

# HAMIOTA SCHOOLS

## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER, 2014

### Principal's Message

Hope everyone has bundled up, as winter is definitely here with both snow and cold. We have lots of things that have taken place and are about to take place at our schools.

At HES and HCI report cards were distributed and parent teacher interviews took place. As usual we had great turnout at the younger grades, but we still would like to see more people come out for our high school. Remember if you have any questions about your child to contact their teacher and remember we also have PowerSchool set up for grades 7-12 so you can check on your child's current progress. We also just initiated a new late policy for Hamiota Collegiate. We have talked to the students about it and given them all a copy and emailed it. If you did not get a chance to see the policy let us know and we can get you a copy.

HES has been, of course, very busy with Christmas Concert preparations. Led by Mrs. Penner, Mrs. Routledge and Mrs. Norrie all our staff and students are working hard to prepare a great show for you. Reminder that the concert is on December 11th at 1:00 and 7:00 pm and if you can, I encourage you to come at 1:00 as our late show is often very crowded. Also, the grade 5s are curling on Friday mornings and our grade 3's have been doing their Lilac visits to visit their partners. Thanks to all who help out with these great activities.

HCI has had numerous activities also taking place. The student council has decided to take up the huge undertaking of a *Relay for Life* in June. The first planning meeting has already taken place. The *Me to We* program organized by our grade 9's is planning their first fundraiser so look for that on page 14 of this newsletter. Mrs. Facey, Mrs. Mathison and the middle year's drama students have been working extremely hard for their show coming up on December 9th at 1:00 and 7:00. This should be a great show accompanied by our senior band. Speaking of the senior band, thanks for those who have helped with the fundraising efforts and thanks to Mrs. Paula Lints for her work with this.

Finally congratulations to all our sports teams and coaches for finishing up the volleyball season. We had good results in middle years and both our varsity programs made provincials with our boys bringing home a banner as finalists for Single A. We also had five boys and one girl make the graduating all-star team. Well done! Basketball season gets underway on December 1st for our senior year teams.

The students once again participated in The Tell Them From Me survey. I think this survey is important as it gives us a look at areas we are doing well in and areas we need to improve on. Finally I wish everyone a great Christmas and Happy New Year. Take care.

Sincerely;

Jon Zilkey  
Principal



PLAN TO ATTEND  
OUR CHRISTMAS  
PERFORMANCES

Tuesday, Dec. 9—HCI

1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**THE CHRISTMAS  
PRINCESS**

*Featuring music by the  
Senior Band*

Thursday, Dec. 11-  
HES

1:00 p.m. (Dress  
Rehearsal)

7:00 p.m. (doors open  
at 6:30 p.m.)

**LIGHTS! CAMERA!  
CHRISTMAS!**

## Kindergarten News

Christmas is coming! We have started our official "Santa Countdown" in Kindergarten. How many more sleeps is an important question that we need to solve everyday when we do our calendar. Our Santa letters are written and mailed off to the North Pole. Now we are eagerly awaiting for Santa's response.



In the meantime we have been practicing "Blitzens Boogie" for our annual Xmas Concert! You guessed it...we are gonna be rocking reindeer!

November was an event filled month too! We welcomed Miss. Brady Penner to our class. She is a new friend in our class that moved here from Brandon. She has many new friends already! At the beginning of the month we travelled by bus to Miniota School to perform our poems. For most of our students, this was their first festival performance and very first bus ride! The adjudicator enjoyed our poems soooo much that our class received an honourable mention. This included ten dollars for our class to purchase a new book. We were super thrilled! Thanks very much to the festival committee for providing us with this award.

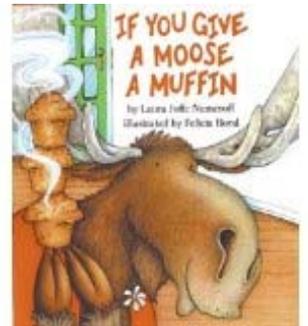
In Science, we are studying trees and examined the evergreen trees and the big maple trees on our playground!



We are learning about the parts of trees and why they are so important.

