

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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Park West School Division

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Principal's Message

Time is flying and as I write this we are entering report card time for all our students. It seems to be an age thing but the older I get the faster things seem to come and go. I sound like a broken record but we have been very busy as usual at Hamiota schools.

At HES we have had many different things happening. Al Simmons came on Oct 23 to present to our students a musical one man play that they enjoyed. That same day our students went to the Art Centre's haunted house. On Oct 26th we had our annual Halloween parade and dance. The costumes were amazing and thanks to all the parents who helped. On Oct 29th our grade 5's and some HCI students took part in the Kaitlyn Lawes, Reid Caruthers curling clinic and they seemed to really have a good time. Festival had all our students and teachers preparing their poems and our Remembrance Day ceremony was Nov 8th. We have assessments and report cards coming out so you can see that our elementary has been hopping. I

am happy to report we around the \$70,000 mark in our playground fundraising and thanks to the parents who helped out at our latest fundraiser the fish fry.

HCI students have also been hard at it. Our grade 11 and 12's participated in a Mental Health Day and We Day on Oct 23 and Oct 30th. The students also ran a We day for hunger campaign on Halloween. Mrs. Matheson has been busy organizing the above mentioned Remembrance Day ceremony with Mrs. Kirkland's and Mrs. Penner's musical help. Thanks to student council with the fantastic help of Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Proven for our great Fowl Supper. Magazine sales are completed with around \$20,000 in sales this year. We did our semi-annual Highway clean up with the grade 8's and student council just before the weather turned along with the Lions Club.

The sports teams are rolling at Hamiota. Our girls soccer team finished third in the province with Keegan Robinson making the all-star team. Keegan

and Kailan Robinson have both been chosen as Manitoba High school athletes of the week. For any school to get two athletes so close together is quite an honour. Our boys lost a close semi-final in the soccer zones. Thanks to coaches Mr. Coulter and Mr. Negrave. Our hockey team is up and going finishing second in their pre-season tournament to start the year. Our JV boys' volleyball team has a great deal of success and will be travelling to Roblin for provincials this weekend. Our JV girls Volleyball Team won a wildcard game against Souris to win a spot at provincials in Gilbert Plains this weekend. Our girls' varsity team is waiting to hear about a wildcard. Our middle year teams have also been busy with their Thursday tournaments also. Thanks to all the parents for their support for these teams.

Just a reminder that report cards interview times are Nov 15th from 4:30 to 7:00 and Friday Nov 16th from 9:00 to 12:00. We hope to see you all there.

Kindergarten News

Wow! It is hard to believe we are into November already. Our enthusiastic Kinders are doing great and have had lots of activities happening to keep us busy!

October was very busy, and we spent lots of time learning about Apples and Pumpkins. We tasted apples, measured pumpkins, read many stories, did lots of graphing and even learned about the life cycles of apples and pumpkins. We continued to work on patterns and writing our numbers. Alpha bags also began this month, and the Kinders have been great at bringing back items in their alpha bags to share with the class. It has been lots of fun, and we really appreciate all the help from home!!

We are continuing with Letterland, learning more letters and sounds. Mrs. McNabb's class has learned about D (Dippy Duck), P (Peter Puppy) and H (Harry Hat Man). Mrs. Nowosad's class has been learning about A (Annie Apple), P (Peter Puppy), and C (Clever Cat). Lots of time is spent learning

the sounds for these letters, as well as how to print them. The songs that go along with each letter are quite fun also. Working with numbers continues to be a focus, and we have started working on numbers past 5. Many fun math games have been going on in class and at home, from dice games to subitizing games.

We have had lots of enjoyment in our play centers as well. Our seeds and beads table included some creepy crawlies, and fall crafts were a hit!! The Pumpkin Stand in the playhouse was always a busy place to be as was the toy shelf.

