at 6:30. The evening will include a meal, guest speaker, **Cameron McGhee**, highlights of the sports teams, and different awards for all

athletes who participated in sports this year. Tickets are free to all grade 9-12 students who participated in a minimum of one sport this season, adults are \$10.00, and 18U are \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school at 204-842-2803 and must be purchased by Friday, May, 30th, 2014. We hope to see you all out to enjoy and support our school team's successes this year!



Also this year it was decided to have the **Middle Years and Grade 9 to 11 Year End** presentations on June 24 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The afternoon will start with the Grade 6-8 presentations followed by the Grade 9-11 awards approximately an hour later.

The **Graduation Ceremonies** will be held on June 25 the ceremonies in the gym at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome at all of these events.



SUCCESSFUL TALENT SHOW HELD

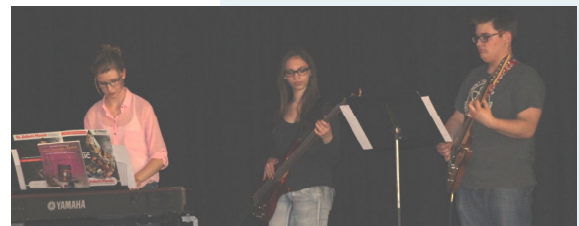
On Tuesday, March 6, Hamiota Collegiate held their first ever Talent Show. Mrs. Kirkland organized the event which was a fund-raiser for the Hamiota School Band. Jessica Ritchie and Monika Abd El Mesih were the entertaining Mistresses of Ceremonies. Those in attendance enjoyed a wide variety of entertainment and enjoyed the refreshments. Thank you to everyone who donated baking and the parents who helped set up and clean up the gym. *Let's do it again next year!!* The amazing talent included:

Eve Routledge (singing), Emily Usick (piano), Joelle Little (flute), Mrs. Kirkland (singing & piano), Joel Usick (singing and piano), Cody Pope (singing), Brian Johnson (singing, banjo, joke-telling), Randy Kirk (singing & guitar), Jaimie Rose (singing, guitar, piano), Bailey Wilson (singing, guitar), Tom Dowden (guitar and singing), Ashley Jay (singing), Phoenix Jackson (singing), Brett Hemrica & Hayden Crampain (guitars), Joel Kirk (magic), Wild By Nature (lead guitar and vocals—Alex Lints, Bass Guitar—Holden Norrie, Drums—JunJun Taborlupa), Midwest School of Dance Tap Group (Saige Braden, Chantelle Chappell, Jacinta Doupe, Ashlyn Kirk, Emily Lints, MacKenzie Sims), HCI Jazz Band and HCI Senior Choir.

HCI SPRING BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT—TUESDAY JUNE 10 AT 7:00 P.M.



Senior Choir—Back: Jaimie Rose, Ashley Jay, Joel Kirk, Randy Kirk, Bailey Wilson Front: Ashley Morden-Lints, Jessica Ritchie, Brian Johnson, Joel Usick, Monika Abd El Mesih



Jazz Band: Top: Jaimie Rose, Bailey Wilson, Randy Kirk, Bottom: Brian Johnson, Jessica Ritchie, Mrs. Kirkland, Dawson Brooks, Joel Usick



ALL HCI STUDENTS: Please remember your baking items for the Bake Sale for Cystic Fibrosis on Friday, May 16. All items can be left in the library on Friday morning.



GRADE 10 JOB SHADOWING

Each year student's in the Life Work Planning 20S course taught by Mr. Obach, spend two days job-shadowing in various employment situations. Students try to select an area in which they have the most interest where a placement can be found. This year on May 8 & 9 student went to the locations listed below. We are grateful to these employers for allowing the students to have this valuable experience.

Phillip Campbell – Souris School
Larissa Clegg – Hamiota Post Office
Dakota Ducharme – Meadows School
Kyle Feschuk – Town of Hamiota Office
Jaden Hemrica - Hamiota Hospital
Cassie Hunter – Marlin Travel
Emily Hunter – Dynamic Physio
Ashley Jay – Super Thrifty Pharmacy
Brian Johnson – Virden Animal Hospital
Eveline Juce – Little Valley Quarter Horses
Joel Kirk – Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre
Randy Kirk – Starcraft Cabinets

Chelsea Lawn – Hamiota Hospital
Mark Lawn – SH Dayton
Riley Madsen – Brandon Animal Clinic
Dale McTavish – Action Power
William Norrie – Woodworth Dodge
Cody Pope – Hi-Way Collision
Jason Ritchie – Oak River Quick Freeze
Jaimie Rose – Waverly School
Ryan Schweitzer – Forman Honda
Brody Smith – Cargill
Joel Usick – Rivers Collegiate
Bailey Wilson – Dundee Designs

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTED



Alex Lints-
President



Brooke Tolton-
Vice President



Kaylee Daniel-
Treasurer



Lane Routledge -
Secretary



Jacquelyn Hawkins-
Sports Rep



Jenny Harrison-
Canteen Rep



Cody Hunter-
Social Rep



Monica Abd El Meisih-
Literary Rep

On Thursday, May 8, HCI selected the Senior Student Council. Voting took place at noon hour after a week of campaigning and Thursday morning speeches.

