

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

I can't help but to start off this message by saying congratulations to all students, staff, parents, and community members involved in our major drama production, "The Addams Family". All those involved spent countless hours learning their lines, songs, and dance steps in preparation for the big show. The students truly amazed me with their abilities. I want to thank all of the staff, parents and community volunteers for their hard work to transform the gymnasium into a theatre that was beautifully decorated. The costumes and the sets were extravagant! A special thanks to staff members Diane Brown, Barb Dowsett, Tana Huberdeau, and Karen Mathison for ensuring this production came to life! Jana Tannas also deserves a big thank you for all her work with the choreography.

April was also filled with a number of other events at both schools. On April 13 the students and staff at HCI were pleased to welcome and honor alumnus Kim McConnell. Kim graduated from HCI in 1974 and recently was awarded the Order of Canada. The school was pleased to present a plaque to Kim that will hang in the foyer at HCI. The grade 8 band students travelled to Brandon to participate in a festival and were also able to take advantage of some instruction to improve their skills. At HES, Mr. Coughlan has organized a floorball intramural program that has created some excellent and competitive games. The extracurricular sport, in season, at the present time is badminton. The middle year's teams practiced hard in preparation for divisional tournaments around the division. All of our students showed improvements in their game. Students in grades 5 to 8 participated in tournaments in Hamiota, Shoal Lake, Russell, Birtle and Strathclair. The varsity badminton just completed the south playoffs, with a number of our players advancing to the zone final on April 25. The baseball and fast pitch seasons are organized and now that the weather is better we are all looking forward to ball season outdoors! The gymnasium at HCI also played host to Live Different, a group of highly energetic young people promoting the message of Compassion. The presentation and message was captivating. Hamiota Elementary School will welcome our future kindergarten students to our school on April 25 and 26 for the annual DIAL screening and kindergarten registration. It will be an exciting couple of days as we get introduced to the future leaders in our school! Hamiota Schools hosted a Celebration of Learning on April 19 and 20. This celebration gives our students an opportunity to share their work with family and friends. It was great to see so many people come out. The evening of the 19th also gave the Collegiate a chance to welcome the current grade 5 and grade 8 students to two different orientation sessions for next year. Both sessions were well attended.

The month of May will prove to be equally as busy as the past month. The two schools will also be looking to the future as we will host our annual May planning day on the 11th. This day gives the staff a chance to set goals and directions for the upcoming school year. On the evening of the May 10th we will invite a number of stakeholders to the school to give some input as to what they would like to see happen in our schools.

As usual, much has happened since the last newsletter and things will only continue to get busier. Thanks again for all your support and feel free to contact the school should you have any questions, concerns, or simply to chat.

Take care.

Bruce Coulter
Principal

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS from Mrs. Allan

On May 9th the Kindergarten Class will celebrate **100** days of attending school! Please enjoy reading their responses to the following phrase.

Things I have heard **100** times:

Brielle McGonigal-“Have fun and listen to your teacher and be good!”

Dayton Currah-“Remember to do your homework!”

Jazmine Rivera-“Finish your food.”

Eveline Wilson-“Grandma always says be careful around the rooster!”

Libby Strachan-“Have fun and listen to your teacher.”

Zoey Drul-“Take down the gate.” (to the basement)

Bridger Kent-“Have fun!”

Danilo Conde-“Take a bath.”

Payton Sheridan-“Don’t touch a rat.” (said by her brother)

Deon Huberdeau-“Brush your teeth.”

Willow Wood-“Have fun!”

Ariana Lints-“Always listen to your teacher.”

Jennica Andan-“Brush your teeth.”

William Patterson-“Always do your homework.”

Mick Fredrick-“Have fun!”

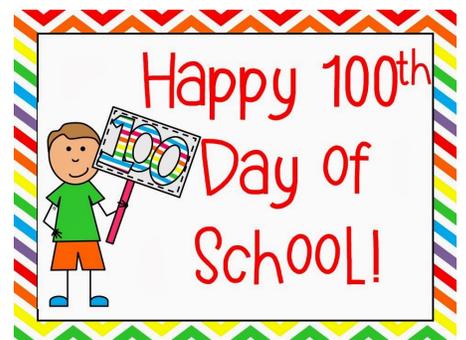
Kalia Lodge-“Have fun and be good.”

