

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2015



Kyanna Johnson's & Mikayla Grabowski's
Minion Pumpkins

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well we are near the midway point of the fall season and things are moving along so quickly. Hard to believe we were just talking about the start-up of school and we are already into November. Below are a few of the things that have been happening.

At HES we welcomed a new staff member Mrs. Jenna Stewart to our Kindergarten room. Welcome Jenna and we hope you enjoy your time with us. The Westman Youth Choir performed for us on Oct 19th including three HCI students. What a great job by these students. Hesrak club is up and running and the buddy bench has been put to good use on our playgrounds. If you don't understand either of these please give us a call and I will fill you in. Our Halloween party takes place on October 30th and parents please feel free to come out. Festival poems are being practiced and our Remembrance Day ceremony

is November 2 at 10:30 at HCI for both schools.

HCI has had many students in grade 12 off to Encounters with Canada in Ottawa this year. What a great experience for these students. Our magazine campaign has happened and the annual fowl supper is on November 1st. You still have time to get your ticket I believe. We had four students go to the Provincial Leadership conference in Killarney along with Mrs. Huberdeau. Mr. Obach's grade 9 class did a fantastic job of our student election bringing in all the candidates and giving them a chance to speak with our students three days before the election. Our sports teams had three girls go to soccer provincials with Strathclair and our volleyball teams are all preparing for playoffs. Please don't forget to thank the coaches and teachers who volunteer their time to work with our students. Without them we could not do all the activities we do.

A reminder that parent/student teacher interviews are November 19th from 4:30-7:30 and November 20th from 9:00 to 12:00. I would especially like to see high school parents out as I feel it is important to talk to your teachers and get a true sense of where your child is at regardless of how they are doing. Till next time take care.

Sincerely,
Jon Zilkey
Principal

Hamiota Schools Remembrance Day Program



**Tuesday, November 10
10:30 a.m.**

Everyone welcome

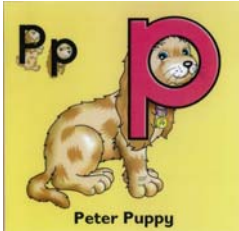
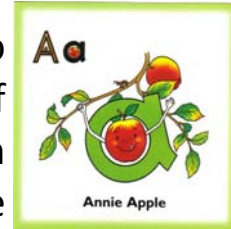
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KINDERGARTEN NEWS FROM MRS. MCNABB

Apples and Pumpkins! Lots of our learning activities have focused around this theme this past month.

We have traveled to Letterland using our SmartBoard to meet Annie Apple for the letter Aa. We graphed what kind of apples we liked the best: yellow, green, or red? Most kids in kindergarten prefer red apples. The least number of kids like yellow apples. We have identified, created, and extended patterns using apples.



Along with Annie Apple, we have been spending time with Peter Puppy. His /p/ sound is at the beginning of many words like popcorn and pumpkin. We have many pumpkins in our class thanks to Erin Johns and her family!

We have ordered the pumpkins by size and will graph our favourite pumpkin face to determine how we will carve our class jack-o-lantern! Do you think the expression on our Jack-o-lantern's face will be scary, happy, or funny? We are using pumpkin seeds to form capital and lowercase Pp's.



Our Handwriting Without Tears program teaches us how to form letters properly using Big lines, Little Lines, Big Curves, and Little Curves. Where do we start our letters? From the top of course!



Of course we are super excited for our upcoming Halloween Party. Thanks to Wanda Facey and Amanda Kirk for making treats for us as we celebrate this fun occasion!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 3rd, as we travel to Miniota School to perform our 2 poems: Mable Murple and Whisky Frisky. We are learning how to be good performers and are working very hard to learn our poems in preparation for this event.

GRADE ONE NEWS FROM MRS. OBACH & STUDENTS

Grade 1 News

The grade 1 class has been working hard this month! They are learning about numbers and counting. Our class can show numbers in different ways including pictures, numbers, words and ten frames. We are continuing to practice identifying, creating, extending and translating patterns.