Running for President were Jake Coulter and Alex Lints; for Vice-President Jenny Harrison and Brooke Tolton and for Social Rep Cody Hunter and Brady Waddell. The others candidates ran unopposed. The Canteen position was vacant and has since been accepted by Jenny Harrison.

The new Council will take over after the next meeting.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Even as the weather warms up and the school year winds down student council and students alike are still hard at work at HCI. We recently had 8 representatives from our school go to badminton provincials in Winnipeg. All of the teams held their own with the team of Destiny Allen and Emily Hunter advancing to the consolation. High school baseball is also in full swing right now. Both the boys and girls teams split their first two games and head into their next action with a 1-1 record.

On Thursday, April 24, the Student Council held a Senior Event at the Hamiota Community Centre. Throughout the school year the Student Council had volunteered their "spare" time to help seniors with odd jobs, visits, etc. The Council applied for a Leadership Grant through Park West School Division and were able to host a soup, salad and dessert luncheon. All funds were spent locally.

Senior Services Coordinator Dana Routledge, Ruth McConnell, and Linda Little and Heather Rothnie from the Age Friendly Committee

helped out. Emily Usick entertained by playing the piano. There were 50 door prizes including the beautiful watering can centerpieces from Campbell Flowers.

The main focus of the student council right now is our **Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis scheduled for May 25th**. It will be a fun day filled with activities such as a community pie in the face and a barbeque.

On Friday, May 16th, Hamiota Collegiate will be holding a fund-raising **Barbeque and Bake Sale for Cystic Fibrosis in the Hamiota Vanguard Credit Union parking lot from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Notes were sent home asking each family to donate a baking item for this sale. Items are to be brought to the library on Friday morning.

Make sure to come out and support our cause, all proceeds go towards cystic fibrosis.

We appreciate your support of Hamiota Collegiate throughout the year in all their programs.



SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Varsity Boys Baseball

Park West Playoffs

Friday May 16th in Hamiota

1:00pm Hamiota vs Major Pratt

3:30pm Loser 1:00 vs Birtle

6:00pm Winner 1:00 vs Major Pratt

Postponed.

- at Hamiota vs. Vincent Massey

Track and Field

Senior

Wednesday, May 21

Neepawa

Tuesday, May 27

Zone Meet—Shoal Lake

Thursday, June 5-Sat. June 7

Provincial Meet—Winnipeg

Middle Years

Tuesday, June 10

Shoal Lake

Middle Years Soccer

Tuesday, May 6

Vs. Waywayseecappo

Boys won

Girls won

Thursday, May 8

Vs. Rossburn

Boys lost

All Games Below Boys and Girls

Tuesday, May 13

In Strathclair— *Boys won, Girls lost*

Tuesday, May 20

In Hamiota vs. Major Pratt

Thursday, May 22

In Shoal Lake

Finals—June 3 (Rain Date June 5)

Location to be determined



**HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE
FIRST ANNUAL SPORTS
BANQUET**

Thursday, June 12—6:30 p.m.

**Guest Speaker—
Cameron McGhee**

**Tickets: Adults: \$10.00
Under 18: \$5.00
Everyone Welcome!**

HAMIOTA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS FASTBALL

The Hamiota High School Girls Fastball Team consisted of Shayna Mathison, Shailyn Madsen, Randi Wall, Jackie Hunter, Heather Waddell (Shoal Lake), Emily Hunter, Jaden Hemrica, Ashley Jay, Jenna Lee, Caitlin McTavish, MacKenzie Sims, Destiny Allan, coaches Jason McTavish, Todd Hunter, and Mrs. Allan (teacher rep.) Three teams made up the league-Hamiota, Birtle, and Russell.

The girls opened the short season by traveling to Russell and were able to squeak by the home team 9-8 but came up short with a 8-7 loss to Birtle. Hamiota hosted on May 8 and defeated Birtle 10-5 but lost to Russell 13-4. The team ended the very short season on Monday, May 12 in Birtle with 2 losses, Russell 4 Hamiota 1 and Birtle 5 Hamiota 0.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE

June 10 HCI Band & Choir Concert—7:00 p.m.

June 12- First Annual Sports Banquet—June 12—6:30 p.m. Ticket Deadline May 30

June 16-20 Final Exams

June 24 Middle Years Year End - Grade 9-11 Awards—1:00 p.m.

June 25 Graduation—Ceremonies 7:30 p.m.

THANKS TO JESSICA RITCHIE FROM AUTOMATED OFFICE WHO HELPED WITH THE NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH.