

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well report cards are over and we are now getting ready for the Christmas season. If anyone was not able to see their child's teacher at interview time please make sure you have the opportunity to do so as communicating with you on your child's learning is extremely important.

At HES festival is over and our students did great with all their poems in Miniota. The elementary students did fantastic with their song at the Remembrance Day service on November 10<sup>th</sup> and their behaviour. Now of course the focus shifts to the Christmas Concert and preparing for all that goes into that. Remember we have two shows for you both on December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 and 7:00. If you can make the afternoon one I would suggest it as the night one is always standing room only. Just a note Santa Claus will not be visiting our school this night but he will make an appearance at the school before we go to the break. Both the Hesrak Club and Coding Club are in full swing and seem to be hits with our students. Some exciting news, Microsoft is coming to visit our grade one class and Mrs. Obach in early December to film about coding. We are one of only two schools in western Canada that they are doing this. Fantastic work grade ones, last year's grade threes and Mrs. Obach.

At HCI the Fowl Supper was a huge success and thanks to all the parents and community members who supported it. A huge thanks to our staff and students that volunteered their time in this and particularly Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Huberdeau and Mrs. Skayman. Mr. Crampain has taken his Seminars in Business class to town council on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to do a presentation about drones and the possibility of partnering up with the town to purchase one. I think this is a great experience for our students to see the town council and to present in front of them. Remembrance Day service was again very well done and thanks to Mrs. Mathison for reminding us about our local families that were affected. A special thank you goes out to Dakota Ducharme and Brian Johnson for being guest readers for the service. We had 29 students attend WE Day who were great ambassadors for our school and we will be having 2 students Hanna Tolton and Emma Coulter going with me to our divisional strategic planning meeting also. Great work students!

We are in transition with our extracurricular activities. Our middle years play is getting closer to perform on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Our high school play will be having auditions shortly after that. Our bands will also be performing on the 8<sup>th</sup> with the play in the evening. Volleyball programs wrapped up their seasons both at middle years and the junior varsity and varsity level. I want to thank the staff and community members who volunteer to lead any of these extra-curricular activities as it is very beneficial for our students and could not happen without them. Basketball and hockey are up and going also right now.

There will be a grad meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for all grads and their parents to get things going. A letter will go out to students to explain more about this. There will be a PAC meeting on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> with all parents welcome at HCI at 6:00 pm. Until next time I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas season and remember to please contact us with any questions. Take care.

Sincerely,  
Jon Zilkey

### **IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES**

Park West School Division has changed their professional development for staff this year and we just want to make you aware of the change of dates. February 8<sup>th</sup> is already a professional development day but now so are February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. That means there will be no school any of these days for your children. In lieu of this there will be regular classes on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for all students and this is no longer a PD date.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS by Mrs. McNabb

November began with our performance at festival! The kindergarten kids recited the poems, "Mabel Murple" and "Whisky Frisky." Congratulations Kinders! We are all very proud of your superb debut!

We were sad to see 2 students leave our classroom family. Victoria moved to Winnipeg and Riley moved to Portage. We wish them all the best! Welcome to Aneesa who joined our class from Brandon. We are so happy to make a new friend!

In the classroom, we continue to learn and play! We ventured out to our playground one cold, windy day to observe trees.

Our learning focus is learning about the



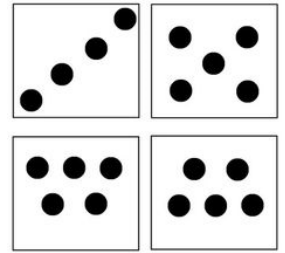
parts of trees and how they change during the 4 seasons. We wrote a class BIG BOOK entitled, "Parts of A Tree," using real photos for the illustrations. At our playdough center, we brought nature into our classroom using pinecones and twigs, along with chocolate playdough and silk leaves.

Alpha-bags go home every night for homework. The students take home a letter bag with letter books to read and a writing book where they draw and label a picture. After each child has taken 26 letter bags home, we will have 26 new abc books to add to our "Book Nook" written



and illustrated by the kinder kids!

