

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

2013



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone for the new school year. I hope everyone had a great summer and is enjoying for the most part our really nice weather this fall. There are lots of things to share with you, so let's start by welcoming new staff. I would like to welcome Mrs. Whelpton to our HCl staff. Mrs. Whelpton is teaching our high school math, drama, foods and economics. I would also like to welcome back Mrs. Graham, who was away on a term, and Mr. Matiation, our new custodian to HCl. We have no new staff at HES but Mrs. Nowosad does have a change of assignment as she now teaches one of our grade one classes.

In HES news, Mrs. Walker has organized a walk across Canada board for our students to see how if combined they are able to accomplish the feat. We also had our open house on Sept 26th at 6:30 pm along with the dance. PAC had a short ceremony to officially open the new playground so please come out and attend. Our Terry Fox walk will be October 4th and festival is just around the corner.

In HCl news, we had a welcome back barbeque on the first Friday with free hot dogs and cookies for our students provided by student council.

We have had Band and PAC meetings and I encourage anyone interested to please attend as both can use more bodies. With PAC, with the elementary playground complete the focus is now on building a small basketball court, sand volleyball court and a middle year's structure. Lots of things as usual are going on with our athletic teams with golf complete, and soccer and volleyball in full swing. Park West's new extracurricular policy is on our website under athletics.

I just want to mention a few things that have been either sent home or told to your son or daughter. We reminded our students at HCl of our cell phone policy at our opening assembly and we ask that students do not use their cell phones in school unless for educational purposes as directed by their teacher. We do allow students to use them outside and we allow some opportunities for games in the library. We have also outlined consequences with our students for this policy and please discuss with them what they are. These should be displayed in the classrooms and are at the office.

We are also looking for a senior year's drama person who would be willing to undertake a drama production for HCl. We have staff that would be willing to

help supervise but with Mr. Negrave moving we do not at this time have someone to run our production. If you know of anyone who would be interested please call me as I think our Drama productions are very important to our students and I don't want to lose them.

Please note that we are hosting the Boys Volleyball Provincials this year on November 28-30th. This will be an exciting time for our school and the provincials require a great deal of work and space to run. **Due to this there will be no classes for grades 9-12 on November 29th the Friday.** Grade 6-8 students will have regular classes that day. If you are able to help with provincials please call Mrs. Hawkins.

I wish all our students a great start to their year and I hope that they make it a great one. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 842-2803. Take care
Sincerely;

Jon Zilkey

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GRADE 5 NEWS

As usual we've had a very busy start to the year as we get back into the routine of school and a new grade!

We started September by working with numbers up to a million in math. We learned how to represent numbers in a variety of ways, and how to estimate sums and differences using front end rounding, compatible numbers, compensation and benchmarks. After this unit, we will be working on multiplication. It's time to start brushing up on my facts!

In LA, we've spent



quite a bit of time with Typin' Time, but have also created ME Boxes which we presented to the



class, and done some journaling. We're also keeping track of any reading we're doing at home to set a baseline to see what we can read in eight weeks. At the end of that time, we are going to set a goal for the next eight weeks. Mom and Dad, please remind me to record my reading in my agenda book.

In science we have been working with simple machines, and have looked at

levers, wheels and axles, gears, and pulleys so far.

Last but not least, we have started working on a French play called "L'Arbre Ungali" ("The Ungali Tree" - a type of tree that is found in Africa)!



We would also like to welcome Brady Dzierver to our class who came to us from Strathclair. Welcome to Hamiota Elementary, Brady! We're enjoying having you here!

Hamiota Elementary's Annual Terry Fox Walk will take place on Friday, Oct.4th at 10:45 a.m. Please feel free to join us or cheer us on as we walk by! Stay for a hot dog lunch. All donations will be passed along to the Terry Fox Foundation.

It's such a worthy cause for all!



GRADE 4 NEWS

Welcome back to a new year in Grade 4! September school began with some lovely warm weather and other than a few rainy days, we can hope for some nice fall days yet to come. The students have all settled in nicely to the new classroom routines. We are so pleased to have a new student join the group this year! Kate-Leigh Heapy from Oak River area is a welcome addition to the class.