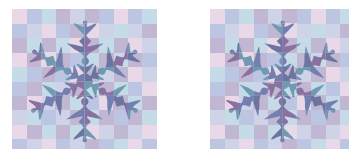
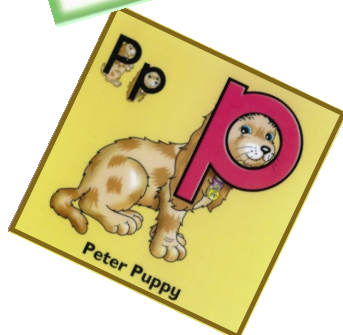
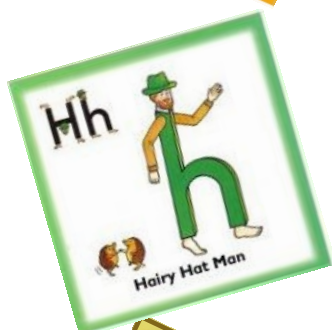
October 26 was a very busy day for our Kinders. It was picture day for Mrs. Nowosad's class as well as our Halloween party! It was a fantastic day and a great opportunity for both classes to get together and have some fun. The Monster Mash was a huge hit, with the costume parade and some dancing! We had some really fun activities happening - carving pumpkins, decorating cup-

cakes, measuring pumpkins, and of course some really cool snacks!! A huge thank you to all the parents who sent such wonderful snacks and goodies. We want to thank our parent helpers, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Ramsey for helping us out that day!!

Festival was on November 5 and 6, and both Kindergarten classes did a fantastic job! We are very proud of them all. Mrs. McNabb's class performed, "Chums" and "Popping Popcorn", and Mrs. Nowosad's class performed, "Whisky Frisky" and "Popping Popcorn". On November 8, Mrs. McNabb's class was able to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Collegiate.

We are excited to welcome Martin Jocson to our Kindergarten group! He will be joining Mrs. McNabb's class!

We are looking forward to Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews on November 15th and 16th! We hope to see all of you there.



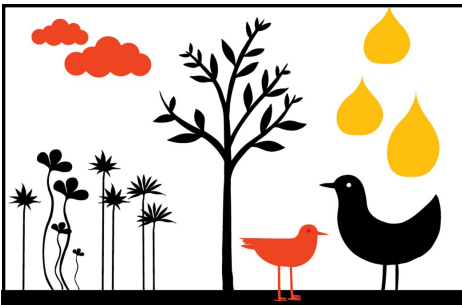
Grade One News

Grade 1 News Ideas by: Grade 1s Typed by: Mrs. Obach



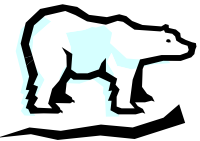
We are really good at Daily 5. We read to self, write, listen to reading, do word study or read to someone. We can draw and learn to write. We do Daily 5 to get better at reading, to get stamina, to learn more words, to practice sorting words and to become better writers.

In math, we go on the computers and play special math games for Grade 1s. We are learning about estimating. We can make big numbers in lots of ways like drawing a picture, building a tower, making a necklace, dominoes, two part mats and ten frames. We are learning about more or less.



In science, we are learning about living things. We can see living things all around us. We know if something is alive if they move, eat food, grow and can have babies. There are different kinds of animals. Flowers, trees, humans, animals, sting-rays, hornets, snakes, fish and cheetahs are alive. Rocks, bananas, stop signs, water, kitty litter, stuffed toys, snowmobiles, glasses, paper and cat food are not alive.

We baked cookies to get money to adopt a polar bear. We sold so many cookies that we adopted SEVEN polar bears! We are collecting used blankets and towels for Alyssa's Ark Small Animal Rescue. The animals get the blankets to keep warm. If you find old blankets or towels, please bring them to Hamiota Grade 1s.



We have been busy learning a lot. We have fun in Grade 1 because we play PAX games and win Granny's Wacky Prizes!

"MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR"

HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

HELP!

Animals at Alyssa's Ark Small Animal Rescue need blankets! Drop off used blankets, towels and clothes at Hamiota Elementary School Grade 1.



Grade Two News

It is hard to believe how fast October flew by and now November is half over. We would like to welcome a new student, Mikaela Devers. She comes to us from Brandon. Welcome Mikaela! We would also like to welcome Mrs. Doupe who is volunteering in our class for the first part of the morning.