In math, we are playing many math games that focus on the counting principles: matching the count with our finger and counting objects to equal numbers up to 10. We are also becoming quick at subitizing dot patterns and power of 10 cards! Subitizing is where we recognize number patterns without having to count.



Dice games are a fun way to strengthen this skill!

At playtime, we are excited to take turns using the netbooks. Literactive.com is the site we are exploring, where we are listening to nursery rhymes and playing games to accompany each rhyme. Our new office in the construction area is busy taking building orders for new structures and various building supplies.

We were very lucky to have Michelle Bell, a grade 10 student from HCI, job shadow in our class for a day. Miss Bell was a welcome addition to our classroom! We hope that she will come back again sometime!



Now we are busy preparing for our first Christmas Concert! Until then, enjoy this festive season and all the fun and joy it brings!

Grade 1 News

In math, we solve problems.  
In science, we are learning about the 5 senses. We have been reading persuasive texts and doing persuasive writing. Our class is planning a CODE-A-THON!!

## Kids Who Code

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and less students are studying it than a decade ago. At Hamiota Elementary School, we are trying to change that by introducing students to computer coding.

That's why we are joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code! The **Hour of Code** is a learning event designed to spark global interest in computer science and programming. Hour of Code takes place during Computer Science Education Week (December 7-13th). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code and we are excited to see that number grow.

The Grade 1s at Hamiota Elementary School are very excited to participate in Hour of Code as we host our 2015 *Kids Who Code Code-a-thon!* This exciting, student-led event will take place on **Friday, December 11, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at Hamiota Elementary School.** Our intention is that this event will encourage people to try coding. We are looking forward to the Code-a-thon very much!

HES Coding Club is off to a great start as well. A group of over 60 grades 2-5 students meet every Wednesday at noon to explore coding together. The Coding Club is currently coding using a tool called Scratch Jr. which is an app available as a free download for iPads. As we build our skills, we are hoping to try out other coding tools, robotics and more!

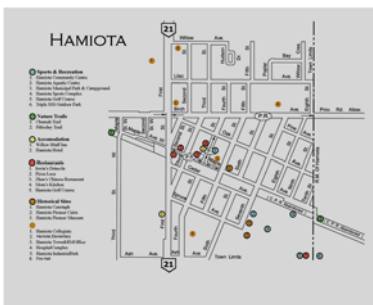
Check out [code.org](http://code.org) for more information on coding and the Hour of Code event!

**5 reasons to** Teach Kids To Code

- I Learning programming empowers kids**  
and gives them tools to express themselves in really cool ways!  
The ability to communicate with machines is probably the closest thing to superpowers that can be taught.
- II It's as easy as learning a language**  
Games and apps with visual programming languages teach programming logic and concepts before kids can read.  
Like learning a language, it's best done young.
- III Diverse early learning benefits**  
"Learning to write programs stretches your mind, and helps you think better, creates a way of thinking about things that I think is helpful in all domains."  
-Bill Gates  
AGES 5-6  
THE PSYCHO-SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STAGE: children transform from environmental perceptions to making logical connections
- IV Becoming fluent with technology**  
Going from simply interacting with technology to creating technology and expressing oneself in new ways.
- V We need more programmers!**  
60% of math and science jobs are computing jobs BUT ONLY 2% of math and science students are computer science students.

# GRADE TWO NEWS by Mrs. Gregory

It has been another busy month in the Grade 2 classroom. In November, our class worked on a mini-theme on Remembrance Day. We wrote stories about how we can be a peaceful Canadian citizen. We tried to see how many words we could make out of the words Remembrance Day and drew and labeled a poster about what Remembrance Day makes us think of.



In math we have been learning about odd and even numbers. We have practiced our counting by using nickels, dimes and pennies. During our math center time, we have been working hard on the Dream Box math program on our iPads. We have also been learning different problem solving strategies.

In Social Studies we have started working on a unit about our community. We have located our province and town on a map of Canada.

As usual, there have been many special events this month. Our class did a great job at the festival saying our poems, Mother Doesn't Want a Dog and Bingo Has an Enemy. We would like to thank Mrs. Penner for helping us do such a beautiful job of the song we sang at the Remembrance Day service. It was also wonderful to see everyone at the parent, student, and teacher meetings. The students did a terrific job showing and explaining their work to their parents.