Our Daily 5 ELA continues to grow. The Grade 1s have learned how to do Read to Self, Read to Someone, Word Study and Writing for Daily 5 activities. We are working on word hunts and word sorting. Our class is reading lots and lots! We are part of the Global Read Aloud, which is a project that connects people around the world to share the same books! The Grade 1s wrote about their Global Read Aloud experience so far:

The Global Read Aloud is FUN!
We read the same BOOKS AS
other kids around the world. Using
Skype, Twitter, and email we can
SHARE AND LEARN with
other classes. Our newest BOOK
IS ! (exclamation mark). We
have learned a lot.



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GRADE TWO NEWS FROM MRS. GREGORY

We have had another beautiful month of fall weather and October has flown by quickly.

During October our mini themes revolved around Thanksgiving and Halloween. We read and listened to stories and did art projects related to these topics. We wrote a seasonal poem,



why we are thankful for an ordinary object, what we would put in a witches brew, clues for a guess who is hiding behind the mask activity as well as a Halloween puppet play.



In math we continue to work on our doubles and close to doubles. We have been counting by 2's, 5's and 10's starting at different numbers going forward and backward. We have also been learning about increasing patterns.

We were able to observe the complete metamorphoses of our mealworms in science class. It was exciting to see how many pupae turned into adult beetles. We had lots of fun making bird nests out of items such as clay, grass, twigs, feathers as well as many other things



from nature. We have some very realistic looking nests on display in the hallway.

The past month has been filled with special events. On October 2nd we had the Terry Fox Walk. We had a great time making posters and walking in support of cancer research.



We listened to the wonderful singing of the Westman Youth Choir. Our Halloween party is on Friday and we are looking forward to seeing many scary and beautiful costumes and having fun at the monster mash dance.



With October nearly over, we start looking forward to saying our poems at the festival and taking part in Remembrance Day activities.

Happy Halloween everyone!

GRADE THREE NEWS FROM MRS. NOWOSAD



It is hard to believe October is almost over. We are getting excited for Halloween and our party on Friday. We have been working on various Halloween themed acrostic poems as well as a fun activity where students get to decide how they would dress up Mr. Zilkey for Halloween. The ideas range from a Ninja (because he is tall and strong) to a clown (because he is funny and may be able to juggle), to a fairy (because he is so nice and kind). It has been lots of fun.

Our October reading challenge was "Reading is Sweet". For every 15 minutes students read at home, they get to add a Halloween sticker to their chart. Once the chart is full they can pick two sweet treats from our bucket. They can fill their charts as many times as they want, to collect more treats. Thank you to all the parents for the continued help to make home reading a success.

In math we have been working on numbers to 1000 and various ways to represent them as well as place value. We can write numbers using words, digits, base 10 names, expanded form and represent numbers with pictures. We are working hard to find different ways to represent a



given number. We have also worked on some Halloween math.

Guided reading is in full swing, and students are working hard to use various strategies to help themselves. Some of the strategies we use are: Chunky Monkey, Skippy Frog, Stretchy Snake, Tryin' Lion, Eagle Eye and Helpful Kangaroo. We also focus a great deal on fluency and comprehension. Reading should sound like we are talking, and include expression.

In Language Arts we are focusing on how to write a proper paragraph. Students have been writing about different animals as well as the Buddy Bench we have in our school playground. We are also working on various types of sentences, and ways to make our sentences more exciting.

We are looking forward to the festival on November 3rd, in Miniota. We are doing two poems – "Nothing Beat-Beat-Beats a Pizza" and "The Faithful Donut".

We would like to thank our faithful volunteers in our room too! Audrey Kirk and Mavis Smith – we truly appreciate all the help you give to us! Heather Sheane will also be helping out in our room soon too! Volunteers are special people to give up their own time to come into help us!!

From all of us in grade 3, have a happy and safe Halloween!!



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GRADE THREE NEWS FROM MRS. DIXON

Halloween

October has been a busy month with quite a number of Halloween classroom activities! We brainstormed some interesting Halloween vocabulary and have been able to use it in our writing. We've started our L.A. groups and everyone is learning to work promptly and independently! This involves daily, reading, writing and word work.