To start off the year, we completed 'All About Me' newspaper posters in ELA. The purpose of the posters is to get to know each other a little better and perhaps learn some important facts about our friends that maybe we didn't know. The

posters highlight important events in the student's life as well as special people

who have been a positive influence. The posters are hanging outside the grade

4 classroom so come on in and take a look!

Guided Reading has begun FULL THROTTLE in grade 4! Guided reading consists of special groupings of students, who read with the teacher daily to develop and strengthen reading strategies and to find continued success in reading. Throughout the year the students will read a variety of books from many different



genres. Some reading topics this month have been: kings, queens and riddles in fiction, non-fiction fact books about animals and their environments, science fiction/futuristic stories, fractured fairy tales in rap form, and a legend from long ago written in the form of a play. HOME READING! COMING TO A HOME NEAR YOU IN OCTOBER!

Spelling in Grade 4 will be similar to last year, using the Words Their Way spelling program. The students have a workbook where one unit will be completed each week.

Every Monday, your child should be bringing home a list of words from a sort. These words will be the words your child will work with that week and will be tested on each Friday. Five sentences are new this year and are to be completed by Friday as well.

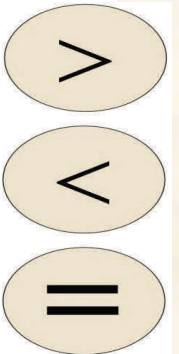
Our first math unit deals with *whole numbers to 10,000*. So far we have dabbled in place value, a variety of ways to represent numbers to 10,000, ordering numbers, $<$ $>$ and $=$, and currently we are exploring 3 mental math strategies for adding 3 digit

numbers. Ask your child how to solve an addition problem using *friendly number, counting on, or adding left to right*.

Come in soon and check out our self-portraits. We used white glue and chalk pastels to create these masterpieces. They are BEAUTIFUL!

September Birthdays:

Rylee McNabb–Sept. 1st



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GRADE THREE NEWS

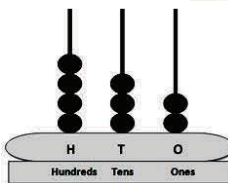
Welcome back to a brand new school year! Our class this year is made up of 25 eager Grade 3's, two able assistants, Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Dinulescu, one fantastic volunteer, Mrs. Skayman, and one teacher, Mrs. Dixon!

We are an energetic, enthusiastic group, but we sure work hard when there's a job to be done!

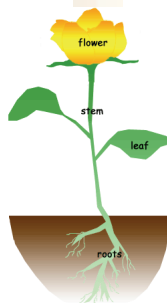


We started off the year making "Me Bags" and were able to learn some interesting things about each other. We enjoyed stuffing our bags with pictures and keepsakes. It was nice to share them with our families at the Family Dance.

In Math, we're working with 3 and 4 digit numbers and finding many ways to break them apart and represent them. We're also refreshing our basic addition facts and strategies.



In Science, we're learning about different plant parts and their uses. We've also had some fun doing various seed guesses and some of them have even had our farm kids scratching their heads! This year, students have brought in the most unique seeds I've ever seen....hairy vetch, quinoa, hemp and canary seed.



It's been a good education for Mrs. Dixon, too!

Grade 3's have started our regular home reading programs and our annual September one is "Terry Fox" reading. We've read Terry all the way across Canada and are very close to making it back to Newfoundland. What a great start to the year, Grade 3's!



We've been learning about Terry Fox and are looking forward to the Annual Terry Fox Walk for Schools on October 4th. Please join us at 10:45 a.m., if you're able!

Did you know that Terry wore the same sock on his artificial foot for his entire marathon? That sock would have been able to stand on its own, we think!



As the first month draws to a close, we're settling into class and homework routines. It's shaping up to be a busy learning year!

GRADE 2 NEWS

Welcome to a new school year! The Grade 2 class has been busy getting back into the swing of things. This year we have 15 students. We would like to welcome back Mrs. Doupe who volunteers in our classroom.