During the month of October and the first part of November our mini themes revolved around Thanksgiving, Halloween and Remembrance Day. We sang songs, read and listened to stories about these topics. We wrote what we would put in a witches brew and made an opposite poem about pumpkins. We also wrote a story about our mitts and made a poster about caring for our teeth. We have been doing a variety of word sorts and seeing how many words we could make out of Thanksgiving, Halloween and Remembrance Day.

In math we have been working on learning our doubles and close to doubles. We have been counting by 2's, 5's and 10's starting at different numbers. We have been reviewing odd and even numbers and working on increasing patterns. Around Halloween we also made a Smarties graph and a witch glyph.

We were able to observe the complete metamorphoses of our mealworms in science class. We were very excited to see how many pupae turned into adult beetles. We have been studying the life cycle of different animals and matching



the young animals to the adults. The past month has been filled with exciting special events. On October 1st we had our Johnny Appleseed Day and Apple Fest. This year our favourite food was applesauce brownies. On October 5 we had the Terry Fox Walk. We had a great time making

posters and saying our chant. October 23rd was a very exciting day. In the morning we watched the performance by Al Simmons and in the afternoon we

attended the haunted house. There were lots of screams from the grade 2's as they went through the scary rooms. Our Halloween party was awesome. There were many scary and beautiful costumes and every-

one had a fun time at the monster mash dance. As soon as Halloween was over we were ready to participate in the festival. The grade 2's did an excellent performance of their poems, "Mother Doesn't Want a Dog" and "Stink Stank Stunk."

We also took part in the Remembrance Day Service. Everyone did a beautiful job singing "When I Close My Eyes". The grade 2's also had their Remembrance Day art displayed during

the service.

With November half over we will soon be starting to prepare for the Christmas Concert! We are looking forward to all the exciting activities the Christmas season brings!



Grade Two/Three News



October was scary, fun-filled month, with various reading, writing, math and art projects. Thanks to Erin Johns for helping with our witch craft, as well as the donation of all the wonderful pumpkins. We really

enjoyed carving the large one and painting creative faces on the smaller ones! We also enjoyed a visit to the Heritage Arts Centre for a tour of the haunted house. Thanks to the many volunteers who created the atmosphere and acted the parts...all good fun!

The Halloween party was a great success, as there were some awesome costumes worn. We participated in the Monster Mash and enjoyed some classroom games, followed by everyone's favourite - treats!



In October, we also welcomed a new Grade 3 student, Alexa Bernier, to our class!

Congratulations to all Hamiota students for their wonderful participation in the Festival, whether in a group or individually. The Grade 3's were pleased to perform two poems, "Something Told the

Wild Geese" and "Mosquito." A job very well done!

We finished our plant unit in Science, as well as tied in to Remembrance Day by making homemade "poppy paper." It was a messy, but fun learning experience. We created some art work with our paper; as well, we're hoping to plant the paper in the spring and see some poppies jump up!

The Grade 3 class is anxiously awaiting our first Lilac visit on November 20th! We're looking forward to meeting new friends and enjoying their company.

As far as academics, we're working daily in our L.A. groups, as well as learning new math concepts. This group loves to talk about their math strategies for solving problems - well done Gr. 2/3!

Our home reading program for November is all about whales and underwater life. It involves mostly non-fiction reading, which many of this group enjoy.



Soon, the excitement of Christmas will be in the air, followed by all the busy, fun activities that accompany this season!

Grade Four

It seems that winter is here with a vengeance! The annual ritual of winter dressing is upon us.



Just a reminder that students need to be dressed "snug as a bug" for outdoor conditions. Ski pants, parka, boots, mitts and toque are necessities for everyday wear at school.

We ended off the month of October with a Halloween bash in the gym on Oct.26th. A fantastic costume parade of all ages entertained us with a spooktacular dance to follow. A great time was had by all and a scary group of witches kept everyone bobbing to the tunes!

The Grade K-5 students recently attended the Remembrance Day service at HCI, and moved the

crowd with their touching song about being free and safe. It was wonderful to see the students of all ages speaking, singing, and drawing about past war, veterans and honouring the men and women who fought for our freedom.