We've been exploring a variety of number concepts in Math and are able to work well with 3 digit numbers. Addition and subtraction of these numbers is coming up next!

Check out the bulletin boards if you're in the neighborhood and you'll see a couple of interesting art projects. We've been practicing our cursive writing, so you'll see our names disguised in our skeletons. See if you can find us!

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We celebrated our Terry Fox Reading program with Mrs. Nowosad's class and this month we've been reading to fill in our spider webs. Many of us have completed one already and are now working on our second, or even our third project. Well done, Grade 3's!

We're still working on our plants unit in Science. We've learned about the important parts of a plant and enjoyed making 3D trees from a plain, brown lunchbag. They look fantastic!

We're looking forward to a number of things coming up...Halloween party, Festival, Lilac visits beginning in November. There's never a dull moment at school!



The Fall Session of the Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival is November 3 & 4 for Speech Arts.

The Final Concert is Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The Festival is in Miniota this year.

GRADE FOUR NEWS FROM MRS. ROUTLEDGE

October has been a busy month in Grade 4! The days are full and seem to be flying by...

The Grade 4 class has welcomed two new students to our clan! Gallagher Verniest joined us in September and Grayson Williams has recently joined us from Rivers. Welcome to our two new boys!

In ELA, we have been reading and writing up a storm! Guided Reading is fully underway with new, exciting titles like, *Puppies In Training* and *Raps x 3!* A royal story called *Clever Manka* and a legend entitled, *Kahukura and the Net*, have also made the cut! We meet every week in our reading groups and work on reading strategies, fluency, and comprehension. This month we have been talking



about making connections as we read and self-monitoring or asking ourselves questions while we read. **TIP:** When your child brings home reading home, listen to them read orally for just a few minutes each evening. { Listen....Is your child pausing appropriately for punctuation? Is your child self-correcting while he/she reads orally? Does your child read with expression? Does your child's reading flow smoothly in medium-large phrases? In Grade 4, we are making a daily habit of improving these reading skills. } October is a month to make a conscious effort to think about and write about all we are thankful for. The students wrote pattern poems about what they were especially thankful for. These were framed by some colourful fall leaves.

Halloween Acrostic poems were a hit and can be seen hanging in our hallway. In math this month, we are wrapping up our first unit on Whole Numbers to 10 000. This is a large unit with many important number concepts. Addition strategies, subtraction strategies, ordering numbers, problem solving, representing numbers in a variety of ways, etc have been our focus the past two months. We will continue to practice these concepts throughout the year, in our math journals and weekly review. November will bring our second math unit on multiplying and dividing!

(***Please make sure to check your child's agenda nightly. The agenda will contain important notes, homework, as well the odd math activity for your child to complete.***)

In Social Studies, we are currently learning all about Canada's provinces and territories. We have been engaged in a variety of activities where we can practice matching and naming each province/territory with its capital city. Exploring the map of Canada, we can name the six geographic regions, as well as the oceans which lie to the east, west, and north of our great country.



Festival is fast approaching! The Grade 4 class is presenting two poems at the festival in Miniota entitled, *A Mosquito In The Cabin* and *Ballad of a Boneless Chicken*.

A BIG thank-you to parents for continuing to support your child in the signing of the nightly home reading, in the agendas. Your help is greatly appreciated and a huge asset to your child's learning!

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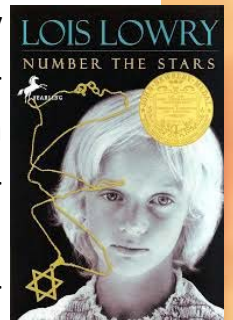
GRADE FIVE NEWS FROM MRS. ROUTLEDGE

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of October. Before you know it, we'll be starting Christmas concert practices! Before we get there though, we need to get through Halloween and festival. We have been busy practicing our poems, 'The Bogeyman' and 'Homework! Oh Homework' for the big day which is Wednesday, November 4th. We would also like to thank Mrs. Johns for providing our class with pumpkins to carve for Halloween.