Our first mini-theme has been on apples. We have been reading stories and doing other activities relating to the topic of ap-



ples. In language arts we have been brushing up on our sight words and sorting words in the

Words Their Way Spelling program. We have even written a poem called Introducing Me.

In math we have been working on making repeating patterns. We have been learning about the elements, core and attributes of the patterns. We have also been counting forward and backward and learning our doubles to 20.



In science we have been learning about the six different groups of animals. We have watched videos and made posters for some of the animal groups.



Everyone is enjoying the soccer program organized by Mr. Mol-lard at lunch recess. There is always much excitement and team spirit after each game is completed.

There was great enthusiasm for the family dance and open house. Thanks to everyone who took the time to come and enjoy the evening.



It is hard to believe that the first month of school has come and gone so quickly. We are looking forward to our Johnny Appleseed Day on October 3rd and the Terry Fox Walk on October 4th. With the arrival of October our thoughts naturally turn to the special days of Thanks-giving and Hallow-
 een. They will be here before we know it!

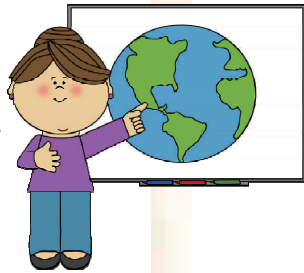


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GRADE ONE "N" NEWS

We were all a little sad to see summer over, but have settled back into school and routines, and are doing great! Mrs. Nowosad's grade 1 class has been super busy during September. The students and Mrs. Nowosad were together for kindergarten last year, so we all knew each other really well and were able to start the year off easily. We were sad to see Heidi leave us the second week of September, but we wish her well in her new school and adventures.

In ELA, we have been working with Words Their Way, and learning how to sort and spell words according to different patterns. We especially like using the Smartboard to do our sorts. We have also been spending lots of time practicing our

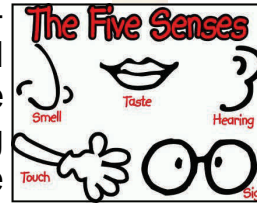


sight words. A sight word bag goes home each week, with books and activities to work on. We like listening to some catchy tunes to help us remember how to spell them. Our favorite so far is the song for SAID! We have started guided reading, and boy are we getting to be good readers!! Lots of time is spent writing too. Come and check out our Guess Who posters on the wall, and see if you can figure out who we are!

Math has been really busy learning all about patterns. We have made patterns with blocks, paper chains and even patterned fruit loop bracelets - yummy!

In science we have

been learning about the 5 senses. We had to use our sense of touch to try to figure out what was in some mystery bags! We used our 5 senses to describe popcorn. For most of us the sense of taste was the most fun! Next up will be to use our senses to describe gummy bears!



We are enjoying our noon hour walks, trying to take enough steps to walk across Canada. It's been a fun way to get active together, and it's good practice for the Terry Fox walk coming up on Oct. 4.

It's hard to believe September is over, but we are looking forward to all that October brings!!



REMINDER:

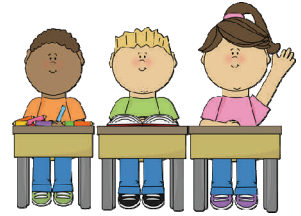
The Deadline for entries for the Speech section of Festival to be held in Hamiota in November, is **FRIDAY, OCT. 4.** Entry forms are available at both schools.

GRADE ONE "O" NEWS

Ideas by Grade 1s

Typed By Mrs. Obach

In the morning, we set out our chair and planner and pencil case and our reading bag. We are learning Daily 5. We read to self and practice writing every day. We just started practicing reading to someone. We read and write to get better and better.



In math, we are learning about patterns, adding and numbers. We even made a math movie. You can watch it on Mrs. Obach's Grade 1 blog (www.mrsobachclass.blogspot.com). We also learned how to do Willie Wiggle

Wiggle Worm number problems.

The family dance and open house were fun!

