

Hamiota Schools

NOVEMBER 2013

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As I write this message in late October we are in the middle of a very exciting week at Hamiota Schools. Halloween is upon us and along with that a variety of different activities.

At HCI we have had WE day this week in Winnipeg which was attended by 34 of our students and involved hearing from speakers such as Martin Sheen and Vicente Fox. Hopefully our students take something positive from it and are inspired to be the change. We also have the conclusion of the magazine campaign, clothing fitting, and the fowl supper. There were also Halloween activities and a middle year's dance. We may have to talk

to student council about spacing some of this out as they have been extremely busy planning these events. I have been very proud of our council for the work they have done with these and other projects including working with our seniors on their spares. Well done!

Our sports teams are rolling on with the beginning of hockey and we are starting to get to crunch time with volleyball. Both our varsity teams are ranked quite high with the boys number one and we are preparing to host boy's provincials at the end of the month. (On November 13th the Varsity Girls won a berth in the Provincial playoffs in Shoal Lake.) A reminder that on November 29th there is no classes for 9-12 students so that we can have the space for the provincials. Our middle years teams are also continuing their tournaments and thanks to all our coaches for running all of these programs. Mrs. Mathison, Mrs. Skayman and Mrs. Slimmon are working very hard with students and volunteers on our middle years drama production. It will be coming in December.

At HES we have had our annual Halloween dance, a very successful Terry Fox walk which broke records for amount collected, and festival to keep us busy. A reminder to all that parent conferences are coming up on November 21st from 4:30 to 7:30 and on November 22nd from 9:00 to 11:45 in both buildings. Please make sure you come out and talk to your child's teachers about their progress. On the 21st we will also be having a meeting at 6:30 to organize and see if we have enough student and parent participation to do a high school drama production. Please come out to the HCI library if interested.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call at 842-2803. Take care.

Sincerely;
Jon Zilkey
Principal
Hamiota Schools

UPCOMING DATES

- STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER-CONFERENCES
Nov. 21 4:30-7:30 p.m., Nov. 22 9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.
- SENIOR DRAMA MEETING
Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.
- PROVINCIAL "A" BOYS VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIALS in Hamiota
Nov. 28-30
- PROVINCIAL "A" GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIALS in Shoal Lake Nov. 28-30
- MIDDLE YEARS DRAMA
Dec. 10, 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Dec. 12, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Varsity "A" Boys Volleyball
Championship
Hamiota Collegiate -Nov. 28-30
Come Out and Cheer on our
Huskies!!!**



KINDERGARTEN NEWS



The winter weather is among us and tis the season of keeping track of mitts and toques! Let's reflect on the fun and learning that took place in October....

The Halloween Party was SPOOKTACULAR! All the students looked awesome in their Halloween Costumes. A costume parade, Monster Mash Dance, treats, movie, crafts, and playtime made for a busy day. Prior to our party, we graphed our favorite jack-o-lantern expression, using these results to carve our very own! There were many squeals of delight as we scooped out the seeds from the gooey mess with our own hands. We also created Halloween patterns, measured pumpkins by mass, and ordered pumpkins by size. Thanks again to The John's family for donating pumpkins to our class.



I am so proud of my students and their recent festival performance.

Thanks to all our friends and family members who were able to come and cheer us on! They performed, "After A Bath," and "Whisky Frisky." Soon we will be preparing for our next stage appearance....The Xmas Concert!

We continue to practice our letters and sounds. Harry Hatman (Hh) and Munching Mike are our most recent Letterland friends. In kindergarten we are learning "What Good Writers Do." There are many stages of writing: drawing a picture to tell a story, scribe writing, writing random letters to represent words, and finally grouping the letter sounds to make words. There are some very talented authors and illustrators in this year's kindergarten class!



Next, we will be reciting many familiar and new nursery rhymes to help us practice our reading skills and of course - rhyming!

Keep warm everyone!

PARENT—
STUDENT—
TEACHER
CONFERENCES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
4:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
9:00 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

GRADE ONE-N NEWS

After a busy September, the Grade 1's were ready to settle in and do some hard work in October!!