Since the last newsletter we have completed our math unit on whole numbers and have been working on multiplication. Parents, please practice the facts up to 9X9 with your child every chance you can. The faster your child knows them, the easier everything will be. We are going to be learning some mental math strategies, as well as a couple of strategies for the more challenging questions.

In LA we have pretty much wrapped up a writing assignment we have been doing about ourselves. We have also been doing some work with the novel "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry which is being enjoyed by all. This novel takes place during the second world war and Anne-Marie and the rest of the Danish people need to protect the Jewish community from the Nazis. We have already had a few tense moments that had us wondering what might happen next.



We have just completed our science unit on Simple Machines, and have started to think about our social studies unit called "Canada's First Peoples". We will start by looking at how these people first arrived in North America.

Happy Halloween,
everyone!

Happy
Halloween

A row of five carved jack-o'-lanterns with various faces, including some with wide smiles and others with more neutral or spooky expressions. They are orange with green stems and leaves.

GRADE FIVE NEWS FROM MISS ARMSTRONG



Can you imagine if you were given one million dollars? We are doing some amazing math deciding how we each would spend one million dollars. There are some very interesting purchases being made!

In preparation for the speech festival, we have been busy learning two different class poems. They sound amazing! We have also started our first book club unit titled *Crimes, Clues, and Suspects*. Each group is reading a different book that fits the mystery genre. There is lots of anticipation building to figure out all the clues and solve the crimes.

In social studies we have been learning about all of the different First Nations groups in Canada. We have been very adventurous trying some new foods that these people would have eaten. We have tried squash, cornbread and wild rice so far.

Our work in social studies has inspired our latest art project, a water color landscape of a plains settlement. Blending the different colors together created very unique pictures.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY!!

- October 30th - Halloween Costume Parade 12:45 p.m.
Followed by the Monster Mash in the gym.
- November 3rd a.m. - Festival Miniota - Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2
p.m. - Grades 3 & 4
- November 4th p.m. - Festival Miniota - Grade 5
- November 10th - Remembrance Day Service HCI 10:30 a.m.
- November 11th - Remembrance Day No Classes
- November 16th - Blood Donor Clinic
- November 19th (evening) & November 20th (a.m.)
No Classes - Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 27th - Hot Lunch
- December 10th - Christmas Concert p.m. Dress Rehearsal &
Evening performance 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.)
- December 18th - Hot Lunch & Last Day of Classes

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Emily Hunter and Chelsey Lawn

There have been a few students from Hamiota this year, who have experienced Encounters with Canada in Ottawa. There were different topics that we could attend. We chose Science and Ecology!



One day we went on a bus tour of the city, visited Parliament and Parliament Hill, the Canadian War Memorial, the Museum of Nature and



Rideau Hall. We had a full week of amazing times, creating memories and making new friends. We hope everyone gets the opportunity to attend this great program.

Cassie Hunter



Encounters with Canada was an amazing experience and I would recommend it to anyone! I went alone and I can honestly say I wouldn't have wanted it any different. I went to the science and technology week. Activities included seeing Parliament Hill and going on a bus trip around Ottawa. I went on a haunted walk and I got to see Ottawa's prettiest building at night. We visited museums and had some activities

like extracting DNA from a banana. Because I went alone this pushed me to make more friends and become more outgoing and to do crazy things I never would have done before. My group decided that no matter what week or theme you choose, you are guaranteed a good time because it wasn't about the theme, it was more about making lasting friendships and to push our social boundaries.



BAND AND CHOIR NEWS

BAND CAMP

On October 14 & 15 Grade 8 students from Hamiota joined band students from Shoal Lake, Strathclair and Major Pratt in Russell for two days of Band Camp at Camp Wannacumbac. In total 65 students attended.

The students spent many hours in sectional practices and ended the Camp with a mass band performance. The conductor was Larry Pearson, a retired band teacher, who leads the Yorkton Community Band. There was also time for fun and getting to know the students from other communities.