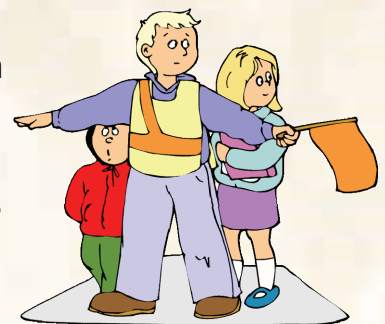
A note from Mrs. Obach: To keep up with our classroom news, you can follow us on Twitter @mrsobachclass or check our blog for updates www.mrsobachclass.blogspot.com



School Patrol

Just a reminder to all parents who live in town... patrollers are on duty in the morning from about 8:35 until

8:45, and then again at 3:10 until Mr. Zilkey gives them the wave to come in. If, however, it is too cold for the students to go outside, the patrollers will also be kept in. This will happen when it gets below -30 with the wind chill.



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VOLLEYBALL

Middle Years Volleyball

Once again, Hamiota Collegiate has a great Middle Years Volleyball Program in progress. We have 3 girls teams and 2 boys teams, with a total of 19 boys playing and 26 girls playing. We have practices Tuesdays and Thursdays and mini-tournaments on either Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning on the 3 October. The semi-finals will be held on the 7 November and the divisional finals on the 19 November. The players are: Grade 6: Kiara Kirk, Jana McTavish, Emily Murray, Eve Routledge, Olivia Tolton, Phoenix Jackson, Sierra McTavish, Mikayla Grabowski. Grade 7: Kassidy Heapy, Emily Usick, Joelle Little, Taylor Good, Montana Jackson, Chantelle Chappell, Daisy Martinez. Grade 8: Brenna Kirk, Michelle Bell,



Jacinta Doupe, Jessica Hunter, Sydney Murray, Emily Lints, Logan Wilson, Korinne Alexander, Savanna Lynn, Carly Shamray, Kara Kent.

The boys are: Grade 6: Cale Murray, Foster Tolton, Cole Allan, Jamie Waddell and Dawson Brooks. Grade 7: Liam Caldwell, Brendan Lawn, Brady Daniel, Brody Robinson, Hayden Crampain, Reece Breneman, Brett Hemrica. Grade 8: Sean Schweitzer, Bobbi Hunter, John Abdel Mesih, Holden Norrie, Ben Murray, Mason Gurr, Sebastian Tolton.

Thank you to Jacquelyn Hawkins, Jessica Sparrow, Brooke Tolton and JunJun Taborlupa for their help. Thank you also to Mrs. Charlene Allan and Mr. Sheldon Gurr for helping with the coaching and supervision.

Senior Volleyball

Varsity Girls

The varsity girls volleyball team has had a busy start to the year. The girls have competed in tournaments at Wawanesa and Crocus. The girls finished second in their pool at Wawanesa, but lost out in the quarter finals. At the Crocus tournament, the girls won the B-side. The girls will be competing in 5 more tournaments throughout the season. The varsity team is made up of the following players: Shayna Mathison, Brooke Tolton, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Kaylee Daniel, Jenny Harrison, Emily Hunter, Jordyn Paddock, and Orianna Hyndman. The girls are coached by Becky Birch. The girls are working hard and making improvements with the end goal for the team to make provincials.



Varsity Boys

The varsity boys have had a busy September with some success. They placed second in Glenboro, won the B side at BU and finished first at the Melita tournament. The league has just started and we will be hosting Strathclair and Rossburn on Oct 16th. Come out and cheer us on!



Remember we are hosting Provincials Nov 28-30.

SENIOR SOCCER

Varsity Girls

The HCI/Strathclair Varsity Girls Soccer team has had an exciting season. After six hard fought regular season games the girls ended with a record of 3-2-1, which left them in second place in the league. The girls lost 2-1 to Birtle in the first round of playoffs. Thanks to everyone for a great season The team this year is:

Chyna Lake	Rebecca Baker (Strath)
Randi Wall	Shelby Watson (Strath)
Jaimie Rose	Jenna Rystephanuk (Strath)
Shelby Mollard	Emma- Jean Koscielny (Strath)
Cassie Hunter	Rachel McTavish (Strath)
Chelsea Lawn	Kennedy Moffat (Strath)
Julie Campbell	Melanie Dalke (Strath)
Shayna Mathison	Lacey Winstone (Strath)
Shailyn Madsen	Tom Mollard (Coach)
Jessica Ritchie	Matthew Tanas (Coach)