In ELA, we have been very busy with our Guided Reading groups and literacy centers. The kids are really getting good at knowing where to go and what to do, as well as working independently! It is very exciting to listen to them all reading independently during DEAR time too! Literacy centers have involved many things from games, printing, working with words, partner reading and LOTS of writing. We have been working hard to remember 3 key points for writing: starting sentences with upper-case letters, proper spacing between words, and ending with punctuation. We also did a shared reading of a story called, The Best Pet. Students then chose two animals to combine to make their own "Best Pet". Some examples were giraffocat, elephantmonkey and a ratosaur. Great ideas and imaginations!!! Come check out some great Halloween writing we have on display in the hallway.

We finished our unit on Patterns in math (though it is still fun to do some once in a while). A lot of time has been spent working with big numbers – up to 100. Students were detectives and tried to solve questions using our hundred's board. We started working on some addition and story problems, and also doing cross number puzzles.

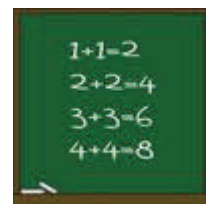
On October 4, students participated in the Terry Fox walk. It was great to have so many family members also come and take part.

We are just starting a unit in Social Studies called, Connecting with Others. We will be getting to know another grade 1 class in Riverton, MB. We will start by writing some letters, and hopefully Skype them too!

Halloween was a great success and lots of fun! Each student was able to carve their own pumpkin and take it home with them. Mrs. Smith came to help us that morning, and we really appreciate it. Thank you also to Mrs. Johns for supplying each of the kids with a pumpkin! In the afternoon students all dressed up in their costumes and had a great time at the Monster Mash. To end the day, we asked the grade 5's to join us for some "mummy" fun! We partnered a student from each grade together, gave them a roll of toilet paper, set the timer for 5 minutes and let the fun begin! We ended up with some really good looking mummies! Great job working together!

Festival was also a hit. The students did a super job performing two poems – Wiggly Giggles, and What the Popcorn Said.

We want to thank Shauna McTavish and Kyla Wilson for volunteering to spend some time in our room to listen to reading and helping out. We are still looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, please give Mrs. Nowosad a call.



See you soon at Parent – Student – Teacher interviews!

GRADE ONE-O NEWS

Grade 1 News
Our Halloween Was
FUN! We had
treats! We had
a costume Parade.
The Monster Mash
Was awesome!
We watched a movie!
We carved FACES
on pumpkins.

Our class said
POEMS for the
festival. Our poems
were FUN! The
titles of our poems
were EXACTLY
RIGHT and the
Alphabet Monster.

Our class is getting
~~BETTER~~ AT
Reading AND writing.
We are learning
about question
and answer texts.
We are learning
the sayings that
letters make by
themselves - or
together. We
PRACTISE our
Daily 5.

Our class is
learning about
math. We are
learning about
the teen numbers,
telling time,
adding, grouping
and number
of the day.

GRADE TWO NEWS

It is hard to believe how fast October flew by and now November is half over!

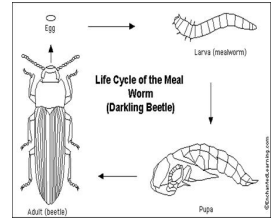
During the month of October and the first part of November our mini themes revolved around Thanksgiving, Halloween and Remembrance Day. We sang songs, read and listened to stories and did art related to these topics. We wrote what we would put in a witches brew as well as clues for a guess who is behind the mask activity. We continue to sort words in our spelling program and we have been seeing how many words we could make out of Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day.