One of the most exciting months of the year will soon be here! We are busy practicing our singing and actions for the song "Let it Snow" and can hardly wait to perform in the Christmas Concert!



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ★ December 10 th - 1:00 p.m. Christmas Concert (Dress Rehearsal) All Welcome!
- ★ - 7:00 p.m. evening performance (doors open 6:30 p.m.)
- ★ December 18th - Hot Lunch
- ★ - Last Day of Classes for Christmas Break
- ★ January 4th - Classes Resume
- ★ January 6th - Festival Deadline
- ★ January 18th - Blood Donor Clinic
- ★ January 29th - Hot Lunch

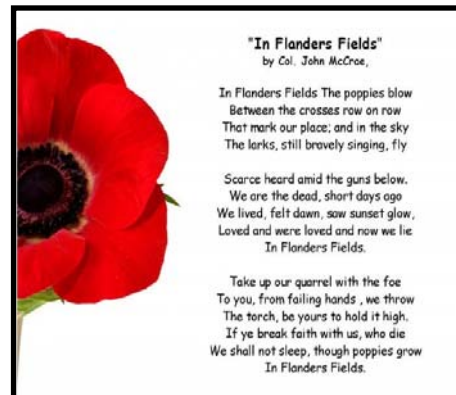


## GRADE THREE NEWS by Mrs. Nowosad

Fall has really flown by and it is hard to believe Christmas is right around the corner. The grade 3s have been working really hard! We had lots of fun celebrating Halloween with lots of fun activities. One of the favourites was being creative and choosing what they would like to dress Mr. Zilkey up as for Halloween, and why. Some ideas included a clown, ninja, model, skeleton and even a Queen. The Monster Mash was a hit, and we enjoyed wrapping each other up as mummies with toilet paper.

November took a more serious turn as we spent a lot of time learning about Remembrance Day. The kids had many good questions which led to some really great discussions and learning. We learned about John McCrae and what inspired him to write, In Flanders Fields.

In Science we continued our unit on Materials and Structures. Students designed ways to test the strengths of a variety of papers. Some great collaboration between peers and lots of fun.



Festival went well, with our class performing two poems in Miniota. We performed, "Nothing Beat, Beat, Beats a Pizza" and "The Faithful Donut". We celebrated their hard work with some donuts and games! Great job!

We are working hard on addition strategies in math, and learning our math facts. We are beginning to find ways to add larger numbers as well. We will be starting to use an interactive program called Dreambox very soon.

We are excited to start our Christmas activities and began with a readers theater, How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

Another very exciting event happening is our class starts their buddy visits with residents at Park Residence this week. Students are excited to meet

their buddies and start getting to know them.

We were sad to have one of our classmates, Jesse, leave us this month. We wish him a great year in his new school in Portage.

Parent teacher interviews went very well and it was really nice to connect with each family to share the successes of our students.

Thank you again to the faithful volunteers in our room. Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sheane and Mrs. Johns, we truly appreciate you taking the time to work with us.

With only a few weeks left until Christmas break, we will be very busy in grade 3!!



## GRADE THREE NEWS by Mrs. Dixon



We have taken a dip into the deep blue sea this month, as we've been studying about whales and underwater life. Whales are such interesting animals and this group has been particularly interested in facts and behaviors of this amazing species! We've read, written, drawn and painted...now we're working on a final research

project that ties all our information together. Look for these projects in the hall shortly! Thanks to Mrs. Rawlings for coming in to share her expertise in drawing and painting. We were all thrilled with our oil pastel and watercolour whales.

In Math, it's all about addition....strategies for estimating the addition of 2 digit numbers, review of basic addition facts and working with larger 3 digit addition. Math is everywhere!

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We really enjoyed our first Lilac visit of the year. We wrote some very well thought-out letters then revealed clues about ourselves during our visit. We shared our Festival poems - whole class, individual and duets. Awesome performers in this group! We had some great conversations and are looking forward to spending time with our new friends each month.

Speaking of Festival, Hamiota Elementary was well represented in both group and individual performances. Our class enjoyed reciting two poems, "Mosquito" and "When Tillie Ate the Chili." Super job, everyone!