Ever busy in the classroom, the Grade 4 class has just begun the classic novel *Oliver Twist*. The novel is written and illustrated in graphic novel form, which is very popular with the students. Many topics are discussed throughout the novel including; homelessness, poverty, independence, and bullying. The students are incorporating Art into ELA while creating title pages for the unit.



Unit #2 in Math focuses on multiplication and various strat-

egies for solving equations and problem solving. Making arrays, doubling, skip counting, and good ol' memory recall are strategies we are currently focusing on. It is important for students to be able to recall number facts in 3 seconds or less. Crossnumber puzzles continue to be sent home every Monday and are due in Friday of that week.

In Social Studies we are learning about the geographical regions of Canada and what makes each region unique.

Come on in and admire our African giraffes in our hallway as well as our tissue paper poppies! They are beautiful!

Grade Five News

Another month has zipped by, and there have been lots of things going on in the grade 5 room!

In math, we have been working on our multiplication unit, and have learned several mental math strategies as well as a couple of other strategies to use when the mental math strategies don't work. Knowing our facts makes this unit much easier, so the more practice we get, the easier it will be. So, Mom and Dad, please help us learn our facts up to 9 x 9!

1 x 9 = 9
2 x 9 = 18
3 x 9 = 27
4 x 9 = 36
5 x 9 = 45
6 x 9 = 54
7 x 9 = 63
8 x 9 = 72
9 x 9 = 81

In LA we continue to work on our free verse poetry writing. We will soon have some ready to share. We have also been working on a "Bully Free Zone" novel unit in this class. There are four different novels going on: *Fangs and Me*, *In the Lighthouse*, *Doghouse Blues*, and *Dork on the Run*. We are mainly focusing on our reading and writing a response to what we have read. We then discuss our response with the rest of our group. We also used some of our LA time to prepare two poems, "The Bogeyman" and "School Daze Rap", for festival. And...believe it or not... we have started working on the Christmas concert!



Operation Christmas Child

For the past few years the Hamiota Schools have supported the E.M.S. project called Operation Christmas Child. Families who would like to donate an item can send it to the school with their child. The items are then pooled together and form the basis of Christmas gifts for children in other countries. (If families wish to fill a shoe box themselves, please feel free to call the Elementary School office and a box will be provided.) The gifts are picked up by our local E.M.S. personnel and taken to Winnipeg and included with gifts from across the province.

If you would like to support the project feel free to send an item from the list below. The items will be picked up at the school on **Friday, November 16** to ensure reasonable time for the gifts to be distributed to other countries.

Fill Your Shoe Box With a Well-Balanced Variety of Items From the Following Categories:

School Supplies: Items such as: pencils, pens, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books

Toys & Other Gifts: Items such as: stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks, and candy (loose, individually wrapped, hard candy in a sealable bag)

Hygiene Items: Please place soap in a sealable bag

Personal Note: Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoe box (not inside the donation envelope)



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste (due to customs regulations)

Food and any chewy, crumbly, or soft candy: including gum (due to customs regulations)

Used Items (due to customs regulations)

Decks of playing cards Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break: shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glasses, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoe box)

STUDENTS EXCEL AT BIRTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

On November 5 & 6 all students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 took part in the Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival in classroom groups. Almost 40 students took part in individual and small group items.

At the final concert held on Nov. 8 Hamiota Schools were well represented. The following students were recognized:

- Hamiota Grade 2 won the Kenton & Area Lions Club Trophy for Speech Choir
- Hamiota Grade 5 won the Drake Cattle Company Award for Speech Choir
- Logan McTavish and Danika Smith were awarded the Hamiota Lions Club Trophy for Solo Spoken Poetry
- Rylee McNabb was awarded an Honourable Mention Certificate
- Emma McConnell won the \$25.00 Kenton Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship
- Emily Usick won the Hamiota Collegiate Award for Spoken Poetry
- Brian Johnson won the \$25.00 Miniota ACW Scholarship and was recommended to Provincial Competition
- Hanna Tolton won the \$250.00 Glen Sytnyk Scholarship and Trophy for Public Speaking and was recommended to Provincial Competition
- Brooke Tolton was recommended to Provincial Competition in Public Speaking