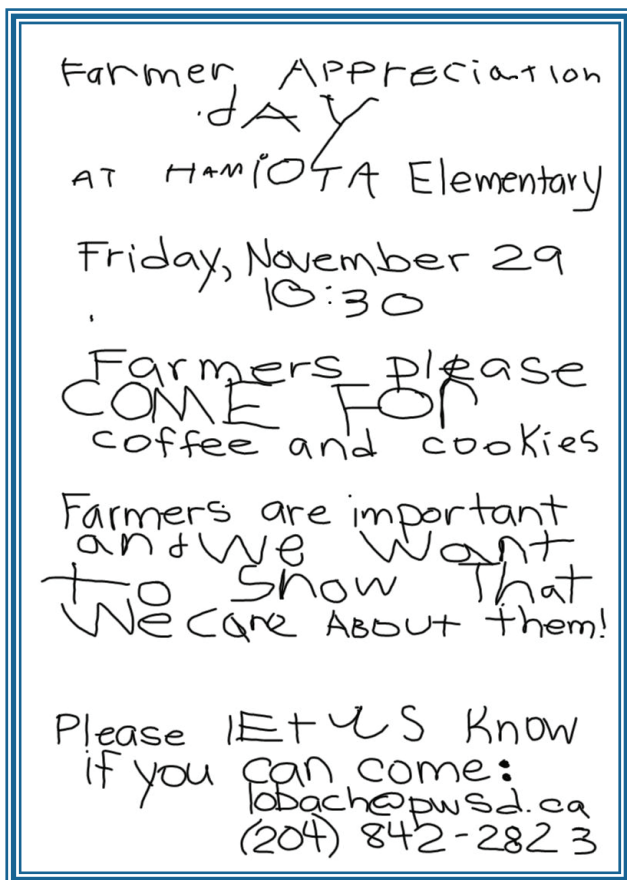
In math we continue to work on our doubles and friendly numbers. We have been counting by 2's, 5's and 10's starting at different numbers. Number lines and the hundred charts have helped us with our different counting patterns. We are working on writing numbers higher than one hundred. We are working on odd and even numbers. Around Halloween we also made a Smarties graph.

GRADE TWO NEWS (continued)

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 also made posters about different animal groups.



The past month has been filled with exciting special events. On October 3rd we had our Johnny Appleseed Day and Apple Fest. This year our favourite food was applesauce brownies. On October 4th we had the Terry Fox Walk. We had a great time making posters and saying our chant. A few days before Halloween we had lots of fun playing some Spooktagular games. Our Halloween party was awesome. There were many scary and beautiful costumes and everyone had a fun time at the monster mash dance. After the dance we enjoyed playing Halloween Bingo, putting marshmallow ghosts in the haunted house and making spider and witches hat cookies. 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 "Halloween Party." We also took part in the Remembrance Day Service singing "Somewhere over the Rainbow". The grade 2's also had their Remembrance Day art displayed during the service.



Sensitive Santa

Sunday November 24, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Schedule A Special 15 Minute Session For Your Child To Enjoy The Company Of Santa In A Sensitive Environment Geared To Their Needs
Receive A Bonus CD Of Candid Photos With Your Santa Photo Purchase!

To Reserve Your Session, Call Shoppers Mall Guest Services At
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GRADE THREE NEWS

Life has been busy in our classroom since the last newsletter! We enjoyed our Halloween party, complete with the Costume Parade, Monster Mash, snacks and games. We made special monster cups and we ate them, too! Our class participated in the Festival and performed two poems, "Boing, Boing, Squeak" and "Dog." All students in HES are to be congratulated for such fine performances!

Our class was also part of the school wide choir for the Remembrance Day Service at the High School. Again, students performed very well and took good meaning from this special service.



We are learning about our lives as Canadians in Social Studies and we're adding in some L.A. activities here as well. We're reading our way across Canada for our home reading program and we've learned some interesting information about famous Canadians, such as Chris Hadfield, Terry Fox, Tommy Prince and

Roberta Bondar. We've also read about Canadian animals and have taken a Canada quiz. We live in an amazing country!

In Math, we're using different strategies for estimating and adding two and three digit numbers. Students are noticing that Math turns up in many different ways and at many times during the day!

The great excitement this month is the fact that it marks our first Lilac visit for the year. We're looking forward to meeting our new friends on Tuesday, November 19th. We've written letters about ourselves and we'll see if our buddies can guess who we are by the clues we've given them. Everyone is looking forward to another wonderful year. It's year #15 for this program!

Time keeps moving along quickly and Christmas concert practices, as well as other Christmas activities will be upon us before we know it. Working with such enthusiastic, eager Grade 3's makes the days fly by!

TERRY FOX UPDATE

Hamiota Elementary School has set an all-time record for funds raised for the Terry Fox Foundation! This year, our school raised \$3283.25! Thanks to all family and friends for donating to this most worthy cause!



GRADE FOUR NEWS

As usual, it has been a busy time in the Grade 4 classroom! We think October just flew by and pretty soon November will be done as well! Christmas will be here before we know it! Anyone finished their Christmas shopping yet?