Casey-“Stop fighting with your brothers.”

Kaleb Bootsman-“Have fun rattlesnake.”

Dani Taborlupa-“It’s playtime!”

Wyatt Chuckery-“Clean up your room and pick up your toys.”



GRADE ONE NEWS from Mrs. Nowosad

It looks like spring and warmer weather may finally be here! It's been a long winter and we are ready to enjoy some warmth and sunshine.



We have been working on a Friends unit in Language Arts. We have completed a variety of activities to help learn about friendship. Some of these included learning different characteristics of positive and negative friendships, as well as qualities we might look for in a friend. Also, we role played different scenarios of ways to make a friend or ways to lose a friend. Students had an opportunity to interview one of their peers and create a written piece from what they learned.

We have also been working on fluency and expression in reading by performing various readers theaters. We recorded these and were able to show parents at Celebration of Learning.



We continue to work on addition strategies and word problems. We are starting to work on subtraction word problems and ways to identify the differences between subtraction and addition problems. We have also started measurement and have been measuring using non standard units.



Art has been great this last few weeks with students creating torn paper owls, 3D butterflies and some colorful spring flowers!

Please remember to send extra clothes for your child as our playground is quite wet and mucky!



Thank you to all our families for coming to Celebration of Learning to celebrate with your child all the great work they have done this year.



GRADE TWO NEWS from Mrs. Gregory

The grade 2 class continues to work hard on improving their reading and writing skills. Our mini theme this month has been pioneers. We have been reading some Little House on the Prairie books and doing a variety of reading and writing activities. We read a pioneer diary and made a chart to compare how things were long ago and today. We have also used a Venn diagram to sort things that belonged in the past and now.



In spelling we have been learning rules to use when adding endings to base words.



During the past month we have been working on improving how quickly we can do our subtraction and addition facts. We have been using money and a hundred chart to add groups of tens to numbers. We have also been measuring using a variety of nonstandard units. We can measure using multiple units as well as just a single unit.

Some special events that we enjoyed this month were the Addam's Family play and the literacy presentation by David, Jacob, Caleb and Kaitlyn.

Our Celebration of Learning was well attended and everyone did a great job showing their work to their parents.

It is hard to believe that there are only two more months left in the school year and we are sure they will be just as busy if not busier than this past month has been.



GRADE THREE NEWS from Mrs. Dixon



April has been a busy month with regular activities, such as L.A. groups and writing tasks. As we have “flown” to India in Social Studies, Miss Martin has done some interesting activities with us! We wrote letters to a friend in India and have completed some batik art (which is a typical craft there). We’ve also taken a virtual tour of the Taj Mahal and have learned a variety of interesting facts about life in India!

In Math, we’ve been learning all about multiplication and how it applies in our daily lives. We’ve completed a number of games and activities and are now learning our multiplication facts.



It was awesome to have 100% attendance at our Celebration of Learning Day. It’s great for students to share their work and progress with families. A highlight was presenting our Power Point Presentations; well done, Grade 3!



Our Lilac visit this month will be all about earth and spring activities. It’s hard to believe that our last visit takes place in May. Where has the time gone?

Our April home reading program has been “Groovy Reading.” Students have read a variety of genre and several have completed the first task and moved onto a second one!



Longer days, warmer weather...bring on spring!



GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. Routledge

Spring is finally here and we are excited for some warmer temperatures! The playground is almost dry so fingers crossed soon we will be in sandals instead of rubber boots!

Celebration Of Learning Celebration of Learning was indeed a celebration! Attendance was great and the students were eager to show off their accomplishments and hard work. The entire school was buzzing with excitement for two days! Thank-you to all the parents and grandparents for coming in to celebrate with us!