Bronze Around Their Necks, Gold in Their Hearts

The girls' soccer team capped off a very successful season by winning bronze medals at Provincials on Oct. 13th in Altona. Finishing league and exhibition play with a 14 w and 1 loss record, the Huskies entered the Provincials ranked 4th. Opening with a 4 to 1 triumph over Beausejour, our girls then dropped a hard fought game 2 to 1 against Rivers Collegiate. Rivers would go on to win the gold. Hamiota then faced Winkler in the 3rd place game. The action was intense, with our girls withstanding wave after wave of sustained pressure and then replying with lightning quick counter-attacks of our own. In overtime Hamiota put in the game winner and beat Winkler by a score of 2 to 1. The girls were ecstatic – spilling onto the field to surround their goalie and celebrate the win. Shayna Mathison deservedly received the game star for the match.

We had a big group of girls playing soccer this year and each one of them contributed to our success. Our season culminated in bronze medals at a competition open to all schools in rural Manitoba; schools of up to 1400 students. We had numerous girls who stood out as game stars. Shayna, Keegan, Kailan, Morgan, Jimena, Julie, Shelby, Jaimie, Grace, Kennedy, Jessica, Eveline, Kenzie and Randi all received these “*Girl Of The Game*” pins. At provincials, Grace Kang and Keegan Robinson were named to the All Star team. The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association awarded Keegan and Kailan *Athlete Of The Week* Honours. All our girls exemplified hard work and commitment to excellence. The girls had an accomplished season and deserve to be proud of all their success. Congratulations to you all.



Back: Kenzie Robinson, Lisa Rystephanuik, Grace Kang, Jill Kerr, Kennedy Moffatt, Randi Wall, Coach Mr. Negrave, Jimena Montenegro, Kailan Robinson, Shailyn Madsen, Mrs. Campbell, Marian Juce
 Front: Robin Gerrard, Shaylyn Lamb, Keegan Robinson, Morgan Strachan, Shayna Mathison, Jessica Ritchie, Julie Campbell, Shelby Mollard, Ashley Czarnecki

Varsity Girls

Volleyball



Back: Coach Mr. Obach, Keegan Robinson, Janice Maitland, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Kailan Robinson, Coach Mme Hodgson
 Front: Kaylee Daniel, Tess Stevenson, Kenzie Robinson, Brooke Tolton

The Varsity Girls Volleyball team has had a very successful season so far. We have been to several tournaments and have played well enough to play in semi or finals in some of them. At our home tournament we were second in our pool in round robin play and defeated Melita and Glenboro in quarter and semi-final action. We then went on to defeat Grandview in 3 sets to capture the Home Tournament Championship. In league play we were second and played Strathclair in the semi-finals. The team was successful and went on to play Shoal Lake in the league finals. Unfortunately, we lost to them in 4 sets.

Junior Varsity Boys

The JV Boys Volleyball season is wrapping up. The boys have had quite a successful season to this point. They have competed in numerous tournaments. They captured the Roblin JV Boys title, and were finalists at our own tournament. They travelled to Strathclair on Nov 6th where they captured the Zone Championship earning a berth at Provincials in Roblin. The boys season record thus far is 61W and 17L.



Back: Coach Mr. Smith, Joel Kirk, Vincent Grabowski, Cody Hunter, Jake Coulter, Brady Waddell, Coach Mr. Rawlings
 Middle: Sawyer Norrie, Joel Usick, Jun Jun Taborlupa, Jorden Leronowich
 Front: Dominic Miranda

Junior Varsity Girls



Back: Coach Ms. Young, Brooke Tolton, Kenzie Robinson, Bailey Wilson, Jenny Harrison, Shailyn Madsen
 Front: Aryana Shariati, Emily Hunter, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Kaylee Daniel

The JV girls' season is coming to an end. The girls have had a very strong season and have had many accomplishments. The girls competed in five tournaments. They were finalists at the Neepawa Tournament. The girls lost a close 5 set battle to Russell who then received the berth into provincials. The girls' hard work and dedication paid off, and they were awarded a game to play for a wild-card. The girls competed against Souris in Virden on Nov. 12th where they came out victorious and won themselves a spot at provincials in Gilbert Plains.