In ELA, we discussed Thanksgiving and what that means to each and every one of us. The students created personal collages based on what they were thankful for individually. Family and friends topped the list, as well as pets and a warm



Grade Four News (continued)

home right up at the top as well. Interesting! Halloween themes made a spooky appearance in ELA as well. Acrostic poems, short stories, and special silhouette Halloween art also crossed our desks. The week of Halloween was an exciting one! The students brought costumes to school and participated in a costume parade and a Monster Mash dance in the school gym. There were some wonderful costumes in the grade 4 room; pirates, gypsies, spooky creatures and a frightening clown were just a sample of the creative ideas this year. A big THANK-YOU to Emerson, Machaela, and Kaitlyn for bringing in the delicious treats for our Halloween party! Guided reading continues weekly with students reading in a group and discussing strategies to help them become even better readers! Please check your child's agenda each night to make sure the home reading component of ELA is being completed.



Multiplication is front and centre right now in math! Currently we are exploring 3 strategies for multiplication; doubling, using arrays, and skip counting. These strategies will help us become familiar with our number facts so we can recall them quickly and confidently! Working at home or even in the car for five minutes a night, can

greatly increase your child's ability to recall multiplication facts FAST! We can now identify the factors and the product in a multiplication number sentence.

In Social Studies we are learning about the geography of our fine country! Ask your child to name the six geographical regions in Canada or the 10 provinces and 3 territories. We are learning about each region and which provinces and territories take up these regions!



Spelling words should be coming home in your child's agenda each Monday as well

as cross-number puzzles!

Congratulations to the Grade 4 class in winning the Speech Choir Chorus Grades 1-4 at Festival on Nov.5th! They performed *A Mosquito in the Cabin* by Myra Stillborn and *Later* by Avis Harley. They did a great job, along with all the other classes! Thank-you to all who came and supported us.

GRADE FIVE NEWS

Hello everyone!

It's hard to believe we're half way through November already! We've been very busy with both school work and all the extra activities that seem to go on during this time of year... Terry Fox walk, bus evacuations, Halloween party, festival, and the Remembrance Day service!



We also had a guest speaker, Mr. Dogniez, come in and talk to us about the First Nations and how they believe the earth was created. This ties in with our social studies unit on

Canada's First Peoples. We've also been talking about the land bridge between Russia and Alaska, the ice age, and taking a look at where some of Canada's lakes and rivers are.

In math, we have completed our multiplication unit. We learned some mental math

strategies, and how to multiply a two digit by a two digit number. Next, we are going to look at Statistics and Probability. At this point we're not really sure what that is, but we're looking forward to it.

In LA, we'll soon be wrapping up our Bully-Free Zone unit by creating a comic. We continue to work on Writer's Workshop, and are now gearing up to write some fiction stories. Next, on our list will be the Christmas concert! This gives us a great opportunity to perform in front of an audience on December 12th!



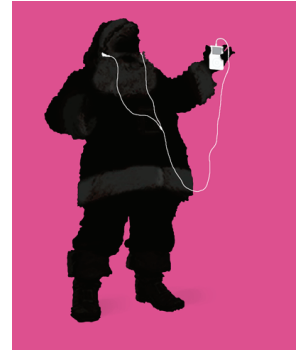
CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!

After a busy fall season, our attention now turns to winter activities and one of the most exciting for both schools is the annual Christmas production.

This year Hamiota Elementary School is presenting **"Santa's Holiday Playlist"**. As always there will be lots of music and lots of laughs as all the Elementary students take part. The play will be held on Thursday, December 12. There will be a dress rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome at both of these performances.

Hamiota Collegiate is presenting **"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"**

on Tuesday, December 10. Again we have over 40 Middle Year students involved on- or back-stage. This year the Band and Choir have decided to move their concert to the new year, so this will not be included with the drama this year. However, the drama will feature some music performed by the Senior Choir and Senior Band as part of the play. There will be a school performance at 1:30 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. , with both open to the public.



MR. JANZ

For the past 5 weeks Mr. Brett Janz has been in our school as a student teacher working with Mrs. Birch and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Janz is originally from The Pas and is in his first year of Education at Brandon University after completing a Physical Education degree with a Mathematics minor. Hamiota Collegiate is his first student teaching experience.