Back: Mr. Mollard, Lacy, Shelby W., Jenna, Kennedy, Cassie, Shailyn, Melanie, Jaimie, Chelsea, Melanie, Mrs. Proven, Mr. Tanas
 Middle: Rebecca, Rachel, Emma Jean, Julie, Shelby M., Chyna, Jessica
 Front: Randi, Shayna

Varsity Boys

The 2013 Hamiota Huskies are not big in numbers, but have shown tremendous heart throughout the season so far. After the league play finished, they found themselves in second place and hosted Birtle in semi-final action on October 3. Unfortunately they lost in a close battle, 2-1. This year's squad included:

Grade 12 - Nathon Hawkins, Conor Clegg
 Grade 11 - Jake Coulter, Brady Waddell, Lane Routledge, Sawyer Norrie, Vincent Grabowski
 Grade 10 - Joel Usick, Kyle Feschuk, Dale McTavish, William Norrie, Riley Madsen
 Grade 9 - Grady Routledge



B: Mr. Coulter, Sawyer, Brady, Vincent, Jake, Nathon, Lane
 M: Joel, Riley, Grady, Dale, Kyle, William
 F: Conor



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MIDDLE YEARS GOLF

The Middle Years golf tournaments were held in Shoal Lake and Miniota this fall. The weather cooperated and all golfers enjoyed themselves. The Grade 8 golf team consisted of Sydney Murray and Kara Kent while Reece Breneman, Hayden Crampain, Liam Caldwell, Brody Robinson, Brendan Lawn and Mackenzie Haslan were the Grade 7 students who took part. Sydney Murray finished first place in the Grade 8 girls category and Hayden Crampain finished third in the Grade 7 boys category.

Miniota once again hosted the Grade 5/6 Golf Tournament. Rylan Kent was the lone Grade 5 who joined Jamie Waddell, Cale Murray, Cole Allan, Eve Routledge and Emily Murray from Grade 6. Emily Murray placed second in the Grade 6 girls division while Cole Allan finished third of all Grade 6 boys. Congratulations to all who took part!



SENIOR GOLF

The Varsity Boys and Girls golf teams participated in the Zone playoff in Hamiota on Sept 11th. Our teams didn't advance to the provincials this year but enjoyed to day on the course!



L-R: Caitlin McTavish, Naomi Best, Ashley Jay, Eveline Juce, Coach Mr. Facey



L-R: Riley Madsen, Conor Clegg, Sawyer Norrie, Jake Coulter, Coach Mr. Smith



**VARSIITY BOYS "A" PROVINCIALS
IN HAMIOTA
November 28-30**

Come and see our Hamiota Huskies in action!!

OCTOBER, 2013

JESSICA RITCHIE IN DENMARK

I left Winnipeg on Aug. 10, flew to Copenhagen and then to Aarhus, where I met my host family. It took more than a day to get there. I stayed with a couple who had one daughter at home who was one year older than me.



Jessica (3rd from right in front row) with her classmates

I attended school in Aarhus. I was in a class of 35 students in a very large school. There were at least three classes at each grade level. There were some classes in English, with most of the others in Danish. I only did work in the English classes, Social Studies and Math where the teacher translated. All students have lap tops and do most of their work on them using a lot less paper. Two other students from Park West were in the same classes, Shaylyn Lamb from Strathclair and Marlie Menzies from Shoal Lake.



Jessica's school in Aarhus



View from a rooftop in Copenhagen

While in Denmark I went into the city and visited Copenhagen. Most of the buildings are very old and even the new buildings are built from bricks. The cities are very green with lots of trees and green space areas.

The food in Denmark was very similar to Canadian food—we ate lots of potatoes!

The best thing about being in Denmark was the constant views of the ocean that were so beautiful.

I would recommend this trip to anyone!