HCI Grade 10 student, Korinne Alexander, attended as a percussion clinician.

Despite some tired lips from playing so much, the students and Miss Novakowski enjoyed this great experience.

CHOIR FUNDRAISER

At noon hour on Thursday, October 22 the Senior Choir held a pie-in-the – face fundraiser. Members of the choir and Miss Novakowski volunteered to get a pie in their face from those who bid the highest. Over \$450.00 was raised.

The Choir will be travelling to Winnipeg from November 18 –20th. On their tour they will be performing at Choral Fest.



Dawson Brooks gets a pie from Caleb Rindlisbacher



Students place their bids



Miss Novakowski gets a pie from Christyna Caldwell

HCI CHRISTMAS CONCERT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
7:00 P.M.



*Featuring Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8
& Senior Band
Senior Choir*

*MIDDLE YEARS DRAMA
C.S.I.: Christmas Scene Investigators*

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY GIRLS

The Varsity Girls Volleyball team is off to a good start on the season. The girls were finalists at the Beef and Barley Invitational in Russell on Oct. 9th. At their home tournament the girls lost to Grandview in the semi-final. Grandview later went on to win the tournament. The girls are halfway through their league play having beat Rossburn and Shoal Lake and losing to Strathclair. The girls have one more league game against Birtle before playoffs begin. The girls are currently ranked 6th in the top 10 ranking for A schools.



Back: Brenna Kirk, Brooke Schellenberg (Gr. 9), Cassidy Heapy(Gr.9), Emily Lints (Gr.10), Jacinta Doupe(Gr.10), Coach Mr. Obach
Front: Taylor Good,(Gr.9) Daisy Martinez(Gr.9), Chantelle Chappell(Gr.9), Karen Toth(Gr.9), Korinne Alexander(Gr.10)

eleven. We have been competing in the JV and Varsity leagues. The JV league consists of teams from Hamiota, Russell, and Rossburn while the Varsity league is only Rossburn and Hamiota. With the league play complete Rossburn placed 1st in the varsity and Hamiota second. We have done very well in the JV league placing first, while Rossburn finished second and Russell third. The final playoffs are to be hosted in Hamiota on Wednesday October 28th. Rossburn will play the third placed Russell Rams and Hamiota will play the winner of this game. No matter the outcome of this competition the boys have been playing some excellent volleyball while having a lot fun!



Back: Coach Mrs. Birch, Jessica Hunter, Emily Hunter, Kara Kent, Ashley Jay, Sydney Murray, Caitlin McTavish

Front: Naomi Best, MacKenzie Sims, Carly Shamray, Destiny Allan, Hanna Tolton

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

The Junior Varsity Girls volleyball team this season consists of 9 players. These girls competed in the Zone 10 league with Birtle, Russell and Strathclair and finished third in the regular season. This girls also attended tournaments in Virden, Minnedosa and the Home Varsity tournament in Hamiota.

The team continues to develop volleyball skills, has done a tremendous job learning the game and has shown great improvement throughout the volleyball season. Great work girls!

SENIOR BOYS

The Hamiota Collegiate volleyball team this year has consisted of 7 grade nines, 4 grade tens, and 1 grade



Back: Coach Mr. Gurr, Ben Murray, Brody Robinson, Brett Hemrica, Holden Norrie, Bobbi Hunter, Coach Mr. Crampain, Front: Liam Caldwell, Brady Daniel, Hayden Crampain, Brendan Lawn, Mason Gurr, Coach Jorden Leronowich

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STUDENT VOTE

Elections Canada implemented a student vote as part of the Federal Election this year to help increase awareness of voting and governance among youth in Canada. This year, the grade 9 Social Studies class was instrumental in organizing and running the student vote within Hamiota Collegiate. As an added bonus, the organizing class extended an invitation to all federal candidates in our riding and were successful in bringing four of the five candidates to Hamiota Collegiate for all students to meet.