We have enjoyed having him in our school wish him well in his future endeavours.

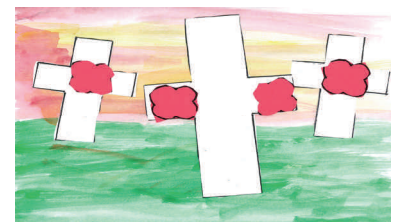


REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM

On Thursday, Nov. 7, Hamiota Schools held their annual Remembrance Day Program. This year the program featured pictures, videos and readings by Kimberlee Gray, Jackie Hunter, Sawyer Norrie, Jessica Ritchie, and Brady Waddell. The Senior Band played O Canada and "Chorale from Jupiter" and the Grade 1-5 Choir sang "Over the Rainbow". Trumpeter Mark Lawn played the Last Post and Mr. Zilkey led the Act of Remembrance. The Senior Choir sang "Love Can Build A Bridge" while a powerpoint with photos and names of all of the soldiers who lost their lives in the war in Afghanistan was shown. Thank you to Mr. Adam Grabowski for this powerpoint.

We were honoured to have Mr. Jack Houston, a veteran from Kenton Legion, speak to us on his experiences.

During the program art work by the Grade 2 class and posters made by the Grade 6-8 classes for the Legion Poster Contest were displayed. Grade 11 students also submitted essays, poems and posters for this contest which will be judged at Kenton Legion.



Thank you to sound and video helpers Sean Schweitzer, Ben Murray and Hayden Crampain.

DANIELLE'S CANTEEN

As part of her Work Experience program, Danielle Schweitzer is running a canteen at lunch hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Students are encouraged to use the sign-up sheet located outside of the canteen to ensure they get the items they would like. Otherwise, quantities are limited at this popular venue!

MENU:

Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Pizza Bun	\$1.50
Caesar Salad	\$1.50
Veggies	\$.50
Yogurt	\$.75



Next Band Parents Meeting
January 7th - 7:00 p.m.

RHA HEALTHY SNACK

We are fortunate again this year to have access to a grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba, which allows us to provide a weekly healthy snack to all Middle Years students who have returned their permission form.

Kyanna Johnson and Mikayla Grabowski, under the direction of



Mrs. Lints and Mrs. Slimmon, are responsible for purchasing groceries, preparing the snack, and serving it to approximately 60 of their peers every Thursday at first recess. Members of the Middle Years Student Council also lend a hand in distribution.

We aim to include a variety of healthy options from at least two of the four food groups. So far, Kyanna and Mikayla have made fruit and yogurt parfaits, fruit smoothies and fruit kabobs.



RECOGNIZING OUR VOLUNTEERS

In June Hamiota Collegiate selected Mr. Gordon Lyall as their Community Volunteer for 2012-13. Mr. Lyall and Mr. Neil McDonald, pictured below bring a truck to HCI every second Tuesday and pick up the recycling that has been sorted by our students. Mr. Lyall was unable to attend our Graduation Ceremonies so Mr. Zilkey presented him with his trophy one Tuesday when he came to pick up our recycling. Mr. McDonald has been selected as HCI's Community volunteer in a previous year. We appreciate the service these gentlemen provide throughout the year.



Eat Healthy, Feel Healthy, Be Healthy!!

MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL

The Middle Years Volleyball Program has been very busy with practices and mini-tournaments. The teams have travelled to Shoal Lake, Strathclair, Birtle and Miniota for games. They have steadily improved as the season has progressed. The final tournament for the B side of the division and the semi-finals for the South Half of the division took



GIRLS HAMIOTA 2

Back: Kassidy Heapy, Montana Jackson, Daisy Martinez, Emily Usick, Olivia Tolton, Jacquelyn Hawkins (Coach)
Front: Mikayla Grabowski, Emily Murray, Kiarra Kirk

Birtle 2. All the teams were fairly evenly matched and in the playoffs Hamiota 2 played Hamiota 3 in one semi and Rossburn played Birtle in the other. The finals saw Rossburn defeat Hamiota 2 in a very close match.