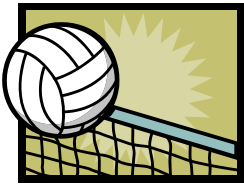


Middle Years Boys Volleyball

The boys' teams continue to improve as the season draws to a conclusion. There have been several mini-tournaments and these give the teams a chance to use the skills they are learning in practice. The south finals for the Middle Years Volleyball Program will take place on Thursday, 22nd November. The boys will play in Hamiota and the girls will play in Strathclair. The top 2 teams from the "A" side will advance to the division finals on the 27th November.



Back: Coach Mr. Gurr, Sebastian Tolton, Bobbi Hunter, Brett Hemrica, Braden Heapy, Will Chappell, Reece Breneman
 Middle: Brady Daniel, Ben Murray, Mason Gurr, Holden Norrie, Liam Caldwell, Coach Mme Hodgson
 Front: Hassan Ashraf, Joun, Abdelmesih, Brody Robinson, Hayden Crampain



Middle Years Girls Volleyball

The Middle Years Girls teams have had a great season. Our new players have learned many new skills and our older players have continued to improve on theirs. They have played in the mini-tournaments throughout the division.

The Girls will be involved in the south finals on Thursday, Nov. 22nd and the top teams will advance to the finals on Nov. 27th. Good Luck Girls!!



Back: Chantelle Chappell, Brenna Kirk, Jacinta Doupe, Emily Usick, Joelle Little, Coach Mrs. Slimmon
 Middle: Savanna Lynn, Jessica Hunter, Logan Wilson, Emily Lints
 Front: Michelle Bell, Korrine Alexander



Back: Naomi Best, Orianna Hyndman, Jessica Sparrow, MacKenzie Sims, Kara Kent, Coach Mrs. Facey
 Front: Caitlin McTavish, Sydney Murray, Emma Coulter, Hanna Tolton, Destiny Allan

Students On The Move

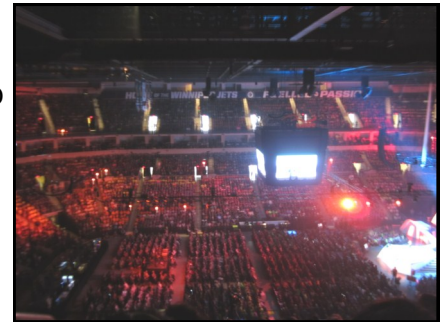
Encounters With Canada—International Affairs by Ashley Czarnecki

From October 14th-20th, I had the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital and meet students from all over Canada. The week I attended was entitled International Affairs. While in Ottawa, we participated in many events, such as a candle lighting ceremony at a cemetery for our soldiers, tours of Parliament, and of the city of Ottawa. We had the opportunity to sit in on a Question Period in the House of Commons, which was really interesting. To celebrate Halloween, we also participated in a haunted walk of Ottawa, where we walked through an old jail and heard ghost stories. We went through the Museum of Civilization, and got to listen to many speakers, such as the Ambassador of the Netherlands. We also had the chance to go through the Diefenbunker, which was an underground bunker that the Canadian government built in case of nuclear war. The whole experience was a lot of fun and made me really proud to be a Canadian! I would strongly recommend the Encounters with Canada program to anyone!



WE Day

On Tuesday, October 30th 44 HCI students and teachers embarked on a trip to Winnipeg to participate in the second annual Manitoba We Day. It was a day filled with inspiring speakers and entertaining singers. Two of the most inspiring moments of the day were, Spencer West who climbed Mount Kili-



manjaro, despite having both of his legs amputated below the pelvis, to raise money for Free the Children and Molly Burke, who became completely blind as a teenager, who spoke of overcoming bullying. The day left a number of students inspired to take action. HCI students have started a We Create Change campaign to collect spare pennies to provide fresh water for people in the developing world. Just \$25 dollars can provide access to clean water for one person for their entire lifetime. Donation jars are set up at HCI as well as at various businesses around town.