STUDENTS IN WESTMAN YOUTH CHOIR

This year Grade 10 students Jaimie Rose and Bailey Wilson are members of the Westman Youth Choir. Following two intensive rehearsal weekends, the 2013 WMYC tour is as follows:

Saturday October 19, 2013

- Virden Aud Theatre 7:30 PM

Sunday October 20, 2013

- Virden Baptist Church 11:00 AM
- Russell United Church 7:30 PM

Monday October 21, 2013

- Birtle School 10:30 AM
- Elkhorn School 2:00 PM
- Melita Strand Theatre 7:30 PM

Tuesday October 22, 2013

- Boissevain School 10:00 AM
- Brandon Central United Church (School Concert) 2:00 PM
- Brandon Central United Church (Public Concert) 7:30 PM



Bailey Wilson



Jaimie Rose

FOOTBALL

Five students are playing with the Park West Outlaws Football team this year – James Hunkin, Cody Hunter, Gage Martinook, Jason Ritchie and Jack Routledge. Jason had an early end to the season suffering a broken leg in game action. The team has 4 more league games – Oct. 4 in Neepawa, Oct. 12 in Moosomin and ends the season with 2 home games, Oct. 18 against Virden and Oct. 27 in Dauphin.



L-R: James, Jack, Cody, Jason, Gage

STUDENT CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE



On Wednesday, Oct. 2, HCI hosted a conference by the Climate Change Connection. The day featured presentations, activities on our carbon footprint, auditing the garbage we discard each day, and looking at where our clothing comes from. At the end of the day groups planned at ideal communities and schools and made presentations on their ideas. A delicious lunch was provided by the Senior Student Council. This conference was made possible by an Education for Sustainable Development grant from Manitoba Education. For more information on the Climate Change Connection visit:

<http://www.climatechangeconnection.org> .



SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL BY QUINN SMITH

Students and teachers alike are back in the swing of things at Hamiota Collegiate with the arrival of a new school year. The student council started planning events early on for a fun-filled year. On September 6th we put on an event for everyone to welcome them back with a free barbeque of hot dogs, cookies and a drink. We have ordered new high school volleyball jerseys for the boys and the girls teams and they should be arriving soon. So as we flip the calendar to October our student council has many events planned for the new month. An all-day Sustainable Eco presentation on climate change is planned for October 2nd; it should be a great day with the added benefit of a free beef on a bun lunch. We are also busy planning our fowl supper that this year will take place on November 3rd. The supper will be held at the school this year. The magazine campaign is also fast approaching which is always a great fundraiser and benefit to our school. So in the student council we are very busy but all the events coming up are guaranteed to be a great time and learning experience for the school. Below are the senior members of council. Brenna Kirk, Emily Usick, and Eve Routledge serve as representatives from the Middle years.



Jackie Hunter <i>President</i>	Shelby Mollard <i>Vice-President</i>	Julie Campbell <i>Secretary</i>	Shane Hunter <i>Treasurer</i>	Jessica Ritchie <i>Canteen</i>	Shayna Mathison <i>Sports</i>	Blaine Lee <i>Social</i>	Kimberlee Gray <i>Yearbook</i>
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Quinn Smith <i>Gr. 12 Rep.</i>	Brady Waddell <i>Gr. 11 Rep/Jr. Vice</i>	Randy Kirk <i>Gr. 10 Rep.</i>	Emma Coulter <i>Grade 9 Rep.</i>
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MIDDLE YEARS COUNCIL BY KARA KENT

I would like to introduce you to the 2013-2014 Middle Years Student Council.




Me-Kara Kent <i>President</i>	Ben Murray <i>Vice President</i>	Chantelle Chappell <i>Sports Rep</i>	Ashlyn Kirk <i>Social Rep.</i>	Sydney Murray <i>Secretary</i>	Brenna Kirk <i>Gr. 8 Rep</i>	Emily Usick <i>Gr. 7 Rep</i>	Eve Routledge <i>Gr. 6 Rep</i>
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We are all looking forward to a fun and great year at Hamiota Collegiate.

MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Hamiota Collegiate
Fowl Supper
Sunday, November 3
4:30, 5:30 and 6:30
sittings



Please note that the Fowl Supper will be held at Hamiota Collegiate