We were pleased to have Michelle Bell, from Grade 10, spend a day with us, as part of the job shadowing program. Thanks for all your help, Michelle!

The Christmas season is sneaking up very quickly. Where did the fall go? There will be much excitement in the school and the community next month!



## GRADE FOUR NEWS by Mrs. Routledge

It's almost..."The Most Wonderful Time of the Year....!" But, first let us reflect on the month of November!

ELA – In ELA, we have wrapped up our term 1 Guided Reading and have just finished learning all about organizing our writing to write a retelling of the story *Hansel & Gretel*. We used graphic organizers to get us started and discussed story elements such as; setting, characters, problems, story events, and how the problem was solved. Students brainstormed descriptive words and phrases to add to the retellings to make our stories more interesting. This week, we have finished ALL language arts corrections and will be starting our mini unit, *Oliver Twist*. *Oliver Twist* will take us to the end of December and will be completed before Christmas holidays. Please ask your child to tell you about Oliver and the challenges he faced in the "olden days".



Math – We are well into our second unit – Multiplication and Division. So far we have explored the strategies; doubling, skip counting, and using smaller facts to help us solve larger facts. The students are working toward filling their paper cone with "scoops" of ice cream! When the cone is full, your child should be recalling multiplication facts in 5 seconds or less. We hope to have an ice cream party some time during the year when we all have our facts memorized! Your child will be bringing home practice sheets each week to support their recall of facts, that we are working on daily in math!

Science – Rocks and Minerals is our current topic of study in Science! We have a great song we listen too to get us pumped up for Science! Ask your child to find it on Youtube for you to listen to. We are learning the differences between rocks and minerals and just finished mining our very own "rock cookie". We found tons of tasty "minerals" in our rock cookie!



***Parents, please look for a note home shortly about materials needed for student costumes, in Grade 4.***

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY by Mrs. Huberdeau

Mrs. Lindsay Routledge's Grade 4 Class at Hamiota Elementary School has been participating in the Roots of Empathy program with the help of "instructor" Baby Amelia Thompson, her mom Rebecca, and teacher Tana Huberdeau.

Our first theme was, "Meeting the Baby." Students were very excited to welcome Baby Amelia and learn about the different temperament traits that people have. We learned that every baby develops at a different pace, and that like babies, we have individual differences in our own personalities that should be celebrated. We talked about brain development and the billions of neurons that are at work in each baby's brain. We learned that love can be shown many ways and is a key ingredient in healthy development and secure attachment. Love grows brains!



October's theme was, "Crying." We enjoyed another visit with Baby Amelia and her mom, performed the "Welcome Song" and even recorded some lullabies for Mrs. Thompson to play for Amelia. We discussed that babies cry when they are trying to communicate a need that isn't being met. We also know that sometimes, babies cry even when all of their needs are met, and that it is important as

caregivers to never shake a baby. The Grade Fours learned strategies for soothing a baby and how to deal with the frustration that may result when a baby is difficult to soothe. We talked about times when we felt sad, mad or scared, and that these feelings are universal.

Theme three was "Caring and Planning for Baby." Most of our focus in this unit was around diapering a baby. We talked about making decisions about disposable vs cloth diapers based on comfort, cost and convenience. Mrs. Routledge's class learned how to change a baby and how to keep the baby safe while doing this. We observed baby Amelia's temperament while having her diaper changed, and enjoyed watching Amelia do her developmental exercises and play with our demonstration doll. The class was treated to many smiles and even some happy sounds from Baby Amelia. It is fun watching her grow and change each month!



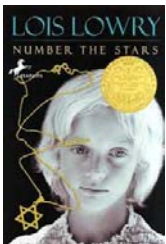


## GRADE FIVE NEWS by Mrs. Routledge

Another month has passed by, and we continue to be very busy. In November we went to Miniota for festival, where everyone performed very well! We have now begun our curling lessons with Mr. Randy Lints, who has once again offered to work with the grade five classes. Thank you, Mr. Lints! Parts for the Christmas concert have also been handed out. Lines are being memorised and songs practiced!