A Trip To Virden by Jaden Hemrica

On October 15th 2012 Cassie Hunter, Mrs. Allan, and I traveled to Virden Junior High for a "Hard Of Hearing Get Together". The presenter was Taylor Hallenbeck, who is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. The interpreter was Dawn Marie. We ate pizza and had pop. While we were eating we had a sharing session and Taylor showed us pictures about her childhood. I really enjoyed seeing my old friends and meeting new people.

Jaden, back left, with friends at the Virden event.



We Scare Hunger



On October 31st a number of students from HCI hit the streets of Hamiota and Kenton, not for candy, but to collect non-perishable food items for the Hamiota Food Bank. This was all part of Free the Children's We Scare Hunger Campaign, the aim of which is to try and make hunger in Canada disappear. Teams of students went door to door asking for donations and we are excited to report that 824 pounds of food was collected! All of the food was organized by HCI students and delivered to the Hamiota Food Bank. We would like to thank all of the residents who generously donated to our campaign and helped it be such a huge success.

THANK YOU

Thank You to all the Families and Staff at HCI who contributed food as well as attended the Fowl Supper. Your continuing support is extremely important to the success of running extra programs for our school. There are still a few dishes waiting to be picked up in the front lobby of the school.



School Clothing

All students at Hamiota Collegiate have received order forms for school clothing. Items available include jackets, long and short sleeve t-shirts, track pants, sweat pants, hoodies, sports bags and fleece jackets.

Sizing has been taking place at noon hours all week and will be available in the library on Friday morning while parent-teacher interviews are taking place.



All orders must be prepaid before Friday, Nov. 16 at noon. If you require further information, call the school at 204-842-2803.

A contest was held to design a logo for the short sleeve gym t-shirt. Ashlyn Kirk (shown above modeling track pants with Emily Usick at the school clothing fashion show) won. She will receive a free t-shirt. The logo is pictured to the left.



Senior Student Council News

The HCI student council was very busy in the month of October. We completed another successful magazine campaign, surpassing our goal of \$21 000! Thank you to everyone that bought and sold magazines. The Student Council also organized a pep-rally for the girls' soccer team and spirit week activities, including Halloween pumpkin carving. The 38th an-

nual Fowl Supper was a huge success and we want to thank everyone that provided food and attended the event. The student council also played an important role in organizing HCI's We Scare Hunger Campaign. With November upon us we are looking forward to some more pep rallies as well as preparing for pre-holiday activities. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements!



Middle Years Student Council News

October decorations are down and November decorations up. October has been a busy month at the Hamiota Collegiate. The fowl supper held on October 28th was a great success. Thanks to all the helpers!!

Spirit Week was also a good success with five fun days in-

cluding a "skull find" on the 30th, Halloween fun on the 31st. We also had a PJ day, Sports day and Husky Pride day. The Remembrance Day service went over well with speeches, singing and 2 songs by the Senior Band. Volleyball is coming closer and closer to an end with the final

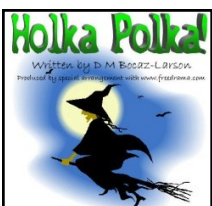
tournaments to be held in a few weeks. We have also started practicing for our December Drama.

Have a great November!!



Middle Years Drama

Over 40 students in Grades 6-8 have begun practicing for the December drama production. This year, we decided to take a break from a Christmas story. This year's play is called **Holka Polka** and is the story of a good witch, Brenda, who tries to discover who put the sleeping spell on Prince Charming. The play includes a bunch of dancing witches, the good witch Splenda, the Wizard Snorz, Cindy and her two wicked stepsisters, the not-so Big Bad Wolf Ms Fuzzy, Pinocchio, Detective Humpty Dumpty, the Fairy Godmother, a bunch of perky gnomes and many other fairyland characters. We also have a large backstage crew of students looking after choreography, lights, sound, props, set changes, overhead projectors and makeup and costume assistance. As usual we have dancing and lots of laughs.