On Dec. 9th, Joan Trott will be visiting us from The Heritage Arts Center for a fun-filled morning of singing songs and listening to stories about trees. She will also lead us in painting beautiful pictures of trees using real watercolor paints!

Of course, we are still learning about our numbers and letters. A BIG thank-you to Jenna Stewart who has been volunteering in our room, helping us with our math and abc centers. We have begun our Daily 4 reading program with "Reading to Self." There are 3 ways to read a book: Reading the pictures, reading the words, and retelling a familiar story. We have enjoyed reading Laura Joffe Numeroff books such as "If You Give a Moose A Muffin," and "When You Take A Mouse To The Movies."



There are many magical moments in kindergarten. It's often these little children that remind us about the true spirit of Christmas everyday. May your homes be filled with much love and laughter this Christmas Season. Merry Christmas from our Kindergarten Class!



## Grade One News

What a busy time it is right now! November went by very quickly and now we are all in the mood for Christmas activities!

Festival was a lot of fun, and we enjoyed the bus ride to Miniota where we performed our poems, "The Wrong Start" and "The Sneeze". Thanks to all those who came out to watch us!



We continue to work on guided reading and are very proud of how far we have come. We are starting to use our reading strategies more frequently and independently!

We celebrated 50 days of school with some really fun activities in the gym, some tower building with 50 cups and some interesting writing activities. We even came up (quite easily) with 50 ways to be a friend! Now we are looking forward to 100 day!

We have started using guided math, and are becoming more familiar with it and working at becoming more independent at various centers. Using IXL math has been fun!

We are now working on lots of Christmas activities, including a writing/art activity on how we would help Santa if he gets stuck



in our chimneys. Next we will be filling out an application to become and elf, as well as writing about what we would do with a reindeer as a pet. Our letters for the newspaper are all complete, so make sure to check out our stories! We wrote about what we do on Christmas Day. It was fun to hear all the different traditions each of the students shared.



With this cold weather, please remember to send extra warm mitts, toques, boots etc.

Christmas concert is fast approaching, and we have been practicing lots. We hope to see you there!

**HAMIOTA  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11/14  
Dress Rehearsal -1:00 p.m.  
(Open to the Public)

Evening Concert -7:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

ADMISSION: Adults—\$3.00

## Grade 2-G News

What a busy time of year for everyone! 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 me think of. As November came to an end we started thinking about Christmas and we wrote an article for the paper about how we would like to be decorated if we were a Christmas tree. Be sure to read our articles in the Christmas edition of the Crossroads. We also wrote about what we thought Santa should bring our parents and these stories can be seen on our bulletin board in the hall. This week we are busy writing a letter to Santa. Hopefully he will have time to respond to each of our letters.



In math we have been learning about odd and even numbers as well as ordinal numbers. We have had fun estimating and counting dots on our smart board as well as different quantities of beans. We have practiced our counting by using nickels, dimes and pennies. We look forward to making and display-

ing our incredible equations. Some of us can even use addition, subtraction and groups of in the same equation.

In Social Studies we have started working on a unit about our community.

As usual, there have been many special events this month. Our class had fun going to the festival and saying our poems for everyone. We would also like to congratulate Carson, Lane, Tristin, Calli and Roanna for doing a solo, duet or trio. We would like to thank Mrs. Perner for helping us do such a beautiful job of the song we sang at the Remembrance Day service. It was wonderful to see everyone at the parent, student, and teacher meetings. The students did a great job showing and explaining their work to their parents.

One of the most exciting months of the year is finally here! We are busy practicing our singing and actions for the Christmas Concert. The play we are doing is called "Lights, Camera, Christmas" and all the grade 2's are superheroes. Come and watch us sing Super Santa!

Our class would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hopes everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!



We've had a great year in Grade 2 so far. Our class has been working with other classrooms. It has been a very busy month with lots of learning and some special activities. We have been learning about a lot of different things. Here they are:

We use math a lot. We are learning about adding and subtracting. It is fun adding and subtracting. We use adding and subtracting a lot. We also do fact families. Fact families are fun too. We use them in daily 5 math. We use base ten blocks. We also use base ten blocks in daily 5 math too. We mostly use them in Mrs. Obach's groups. We do counting forwards and backwards. We practice counting at calendar. We like math.