And yes, we have been working on our academics too! In math we are just wrapping up our multiplication unit. We have learned lots of new strategies which are much easier to do when we know our facts! We will be taking a look at probability and statistics next.



In language arts, we are doing a couple of activities to wrap up our novel called, "Number the Stars" which takes place during the second world war. The first one is where we write something about the book for each letter of the alphabet (ex. A is for Annemarie, the main character in the book). The second one is where we pretend we are Ellen, Annemarie's Jewish friend, and write Annemarie a letter now that the war is over. We will explain to Annemarie what life has been like since we escaped to Sweden. Our next focus in language arts is the Christmas concert, of course!

In social studies we are still studying Canada's First Peoples and how they came to be in North America.



### SPRING SESSION—BIRDTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Vocal: March 8–9 Band: March 16 Dance: March 11

Piano: March 14–15 Final Concert: March 17/16

Entry Deadline: January 6, 2016—Using the new 2015 Syllabus

Information & Entry Forms available at Hamiota Schools

## GRADE FIVE NEWS by Miss Armstrong

With Christmas just around the corner, the grade 5's are working really hard on putting together their parts for the Christmas Concert December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are learning lines, actions and songs as well! This year's concert is sure to impress!



Multiplication and division facts are being learned in math. We have been singing some very catchy tunes to help us remember our multiplication tables. Sometimes we even catch ourselves singing and dancing in our seats!

Science has been very hands on as we have started work on understanding and manipulating a variety of simple machines. It is amazing how many simple machines we use every day without even realizing it. We are working towards creating our own machine using everything that we have learned.

Once again we have been fortunate enough to head down to the rink and try out curling. Randy Lints has been teaching us the basics of the sport. Everybody has been enjoying themselves!



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## GRADE 6 – 8 ART by Mrs. Mitchell

Thank-you to the following students and their parents for donating items to our art program:

Ryan Donohoe

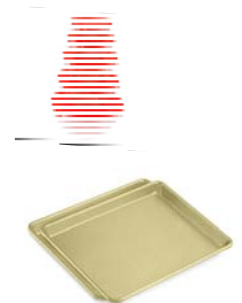
Hailey Chappell

Charlotte Little

If you happen to have any of the following items laying around, I will gladly accept them:

cookie sheets

cardboard boxes and plastic containers





# PROJECT 11



“Mental illness is increasingly threatening the lives of our children; with Canada’s youth suicide rate the third highest in the industrialized world” (Canadian Mental Health Association, 2014).

“Inspired and created in honor of Rick Rypien #11, former player of the Winnipeg Jets and Manitoba Moose, PROJECT 11 is a program to support students with virtual tutorials educating students of positive mental health. PROJECT 11 is an engaging cross-curricular prevention program targeting ELA and PE/Health outcomes. The program entails 15 lesson plans (1/week) and 60 daily activities to help support students and teachers on mental health wellness and bringing positive coping skills into their lives. PROJECT 11 uses concepts such as practicing focusing the mind, increasing self-awareness of feelings and strengths, and building positive relationships to help teach grade six students about stress, communication and self-reflection” (<http://www.projecteleven.ca/>).

Last September, Mrs. Facey sent in an application to be a part of a pilot group for Project 11. In February and June, her class completed surveys for the Project. This group of students was part of the control group to help the committee gather data about the success of their program. This September, Mrs. Facey went to Winnipeg to take the training for Project 11, as this year’s class was selected to be part of the second group to pilot the Project. The students have learned about healthy and unhealthy stress, the good and bad emotions that are connected with stress, and how to cope with stress. They are learning how to be resilient and are learning how to reflect on and talk about their stress. They have also enjoyed learning about making healthy snacks, learning dances, trying out some classroom yoga and learning relaxation techniques. The class is starting on their eighth lesson. They are continuing to learn a lot and are great participants.



Christyna Caldwell is the first winner of a promotional Winnipeg Jets pin collection donated by Gordon Grainger, Manager of Red River Co-op in Winnipeg, MB. There will be two more winners!



# MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL

## GIRLS



Back: Tess McTavish, Zachi Espayos, Kareena Sims, Hailey Chappell, Emma McConnell

Middle: Mrs. Facey (Coach), Dawson Brooks (Assistant), Shanna Lelond, Emily Murray, Emma Dmyterko, Christyna Caldwell, Kyla Good, Leah Gunnarson, Mrs. Mitchell (Coach)

Front: Kaitlyn Campbell, Jana McTavish, Olivia Tolton, Kiara Kirk, Darrah Kent, Rylee McNabb, Machaela Tannas, Mercedes Lake

From Mrs. Facey

Volleyball season has come to an end. All the girls learned many basic skills during their practices, which they will be able to use and develop whether they are playing with their friends or they are playing at the next level. This year the group of girls who played in the A-side pool at the South Side Finals, in Shoal Lake, were the runners up so they played in the Park West Finals in Russell. The competition was strong and the girls were unable to make it into the finals. However, we all enjoyed a trip to Tim Hortons before going to watch the boys play in Rossburn.

From Mrs. Mitchell

This fall, I had the privilege of coaching the grade 6 girls' volleyball team. I was very impressed with their dedication to the game and their skill development throughout our season. They well represented our school and I look forward to working with them again next year! Well done girls!



Watching the boys play? I don't know about that. Lol.



# MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL (continued)

## BOYS



Back: Mr. Crampain (Coach), Foster Tolton Gr. 8, Jamie Waddell Gr. 8, Layne Norrie Gr. 8, Rory McNabb Gr. 7, Cale Murray Gr. 7, Cole Allan Gr. 7, Rylan Kent Gr. 7

Front: Logan McTavish Gr. 6, David McConnell Gr. 6, Ryan Sheane Gr. 6, Colin Crampain Gr. 7, Brady Dziver Gr. 7, Nash Gurr Gr. 7, Rhylen DeBin Gr. 6

From Mr. Crampain:

The boys all had an excellent year in volleyball learning the skills of the game. We are getting much better at making a consistent first pass. This year we had 2 boys' teams. With only 5 players in grade 8 meant we did not have enough for a sole grade 8 team. The grade seven came up on a rotational basis to play with the grade 8's so we had enough for an older team. This has taught the younger players more skills and rules to the game of volleyball.

The boys played in mini tournaments throughout the season in Strathclair, Shoal Lake, Miniota, Birtle, and here in

Hamiota. Our south division final was hosted in Hamiota this year. We had an excellent showing from our 2 teams. The younger grade 6/7 team was in the "B" division, and ended up playing this match in Rossburn at the division final. Thank you to all the parents of this team for being so accommodating! The team played hard but lost their match to Major Pratt. The grade 8 team was in the "A" division beating Miniota, Shoal Lake, and Strathclair to place first and headed to the division final. With us being South Division champions we headed to Rossburn for the division final with the north part of the division hosting. The Boys ended the round robin 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Rossburn. We had a tough match against Major Pratt losing out in the semi finals, 17-15 in the final set. We all look forward in anticipation for volleyball season again next year!



## HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

This year only two students are playing high school hockey and they have joined the Birtle team: Hayden Crampain and Ben Murray. The team has had a great year so far with wins over Deloraine, Neepawa and Virden and one loss in a close game against Dauphin. The league schedule is listed below with the home games in bold print.

DATE	TIME	OPPONENTS
Nov. 29	7:45	Killarney @ Wawanesa
Dec. 9	7:00	Vincent Massey
Nov. 20	7:00	Neepawa
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>7:15</b>	<b>Glenboro/Carberry</b>
Dec. 12	2:00	Russell
Dec. 18	2:00	Minnedosa
Jan. 8	8:00	Souris @ Reston
<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Crocus Plains</b>
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>7:15</b>	<b>Souris</b>
<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>7:15</b>	<b>Boissevain</b>
<b>Jan. 23</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Melita</b>
<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>7:15</b>	<b>Deloraine</b>
<b>Jan. 30</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Russell</b>



## OUTLAWS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Cody Pope who was named Offensive Line-



man MVP for the Outlaws. Cody will also play in the All-Star Game held at Investors Field in Winnipeg in May of next year.

## SENIOR BASKETBALL

Basketball try-outs are underway for both the boys and girls teams. The girls will be coached by Mr. Zilkey and the boys by Miss Lopes.