Bigfoot has been the topic of great interest lately in language arts. The students have been reading many stories of “true-encounters” along with eyewitness accounts of sightings from all over the world. Even in our little corner, there are documented reports of sightings as close as Kenton and Rivers. We have compared and contrasted Bigfoot and his Himalayan relative, the Yeti. Currently we are reading *The Kidnapping of Albert Ostman*, a true story about an American man who claims to have been kidnapped by a Sasquatch in the forests of British Columbia. Ask your child to tell you a little about the story!



$$\frac{3}{10} = .3$$
$$\frac{17}{100} = .17$$
$$\frac{5}{100} = .05$$

Fractions and Decimals are keeping us occupied in math these days! We are exploring fractions of a whole and fractions of a set. So far, so good! Please continue to encourage your child to practice their times tables. We have changed units but we still need to get those facts memorized.

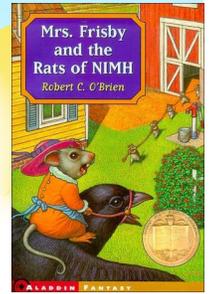
Mr. Lowry is doing a great job teaching the social studies unit, Canada’s Far North. The students are learning many interesting facts about the past and present history of our northern territories.

“Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.” – Marie Curie



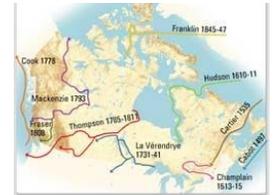
GRADE FIVE-R NEWS from Mrs. Routledge

Finally, it feels like spring has sprung, and we're starting to think about year end and everything that comes with it! We have completed our research projects in LA, and have begun a novel called "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH". We will focus on vocabulary, and simply reading a genre that some have probably never explored. I love this book!



In math, we are wrapping up our geometry unit with Mr. Lowry, and will be starting fractions and decimals next. The geometry unit always offers some challenges, particularly when it comes to the vocabulary piece. We have certainly enjoyed building bridges to show our understanding of words like: parallel, perpendicular, horizontal, vertical, etc.

In social studies, we are continuing our study of European Colonization. We have researched some explorers like John Cabot, Jacques Cartier, Martin Frobisher and Ferdinand Magellan. We then wrote journals from their perspective, about their journeys. We are looking at how this great country first began!



As you all saw at Celebration of Learning, we have videotaped our plays, and now need to wrap up the written questions in our duotangs. From there we are going to work on some creative writing assignments to wrap up the year.

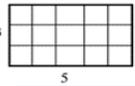
Some extra options that have been offered this month to the grade five students are badminton and ORFF. Badminton was attended by six students in Birtle who were given the opportunity to play students from other schools, and ORFF refers to a music day offered by Brandon University. Five students will be attending that on the 27th.

Enjoy your spring, everyone!



GRADE FIVE—S NEWS from Miss Schettler

In ELA we have started learning about personification and how to add it to our writing. The city never sleeps. Wait, cities can sleep?! We have also started Contract Reading where each student picks a book and a due date to finish reading it by. If they are not done by the due date they have set, they will need to finish during recess. When they are finished reading, the students are required to finish one assignment based on the book within a week. Time to practice meeting due dates and having a bit of homework.



In math we are creating dream houses using perimeter and area. In social studies we are starting a unit on New France and the fur trade.

Here are some things the grades 5's are looking forward to this spring:

I am excited to not have to wear a big jacket outside anymore. - Hailen

I am excited to have no more snow. - Caleb

I am excited about the warm weather. - Roanna

I am excited to start going night swimming. - Rogue

I am excited for getting to see Nicole and Lady. - Seth

I am very excited to get all muddy with my friends in the mud and have mud fights. - Klynn