On the A side, the teams competing were Hamiota 1, Miniota, Shoal Lake 1, Birtle 1, and Strathclair. The 2 semi-final games took place between Hamiota 1 /Strathclair and Miniota/ Shoal Lake 1.



GIRLS HAMIOTA 1

Back: Brenna Kirk, Emily Lints, Sydney Murray, Kara Kent, Jacinta Doupe, Jessica Hunter Mrs. Hodgson (Coach)
Front: Carly Shamray, Logan Wilson, Korinne Alexander, Michelle Bell

place on the 7 November, with the girls playing in Hamiota and the boys travelling to Strathclair.

The teams competing for the B side banner for the girls were Hamiota 2 and Hamiota 3, Rossburn, Shoal Lake 2, and



GIRLS HAMIOTA 3

Back: Savanna Lynn, Phoenix Jackson, Chantelle Chappell, Joelle Little, Sierra McTavish, Jessica Sparrow (Coach)
Front: Eve Routledge, Jana McTavish

MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL

Hamiota was defeated in 3 sets and Miniota won their game with Shoal Lake 1. Miniota defeated Strathclair in the final game to capture the south side A girls' banner. Both Miniota and Strathclair now advance to the divisional finals on the 19 November.

The boys travelled to Strathclair for their playoffs. The boys' teams playing on the B side were Hamiota 2, Shoal Lake, St. Lazare and Inglis. The Hamiota 2 team defeated Shoal Lake to capture the B side boys' banner.

The teams competing on the A side were Hamiota 1, Strathclair and Miniota. After defeating Miniota in the semifinals, they lost to Strathclair in the finals. Both Strathclair and Hamiota 1 now advance to the divisional finals on 19 November in Strathclair.

Thank you to Sheldon Gurr, Jun Jun Taborlupa, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Jessica Sparrow and Mrs. Allan for helping. The hours of volunteering are a big reason that we have such a successful middle years' volleyball program. Out of 57 middle years students we have 46 playing the sport.



Back: Edgardo Taborlupa (Coach) Cale Murray, Cole Allan, Foster Tolton, Jamie Waddell, Liam Caldwell
Middle: Hayden Crampain, Brett Hemrica, Brody Robinson, Brady Daniel
Front: Brendan Lawn, Dawson Brooks



Back: John AbdelMesih, Ben Murray, Bobbi Hunter, Sean Schweitzer
Front: Mrs. Hodgson (Coach) Sebastian Tolton, Holden Norrie, Mason Gurr (Missing Mr. Gurr (Coach))



HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE AND HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY ARE NOW ON TWITTER, FOLLOW US @HamiotaSchools

HCI HOSTS VARSITY "A" BOYS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

From November 28 to November 30 Hamiota Collegiate will be jumping (and digging and spiking) with nine Varsity Boys teams joining the host team to determine the Provincial "A" Champions. Our Huskies have held the #1 ranking for the Province all year, so we are expecting great things.

The public is welcome to attend the tournament beginning at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday morning. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday and Hamiota will play the game immediately following.

A full draw will be available shortly before the event at www.mhsaa.ca or follow the link at the HCI website

www.hamiotacollegiate.ca.

Live video will also be available throughout the tournament.

**Come and
Cheer on our
Huskies!!!**



Back Row: Mr. David Rawlings (coach), Joel Kirk, Cody Hunter, Vincent Grabowski, Mr. Cory Smith (coach)

Middle: Jorden Leronowich, Edgardo Taborlupa, Sawyer Norrie, Will Chappell, Brayden Heapy, Brady Waddell

Front: Dominic Miranda

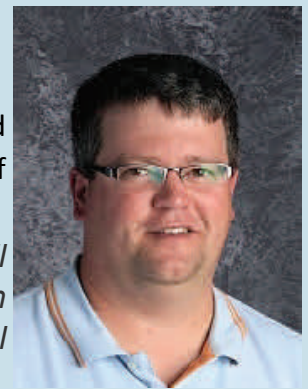
COACH SMITH WINS COACHING HONOUR

Varsity Boys coach, Mr. Cory Smith was named this week and MHSAA Subway Rural Coach of the Month. Following is the news release:

Cory has been coaching boys volleyball since 1999 and were provincial finalists in 2009. His teams have advanced to several Provincial Championships over the years.