Students were able to meet with and ask questions of the candidates in an open house format on Friday, October 16. Immediately following the open house, each student was able to cast their ballot for one of the five candidates. In our school, the results were as follows:

Ray Piche: 53
 Robert Sopuck: 46
 Laverne Lewycky: 17
 Inky Mark: 11
 Kate Storey: 4

A special thanks goes out to the Grade 9 class for organizing this event and to everybody who exercised their right and responsibility to vote!



The HCI Student Vote winner Ray Piché meets with students.

FRENCH TRAVEL CLUB FUNDRAISER

HCI French Travel Club is doing a vegetable fundraiser, perfect timing to have you set up for the holiday season! Donations to the Food Bank and Christmas Cheer Board are also an option! Please see a member of the HCI French Travel Club or call the school if you're interested. Order deadline is Tuesday, Nov 4th and pick-up is Tuesday, Nov 17th at 4:00 (HCI school library).

BUNDLE A: \$10

2lbs of carrots, 2lbs of onions & 5 lbs of red potatoes

BUNDLE B: \$20

3 lbs of carrots, 3 lbs of onions, 10 lbs of red potatoes,
 1 lbs of parsnips & 1 head green cabbage



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The magazine campaign wrapped up this Tuesday. We are still totalling up the sales. We would like to thank all the students who sold magazines. Our second major fundraiser is the Fowl Supper which will be held this Sunday. Tickets are still available for the 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. sittings. To book tickets please call the school at 204-842-2803.

Special thanks to parents and the public for their wonderful support of these fundraisers that benefit all the students of HCI.

Dale McTavish, Social Rep, with input from the Middle Years group has planned a week of dress up days to celebrate Halloween:

Monday: Fake an Injury Day

Tuesday: Color Day—Dress Up in Your Favourite Colour

Wednesday: Twin Day-Find a Twin and Dress Alike

Thursday: Dress Like Your Grandparents Day

Friday: Costume Day – Prizes will be awarded for: Funniest, Scariest, Most Outrageous, Most Creative and Best Group (up to 5 people)



Fake Injury
Day





MHSAA Champions Mentorship Program

Champions is a "Lifestyles" cross mentoring program developed by the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. The goal of this program is to have senior high school student leaders visit grade 5 classes and make the students aware of peer pressure and the affect that it has on any decisions they make. It is designed to help the high school students, and in turn, the elementary students develop life coping skills.

Eveline Juce and Randy Kirk spent two days in October getting trained to deliver this program to the grade 5 class at HES. The main objective of the Champions program is to prevent substance abuse by providing students with positive peer role models through cross-mentoring, to spread the message that you can succeed in life without using drugs and alcohol, and to attempt to identify some of the problems, for example peer pressure, that cause young people to resort to drug use. Student leaders will be taught how to present their lesson plan, how to develop "ice breakers" and how to create skits to get the message across.



GRADE 6—8 ART ITEMS STILL NEEDED

Thank-you to the following people for donating items to the grade 6 - 8 art class: Mrs. Facey, Campbell Flowers & Loree Gardham, and Jen Sims

We are still looking for the following items;

- a blender for making paper
- flowers, jewelry, feathers, rocks, etc.
- tin foil and saran rolls
- other "junk" you would like to dispose of
- jars and bottles
- any type of paint
- anything that can be used as props or costumes (for improv)

Please contact Mme Mitchell if pick-up is needed.

— Thanks, Mme Mitchell

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 30: *Halloween Costume Day & Middle Years Activities*

Nov. 1: *Park West Outlaws Playoff Game in Swan River*

Nov. 3 & 4: *Speech Festival in Miniota*

Nov. 5: *Festival Final Concert in Miniota*

Nov. 10: *Remembrance Day Service at HCI 10:30 a.m.*

Nov. 18-20: *Senior Choir Trip*

Nov. 19 4:30-7:00 p.m. & Nov. 20 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon:

Parent-Teacher Days—We hope to see all parents and students attend!

Dec. 8: *HCI Christmas Concert & Middle Years Drama*