I am excited to go play ball and go to the spring fling. - Alexis

I am excited to go to Cabela's and play ball. - Alex

I am very excited to go camping. - Madison

I am excited to sleep and go to the dam with my dogs. - Carrie-Ann

I am excited to be all muddy and get the quad stuck. - Keegan

I am excited to start baseball. - Sev

I am excited to go mud bogging. - Drayson

I am excited to go to the field. - Wyatt

I am excited to start baseball. - Jaxen

I am excited and can't wait to farm. - Chael



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Your
Calendar

UPCOMING DATES AT HES

April 27 ~ ORFF Music Day for Grade 5

April 27 ~ Hot Lunch wraps

May 11 ~ NO classes - Planning Day

May 18 ~ Soccer Jamboree

May 21 ~ NO classes - Victoria Day

May 25 ~ Hot Lunch taco in a bag

May 31 ~ Next Years Kinders visit HES



MIDDLE YEARS BADMINTON by Miss Lopes

This year we had another big turnout for Middle Years Badminton. Students participated at tournaments across the division including Hamiota, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, and Birtle. Unfortunately, our mixed doubles teams were unable to go to Russell due to poor driving conditions. Some standout performances from our school include: Surrey Smith - Gr. 6 3rd Place Girls Singles, Kyia Knight - 2nd Place Gr. 7 Girls Singles, Reanna Gage and Ella Gurr - 3rd Place Gr. 7 Girls Doubles, and Kate-Leigh Heapy - 3rd Place Gr. 8 Girls Singles. Congratulations to all students who participated in a fun afternoon of badminton!



Back: Alexa Bernier, Machaela Tannas, Darrah Kent, Kate-Leigh Heapy, Emerson Zilkey, Kyla Good, Kaitlyn Campbell, David McConnell, Ryan Donahoe, _Johns, Mr. Taylor Madsen (coach)

Third Row: Miss Sarah Lopes (coach), Miss Brittany Schettler (Coach), Jade Crampton, Trinity Lints, Whitney Rozdeba, Ella Gurr, Riley McTavish, Ryan Sheane, Aiden Murray, Connor Ramsey, Rylan Gage, John Lelond, Kobe Schellenberg

Second Row: Reanna Gage, JeAnne Villela, Cydney Boryskavish, Rudy Bond, Kia Knight, Colt Brooks, Garret Kent, Will Chappell, Caleb McTavish

Front Row: Shane Sparrow, Shirley Johnson, Jaycob Ellis-Grace, Daphne Tannas, Kylie Lodge, Surrey Smith, Teegan Hyndman, Lilly McDonald, Haydn Tolton, Kylin Robinson.

MIDDLE YEARS SOCCER

The Middle Years Soccer practices will be starting soon! Watch for information on practice times and games.



SENIOR BADMINTON by Mr. Smith

The Varsity Badminton Season is winding down. We just finished our South half playoffs on Wed., April 18th with lots of athletes advancing to the Zone finals. The following advanced in

Mixed: 1st Mason Gurr and Jessica Hunter, 2nd Brady Daniel and Chantelle Chappell, 3rd Holden Norrie and Kara Kent

Girls Doubles: 1st Carly Shamray and Sydney Murray

Boys Doubles: 1st Hayden Crampain and Reece Breneman, 2nd Cole Allan and Cale Murray, 3rd Foster Tolton and Kayden Sutherland

Boys Singles: 1st Jamie Waddell

Girls Singles: 2nd Hailey Chappell 3rd Kareena Sims

After the bird had settled on Wednesday, April 25th we had 6 athletes advancing to Provincials in Brandon on May 4th and 5th. Carly and Sydney won the Girls Doubles, Mason and Jessica won the Mixed doubles and Cole and Cale finished 2nd in Guys doubles. Congratulations to all players on a successful season and good luck to those advancing to provincials!



Back: Mr. Madsen(coach), Sydney Murray, Carly Shamray, Kara Kent, Mason Gurr, Jessica Hunter

Third Row: Brendan Lawn, Chantelle Chappell, Kassidy Hunter, Sheena Johnson, Daisy Martinez, Reese Breneman, Brady Daniel, Hayden Crampain, Liam Caldwell

Second Row: Jamie Waddell, Kale Murray, Foster Tolton, Kayden Sutherland, Cole Allan

Front: Kareena Sims, Hailey Chappell, Zachi Espayos, Colin Crampain, Nash Gurr, Vince David, Rylan Kent (Missing: Holden Norrie, Brody Robinson)



Mason & Jessica



Sydney & Carly



Cale & Cole



The Addams Family



Top: Mrs. Brown (Director), Mrs. Dowsett (Music Director), Mr. Brown (Sound and Lighting),

Bottom: Mrs. Tannas (Choreographer), Mrs. Mathison (Producer), Mrs. Huberdeau (Vocal Director),