The Huskies are getting ready to host "A" provincials and are currently the #1 ranked team in the province. Cory has also been running a strong badminton program and has taken many different players to provincials in that sport. Cory has also coached the high school golf teams for many years and again has taken teams to provincials in both boys and girls.

Congratulations Mr. Smith!!!



SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Varsity Girls Off to Provincials

The Varsity Girls volleyball team has continued to have many successes throughout their season. The girls have travelled to Glenboro, Russell, and Virden for tournaments. The girls were B-side champs in their home tournament played Nov. 1st & 2nd. The girls finished first in league play going undefeated. The girls played host to the Shoal Lake Sharks November 13th winning 3 straight sets to advance to the A Provincials being hosted in Shoal Lake November 28th-30th. Visit www.mhsaa.ca for the full draw closer to the event.



Back: Shayna Mathison, Emily Hunter, Jenny Harrison, Kaylee Daniel, Coach Mrs. Birch
Front: Brooke Tolton, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Jordyn Paddock Missing: Orianna Hyndman



Junior Varsity Girls

The JV Girls Volleyball team was very busy this fall. The 10 player team played a number of exhibition games and participated in three Junior Varsity Tournaments in Minnedosa, Neepawa and Brandon as well as the Hamiota Varsity tournament. The team showed a great deal of improvement throughout the year, but came up short in their quest for provincials against a strong Russell team.

Back: Hanna Tolton, Jessica Sparrow, Bailey Wilson, Dakota Ducharme, Caitlin McTavish, Mr. Obach (Coach)
Front: Destiny Allan, Jordyn Paddock, MacKenzie Sim, Naomi Best Missing: Orianna Hyndman

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

by Kara Kent

The Middle Year's Student Council was very busy this month. Along with trying to sell magazines to reach our school goal, we planned a Halloween Fun Day on October 31st! We started off the afternoon with four activities. Students got wet trying to bob for apples and ran around the school playing Find the Skulls. Tried to guess the picture at Halloween Pictionary and Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin. Then all students from grade 6-8 gathered in the gym for a Halloween dance. Prizes were won, fun music was played and lots of dancing went down. I would like to thank all the council members who made this such a success, Mrs. Huberdeau who helped us plan and all the teachers who lent us their classrooms or supervised the dance. Hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. We look forward to some more great activities in November.



Pin the Nose
on the
Pumpkin



Dancing



"Nerdy" Staff



A Strange Assortment



S'mores



'Cereal' Killers



BYOB Splits

SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

By Brady Waddell

Over the past few weeks, staff and students at Hamiota Collegiate have been buzzing around doing various things. Among these was the magazine campaign, which is the school's largest fundraiser. We managed to reach and surpass our goal of 650 magazine orders! For the number of students at HCI, that is an amazing amount!

To celebrate Halloween, the Student Council offered prizes for best costumes in different categories and held a mystery BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) event. Students and staff who brought their bananas were treated to ice cream and toppings to make a banana split!!

On Halloween night, the students who attended We Day in Winnipeg participated in "We Scare Hunger", a movement implemented to try and help end hunger. Instead of tricking, students went out and made a difference by volunteering their time going to houses and collecting donations of non-perishable food items to take to the local food bank. The students who went out raised almost one thousand pounds of food, which will make a huge difference in our community!

The fowl supper was also a huge project that HCI's students had to tackle, and tackle it we did! It is a well supported fundraiser and almost every person in the school pitched in by bringing food and volunteering to wash dishes, clean up or set up. Fowl supper 2013 was a very successful evening. Special thanks to Mrs. Hawkins for her assistance in organizing this event.

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED FOOD AND WORKED AT THE FOWL SUPPER.

**THANK YOU AS WELL FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN.
YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED!**



Some of the "We Scare Hunger" Group with food collections for the Hamiota Food Bank.



Fowl Supper

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

by Eveline Juce & Jacquelyn Hawkins

We started the Duke of Edinburgh award in the fall of 2012 and completed our bronze level in March, 2013. At the beginning of April, we started our Silver level of the program. This year to achieve our 30 hours of volunteering service, we mowed lawns, looked after dogs, worked at community dinners and coached middle years volleyball. During this time, we were biking, horseback riding, swimming and playing volleyball to complete our 40 hours of physical recreation. To complete our skill over a 6-month period, we have been working on it during a weekly basis. Prior to our one-night practice journey, we completed a bear safety quiz and preliminary training which will have to be retaken before our qualifying journey. On October 3rd and 4th we completed our practice



Crossing the creek.