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS by Cassie Hunter

The Student Council has been very busy. We are currently waiting on student clothing orders to come in. We have also received a citizenship grant. What we plan to do is for every student council member to meet with seniors at Lilac and Park Residence in Hamiota twice each. One time we will learn something from them and the next time we will teach them something. Some of our ideas we thought of are that we could teach them guitar, how to use Instagram or FaceTime or other apps they would be interested in. Some exciting news for Christmas all students at HCI will be attending the Christmas Classic Hockey Game in December. This year it is held at Minnedosa.

# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

by Chantelle Chappell & Liam Caldwell

This year Liam and I are taking our Bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh program. On October 8th we and Mr. David Juce headed up to the west side of Riding Mountain National Park. We hiked for 12 km until we reached Deep Lake where we ate lunch. We then drove to Bobhill Lake where we set up our camp. For the rest of the afternoon we biked on a trail for 8 km. After that we cooked our supper over the fire and then tried calling some elk. The next morning we went canoeing around the lake and then packed up and hiked 2 km out to the vehicle.

We enjoyed our trip and are looking forward to a winter trip.

Other HCI students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program are Eveline Juce and Joelle Little.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a leading achievement award for young people. They are a federally registered charity for the development of people ages 14-24, equipping them with life skills that will make a difference to themselves, their community and the world. They are in every Canadian province segmented into ten divisions to better serve young Canadians. They strive to be a self-development program in which any young Canadian can participate, barrier-free, regardless of socio-economic or physical circumstance. There are three levels to The Award; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level requires an increasing level of commitment and effort. Young people have until their 25th birthday to complete The Award. For more information contact Mr. David Juce, Duke Of Edinburgh Award Facilitator, by email [djuce@pwsd.ca](mailto:djuce@pwsd.ca) or by phone at 204-847-5052.

## EVELINE JUCE AT ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Eveline Juce spent the week of November 9 to 13 in Ottawa with the Encounters With Canada Program.

A highlight of her week was attending the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial.

She was also had the opportunity to shake hands with Canada's new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday, November 10 Hamiota Schools held their annual Remembrance Day Program. This year the program focused on local families whose relatives served in World War I and II. Thank you to the Hamiota Archives for allowing us access this information. Our volunteer readers were Grade 12 students Dakota Ducharme and Brian Johnson. The Senior Band played Loch Lomand and the Grade 1-5 Choir sang "I Ask For One Day". Trumpeters Ashlyn Kirk and Miss Novakowski played the Last Post and Reveille. Mr. Zilkey led the Act of Remembrance.

We were honoured to have Mr. Jack Houston, a veteran from Kenton Legion, speak to us on his World War II experiences and the importance of Remembrance Day.

During the program art work from Mme Mitchell's Grade 6, 7 & 8 classes as well as individual students in Senior High were displayed.



(Clockwise from right: Grade 1-5 Choir led by Mrs. Dixon, Mr. Jack Houston, Senior Band led by Miss Novakowski, Brian Johnson, Dakota Ducharme)



Order forms are available in the offices at both schools:

Cost is \$15.00 for a Toddler Helmet or a Bicycle Helmet in Small, Medium or Large.

Cost is \$17.00 for a Multi-Sport Helmet in Small, Medium or Large

Toddler helmets in pink or blue.

Bicycle helmets in blue or red

Multi-Sport helmets in matte white, matte black or matte sage green.

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# Low Cost Bike Helmet Initiative

ONCE AGAIN, LOW-COST, SAFETY-CERTIFIED BIKE HELMETS WILL BE OFFERED TO CHILDREN IN MANITOBA SCHOOLS AND EARLY LEARNING CENTRES.

ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING IN NOVEMBER. HELMETS WILL BE DELIVERED IN SPRING 2016, IN TIME FOR YOUNG CYCLISTS TO ENJOY SAFE RIDING AS THE SEASON BEGINS.

FIND OUT MORE BY VISITING [manitoba.ca/healthyschools](http://manitoba.ca/healthyschools)

IN MANITOBA, ALL CYCLISTS UNDER 18 MUST WEAR A PROPERLY FITTED AND FASTENED HELMET WHEN RIDING ON THEIR OWN OR AS A PASSENGER. IT'S THE LAW.








# CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!



The **HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE CONCERT** will be held on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. There will be an afternoon school performance at 1:30 p.m. The afternoon concert will feature the Middle Years **Drama: C.S.I. Christmas Crime Scene Investigators or Who Stole Santa Claus**. The plastic Santa

that has been in every Christmas Concert ever held at Tamiota Collegiate has gone missing and Principal Wilkey is threatening to cancel the show. Mrs. Casey, the director, and Mrs. Dathison, her assistant are looking everywhere and enlisting the help of the secretary, Mrs. Layman, the janitor, Mr. Patiation and the members of the Clue Club. In the afternoon the Senior Band and Choir will again be part of the Drama. In the evening at 7:00 p.m. the Grade 6, 7 and 8 Bands will also be part of the concert.

The **HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY CONCERT** will be held on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. All HES students will be involved in the production of **Jingle Bell Jukebox**. This lively concert features lots of Christmas music and lots of Christmas fun.

There will be a dress rehearsal which is open to the public beginning at 1:00 p.m. The play will be repeated at the evening concert which begins at 7:00 p.m. *Please note: The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.*

## Jingle Bell Jukebox



Speaking of drama—The Major Drama Production has been selected. Mrs. Val Caldwell will be back again this year and will be directing *Back to the 80's*, a fun musical that has been performed in the USA, Canada and all over the world. The play includes over 20 songs from the 1980's including

Wake Me Up Before You Go Go, Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, Footloose, Mickey and The Man in the Mirror. Mrs. Jana Tannas has also agreed to return as our choreographer for the numerous dance scenes. Our music teacher Miss Chelsey Novakowski is excited to be our musical director. So parents start raiding your closets for those hypercolour t-shirts and get ready for the aroma of the multiple cans of hair-spray required for those 1980's hairstyles.



Auditions for Senior High students will be held on December 9th. Middle Years students are welcome to be part of our Ensemble Cast which will be onstage for many of the dance numbers, and will not need to audition.

*If you have any questions or would like to help out with sets, props, costumes, or hair and make up please let Mrs. Mathison at the collegiate know. Practices will begin early in February and will take place mostly on Sundays. The play will be performed on April 7-10.*

## TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS AT HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE by Mr. Crampain



With support both educationally and financially three organizations have met together purchasing a drone for use in the classroom. The RM of Hamiota, Hamiota Collegiate Business Program, and Park West School Division have equally contributed to an interesting education endeavour. The Seminars in Business class managed to take the project one step further as they honed some presentation skills. The class created and presented to the RM of Hamiota council, showing the educational benefits in owning a drone. Drones are becoming an everyday tool used in the business world and soon to be part of education at HCI as we explore business concepts using a drone and scaffolding into other areas, such as geography.

Once the drone arrives the business students at Hamiota Collegiate will be educated on drones, their flight, and proper use among other spin off education opportunities. One of the first educational tasks within Seminars in Business class is to create an aerial video approaching the school. This video will then be used in promotion of Hamiota Collegiate on our website. The possibilities with the drone are discussed everyday as the student are anxiously awaiting the drone arrival.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT by Mrs. Mitchell

Thank-you to CFS worker, Caroline Thompson of Miniota, for taking the time to visit with 3 grade 10 Career Development students to enlighten them on the roles and tasks of a social worker.

I'm currently looking for a volunteer to interview approximately 10 grade 10 students Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 1:50 to help them develop their interview skills. If you're interested or know of someone who is available, please contact Mrs. Mitchell ([mmitchell@pwsd.ca](mailto:mmitchell@pwsd.ca)). Thanks!



## FRENCH TRAVEL CLUB by Mrs. Mitchell

**Thank-you to everyone who purchased vegetables from our Peak of the Market fundraiser! Over 40 bundles of vegetables were donated to the local food bank and Christmas Cheer board. We appreciate your support!**

**We have 250 black chair covers and 250 white chair covers for rent at all times. Please contact the school if you're interested in renting them.**

**-Merry Christmas, HCI French Travel Club**