Back: Liam Caldwell (Backstage Lights), Dawson Brooks (Sound), Sebastian Tolton (Knight/Backstage), Will Chappell (Backstage guest), Sean Schweitzer (Backstage), Ben Murray (Sound), Kareena Sims (Spot Light), Brendan Lawn (Spotlight)
 Middle: Brett Hemrica (Lurch), Holden Norrie (Lucas Bieneske), Mason Gurr (Mal Bieneske), Haden Crampain (Uncle Fester), Brenna Kirk (Ancestor Bride), Bobbi Hunter (Gomez), Ashlyn Kirk (Wednesday), Emma McConnell (Alice Bieneske), Jacinta Doupe (Morticia/Grim Reaper), Emily Lints (Morticia/Grim Reaper), Sheena Johnson (Ancestor Soldier/Itt), Chantelle Chappell (Grandma), Tess McTavish (Pugsley)
 Front: Jade Crampton (Ancestor Medieval Lady), Shirley Johnson (Ancestor Victorian Lady), Kylie Lodge (Ancestor Flight Attendant/Rat), Daphne Tannas (Ancestor Flapper/Young Wednesday dancer), Surrey Smith (Ancestor Caveman/Monster Under the Bed), Machaela Tannas (Ancestor Saloon Girl/Tassel)
 Not in Picture: Hailey Chappell (Photographer), Daisy Martinez (Photographer), David McConnell (Video), Kassidy Heapy (Posters/Advertising)

On April 12-15, four performances were held. The students enjoyed preparing this fun new musical and worked hard preparing the difficult music. Special thanks to the production crew pictured above, as well as all the parent (and some non-parent) volunteers (listed to the side).

We say goodbye to 11 graduating students who were involved in drama this year. We will miss them, but they have served as great role models for the younger actors coming up and we look forward to another great production next year.

Drama participants are also looking forward to a field trip on May 10. They will go to the Keystone Centre where they will be served lunch and then attend Crocus Plains High School performance of the musical Footloose!

As always the drama production strongly relies on volunteers. We thank them for all the hours spent and for helping to make our show a success.

Set Builders	Brad Kirk, Dave Henderson, Neil Doupe, Robert Bell, Gerry Sims
Set Design & Painting	Kerri Wilson, Tracy Chappell, Alison Hunter, Jody Allan, Jen Sims, Paula Lints, Christa Alexander, Lisa Hemrica
Props Design	JudyLyn Kirk
Backstage and Props	JudyLyn Kirk, Jody Allan, Paula Lints
Hair & Make Up	Tiffany Crampton, Jana Tannas, Tracey Chappell, Janice Norrie, Tana Huberdeau
Musical Assistance	Michelle McNabb
Costumes	Lynn Lelond from Brandon
Lighting & Sound	Dave Brown, Jerry Crampain
Rehearsal Pianist	Irene Todd
Ticket Sales, Door Workers and Ushers	Karma Hawkins

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS by Brett Hemrica

This month we ushered in a new student council, consisting of President Chantelle Chappell, Vice-President Reece Breneman, Secretary Taylor Good, Treasurer Brady Daniel, Sports Rep Hayden Crampain, Social Rep Brody Robinson, Literary Rep Daisy Martinez, Canteen Rep Kassidy Heapy, and finally, Room Rep Brett Hemrica.

Earlier this month, we welcomed musical act 7 Less and the Live Different campaign for a presentation promoting a healthy state of mind among our students.



The student council dance, originally scheduled for the 13th, has been postponed until this Friday, the 27th. Students should arrive at the school at 8:00 pm dressed in formal attire.

HCI ANNUAL FUNDRAISER—SWING OR SWIM JAMBOREE

by Mrs. Huberdeau

Once again, the outgoing Student Council, along with a committee of staff, are holding a community fundraiser event. This year's beneficiaries will be the Hamiota Aquatic Centre and Hamiota Minor Ball.

A barbeque and bake sale will be held from 11:30 - 1:00 on Friday, May 18 in the Vanguard Credit Union parking lot.

In addition, the "main event" will take place on Saturday, May 26 at the fair-grounds. Plans for the day include a beach volleyball tournament, children's activities and games and an escape room. In the evening, students will help "host" a Red Sox / Dodgers league game and will be serving a fundraiser pulled pork meal in the canteen. Please plan to attend some or all of the day's events!