Picture of the students and the axe we donated to this Park's Canada campsite.

journey at Riding Mountain National Park at the Birdtail Valley Campsite. Accompanying us on the trip were Hanna Tolton, Brooke Tolton, Randy Kirk, Braden Zimmer (Birtle) and Bailey Szwaluk (Shoal Lake) who were completing their Bronze level qualifying trip. On the 3rd, we left Hamiota Collegiate at noon to Rossburn Collegiate where everyone taking the trip met up. We went to the trailhead and organized our equipment and shortly after headed towards the campsite. It was a 4.3km hike in with our packs weighing between 15-40 pounds. To reach the campsite we had to jump over a ditch filled with water and lay a log down to cross over this one creek by good communication and teamwork. When we ar-



Us making the fire.

rived at the campsite, we set up our tent and started cooking our spaghetti dinner over the fire which we started with birch bark and kindling. After supper, we gathered all of our food and cooking materials, stored them in the bear proof container since bear sightings have been extremely high. At the lower fire pit, we lit another fire which was closer to our tent to help with the bears staying away and staying warm at night. After hours of sitting on tree stumps around the fire drinking hot chocolate and telling jokes, we crawled into our tents for the



Us taking in the trip memories.

night. After our cozy sleep, we woke up and packed up our gear. Then gathering our breakfast food from the container we made our oatmeal breakfast. We noticed a visitor log book at the campsite and we all took a turn signing and writing about the experience. Feeling generous, we donated an axe to this park campsite because Park's Canada no longer supplies axes in the campsites. When we felt that the campsite was the way it was when we came, we started back out onto the trail towards the trailhead. Altogether our travel time to and from the site took 3 and ½ hours. Since the start of the trail going in was very muddy, the students took a detour through the trees to avoid the mud going back to the trailhead. Once we were all reunited, we loaded our gear into the vehicles and headed towards Shoal Lake for pizza at Benny's. We had another fantastic experience and are looking forward to our qualifying silver journey later in the school year.

SENIOR DRAMA MEETING

Mr. Negrave's departure has left Hamiota Collegiate without a director for the major drama production held each year in the spring. There has been interest by parents and some staff to help with a production, but a director or a directing group is needed.

All students and parent of students interested in the Senior Drama are asked to meet in the Hamiota Collegiate Library Nov. 21st at 6:30 p.m. to determine how to proceed. This meeting is the same night as Student-Parent-Teacher conferences, so please plan to attend.



HUSKIES HOCKEY

League Schedule(home games in bold)

DATE	TIME	OPPONENTS
Nov. 13	7:45	Major Pratt– Russell
Nov. 17	4:00	Minnedosa
Nov. 20	7:00	Neepawa
Dec. 1	2:00	Virden
Dec. 4	8:15	Melita/Waskada in Melita
Dec. 13	8:00	**Neepawa at Shoal Lake
Dec. 14	7:30	Souris/Reston in Souris
Dec. 15	2:00	Crocus Plains
Dec. 20	12:00	Rivers/Elton
Jan. 3	8:15	Neepawa
Jan. 10	8:30	Glenboro/Carberry Bal-dur
Jan. 11	6:00	Killarney Wawanesa
Jan. 16	8:00	Vincent Massey
Jan. 19	1:00	Boissevain
Jan. 24	8:30	Major Pratt
Jan. 31	8:30	Dauphin
Feb. 7	8:30	Rivers/Elton
Feb. 9		ALL STAR GAME



OUTLAWS FOOTBALL

The Park West Outlaws Football season ended on Saturday, Nov. 2 in a loss to the East Parkland Warriors in the consolation final of the Rural Manitoba Football League.

The RMFL has also declared its award winners for 2013.

All-star team members are:

Travis Drielich

Tasuku Irii

Dylan Wall

And HCI's **Gage Martinook**

In addition, **James Hunkin** is the Outlaw's nominee for League Offensive Lineman of the Year.



James Hunkin



Gage Martinook