We will be having two performances. On **Tuesday, December 11** we will present the play in the afternoon where we invite other schools to attend and is open to the public. The evening performance will be included with the **Band and Choir Concert**.

Promoting Healthy Eating in Our School

Hamiota Collegiate has been awarded a grant from the Child Nutrition Council to promote healthy eating during the 2012-13 school year! With the support of the grant money, our school will have the ability to design our own healthy eating project and provide some students with an opportunity to prepare and consume

healthy snacks and healthy meals within the school environment.

Students in the Life Skills program are given opportunities to prepare healthy snack options every Wednesday for grades 6-8 students who have returned their permission forms to the school. Snacks enjoyed by students so far have included homemade granola bars, fruit smoothies, and fruit kabobs with yogurt dip. A healthy meal will also be offered in the future.



Danny Johnson (above) and Quade Wood (right) prepare a healthy granola bar snack for Middle Years students.



Many thanks to Bonnie Michaudville, Recreation Director from the Midwest District, and the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority for their work involved with our school receiving this grant.

“Healthy eating enhances learning and overall school performance, provides social benefits and improved health during critical periods of growth.”—United States Department of Health and Human Service



Korinne Alexander and Emily Lints enjoy a yogurt and fruit kabob snack

Remembrance Day



On Thursday, November 8, Hamiota Schools held their Remembrance Day Program. The program featured readings by Grade 12 students, a song by the Elementary School Students, O Canada and a musical selection from the Senior Band, and a song by the HGI Senior Choir. The Last Post and Reveille were played by Joel Usick. We



were honoured to have Mr. Jack Houston, a World War II veteran, share his message with us. The ceremony concluded with “Highway of Heroes” sung by Jaimie Rose and Ashley Jay. A power point presentation featured Remembrance Day art work by the Grade 2, Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8 classes. Thank you to everyone who participated and for all the students for being respectful and attentive throughout the program.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE UNVEILING OF THIS YEAR'S
HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA.
WHERE: MR. NEGRAVE'S CLASSROOM
WHEN: TUESDAY, NOV. 27TH, 5:00PM
THE MEETING WILL RUN FOR ABOUT 1-HOUR.**

Saving Our Watershed

Our grade 10 class has been given the opportunity to take part in the Caring for our Watershed Project. We would appreciate it if you were to give us some feedback on the idea we have chosen. The problem we are trying to solve is farmers having to let their livestock drink unsanitary water. Letting their livestock do this, causes them to become unhealthy, lose weight, and no longer be able to produce good offspring. To solve this issue we have decided to introduce a water system that will pump water from a dugout or slough to a storage tank then trough which will be where the animals will receive their water from. This will eliminate the livestock from entering their drinking water, and help keep the ecosystem around the dugout sustainable.

We would now like to ask that if you have any feedback or questions about our project idea that you e-mail us at brooke.tolton@pwsd.ca

Thanks
Lane, Kaylee, and Brooke

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPOSITION
Nov. 20	7:45	Dauphin
Nov. 23	8:30	Melita/Waskada
Nov. 30	8:15	Minnedosa
Dec. 1	8:30	Boissevain
Dec. 5	7:00	Neeepawa
Dec. 7	8:30	Viriden
Dec. 14	8:00	Deloraine/Hartney
Dec. 15	8:30	Neepawa
Dec. 21	12:00	Rivers/Elton
Jan. 11	8:30	Major Pratt
Jan. 12	7:30	Glenboro/Carberry/Baldur
Jan. 23	7:45	Major Pratt
Jan. 25	8:00	Rivers/Elton
Feb. 1	8:30	Souris/Reston
Feb. 3	4:00	Minnedosa



Home games in bold type.

Digital Access On The HCI Website-www.hamiotacollegiate.ca

- Students can now search the catalog of the Hamiota Collegiate Library from any computer. Park West School Division purchased the Destiny library program that has this and many more valuable tools which we are beginning to use.
- Through the Newspapers In Education Program, HCI has digital access to the Winnipeg Free Press. There is a link on the HCI web site or at <http://winnipeg.ca.newsmemory.com/>
Username is: hcnie@pwsd.ca
Password is: freepress



Students can access these from any computer at home or at school.