If you are interested in putting in a team for beach volleyball, or if you have any questions or concerns about this event, please give the school a call at (204) 842-2803 and we would be happy to help!

Thanks to our community sponsors for their continued interest in our events!

EMILY LINTS RECIEVES PROVINCIAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

In the March newsletter it was noted that Emily Lints was our school nominee for Student Citizenship Award and was selected for the Park West School Division's Individual Award.

She was then sent on to the Provincial Level. We are very proud to say that Emily was recognized as one of six outstanding young people in Manitoba who are active participants in their communities and schools. The award was presented at the Manitoba School Board Association's Annual Convention.



Congratulations on this well-deserved award.

VOCATIONAL PRESENTATION

On Thursday, April 26, Grade 9-11 students attended a presentation on vocational courses in the division. Students travel to the vocational instruction school for the entire day during this program with transportation being provided. Students are responsible for completing required courses for graduation.

Mr. Larry Schroeder spoke about the Carpentry program. This is a two year program offered in the second semester of the Gr. 11 & 12 year. Students have the opportunity of receiving 4 academic credits each year. If they successfully complete the program they can challenge the Level 1 Apprentice exam and will have 1/2 of the practical hours required for Level 1.

Mr. Alan Wilson spoke on the Nature Studies Program. This program is also offered in the second semester and offers four credit courses: Outdoor Education, Resource Habitat Management and Tourism. More information is available through Twitter or Instagram—just search PWS Nature Studies. This year HCI student Michelle Bell is taking this program

Ms. Lindsay Rubeniuk provided information on the Cosmetology Program at WayWaySeeCappo and features three levels. This is also offered in the second semester.

She also spoke on the Health Care Aide Program offered at Birtle. During the first semester students take part in a daily video conference class with an instructor from Assiniboine Community College. Beginning in February students travel to Birtle where they spend time learning theory and hands on training. They then have practicum sessions at personal care homes and acute health centre and a final practicum where they can choose their location. Students who complete the program are graduates of the ACC Health Care Aide Program as well as earning high school graduation credits.



L-R: Ms. Rubeniuk, Mr. Wilson & Mr. Schroeder

They are asking that students who are interested register by June 1 as enrollment is limited. More information is available from Mrs. Diane Brown.

KIM McCONNELL VISITS HCI

On Friday, April 13th, Hamiota Collegiate welcomed Kim McConnell, an alumnus of HCI to speak to the students. He was recently inducted as a member of the Order of Canada. Mr. McConnell's induction ceremony was held on January 24, 2018. Following is what was read at the ceremony.

"Kim McConnell, C.M. Okotoks, Alberta

Kim McConnell is a leading voice for Canada's agriculture industry. Founder of AdFarm, he is considered a pioneer of agricultural marketing in North America and has spearheaded numerous successful national and international campaigns that have helped this important sector thrive. He is widely sought after for his insight on modern media and is a devoted member of a wide range of farming and community organizations. He is also known for fostering entrepreneurship and for mentoring youth in rural communities."

An engaging speaker, Mr. McConnell spoke to the students about how lucky he had been in his life. He credited his parents, his school, his community and 4-H as major influences. He spoke about the advantage of attending a small rural school where students can be involved in sports, drama and other extracurricular and community activities. He also stressed the advantage of being raised on a farm and the value of an agricultural degree in today's workplace.



Students were able to have a hands-on look at the Order of Canada Medal as it was passed around.



IMPORTANT HCI DATES

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| May 10 | - School Planning Stakeholders Meeting |
| May 11 | - School Planning Day—no classes |
| May 18 | - Fundraiser Barbeque & Bake Sale at Credit Union Parking Lot |
| May 26 | - Swing or Swim Jamboree Community Fundraiser |
| May 28 | - Victoria Day—no classes |
| June 14 | - HCI Annual Sports Banquet |
| June 18-22 | - Final Exams |
| June 26 | - Grade 6-11 Awards Ceremonies, 10:00 a.m. |
| June 27 | - Graduation - Ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. |