We have been working on writing portfolios. Inside our writing portfolios there are retell texts, telling about something that happened. We make a plan, write a rough copy, edit our work and then

type a good copy. Our writing portfolios make us feel proud, especially when we look back at our Grade 1 writing and printing.

Our class has been doing some special activities. We went to festival in Miniota . We performed two poems. We went to the high school for the Remembrance Day service and we sang a song. Our class did a good job performing.

We had a special visitor in our classroom. His name is Flat Matt and he is from Tramore , Ireland. Flat Matt isn't a real human he is just made out of paper. His brother Jim is staying in Ireland, but Matt is traveling the world. We had to choose where to send him next so we decided to send him to the United States. We started asking questions about Tramore , Ireland and then we compared Hamiota and Tramore.

We have been learning about coding. Coding is when you give directions to a computer or iPad. Our class has been working with the OLCS kindergartens. With the OLCS kindergartens we are planning a Code-a-thon. We are having the code-a-thon at the Oak Lake school. The OLCS kindergartens go to the Oak Lake school. The code-a-thon is December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will do the hour of coding at the code-a-thon. Coding is fun!

Our class has done a lot of different, interesting activities already this year. We are looking forward to more exciting stuff in December. Christmas, our code-a-thon, our Christmas play and Hour of Code activities are coming up this winter!



## Kids Who Code

### Local schools join mission to introduce 100 million students to computer science

Computers are everywhere, but fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. A limited number of students have experience with computer coding. The good news is, we're on our way to changing this.

In basic terms, coding is "giving computers directions". The **Hour of Code** is a learning event designed to spark global interest in computer science and programming. In one week last year, 15 million students tried computer science as a part of the Hour of Code. This year, the goal is to reach 100 million students.

Students at two local schools are teaming up to host their own coding event, the Kids Who Code Code-a-thon! The **Kids Who Code Code-a-thon** is a student-led coding event being held on December 12th, during this year's Hour of Code celebration week. Students from Mrs. Obach's Grade 2 class at Hamiota Elementary School are learning about computer science using a variety of kid-friendly coding tools in preparation for teaching others how to code during the Code-a-thon. The event will be co-hosted with Mrs. Caldwell's Kindergarten class at Oak Lake Community School. Teachers, students, pre-service teachers and community guests will have the opportunity to learn about coding and computer science.

The Hour of Code, organized by the nonprofit Code.org and over 100 other partners, is a statement that today's generation of students are ready to learn critical skills for 21st century success. Please join in the learning and take an hour to learn about coding. Anyone, young or old, as an individual or a group, can visit [hourofcode.com/ca](http://hourofcode.com/ca) to learn more. You can follow our project at [mrsobachsclass.blogspot.com](http://mrsobachsclass.blogspot.com)

Follow @MrsObachsClass and @olcskinders on Twitter for updates from the Code-a-thon.

Computer Science  
Education Week

DECEMBER 8-14, 2014

### FALL FESTIVAL WRAPS UP

### DEADLINE FOR SPRING FESTIVAL FAST APPROACHING

The Hamiota award winners from the fall festival were as follows:

Honourable Mentions: Hamiota Kindergarten Class, Tristan McTavish, Roanna Davison and Calli Wilson for their trio, Riley McTavish and Rudy Bond for their duet, and Christyna Caldwell for her solo poetry. Rylee McNabb won the Hamiota Collegiate Award for highest mark in Gr. 5-8 Solo Spoken Poetry, and Emily Usick was nominated to provincials for her poetry and prose selections.

#### **BIRDTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS SPRING FESTIVAL IN MINIOTA**

**Entry Deadline: January 6, 2015**

**Dates: Vocal: March 9-10 Band: March 11 Dance: March 13**

**Piano: March 16-17 Final Concert: March 19/15**

**Entry forms and addendum are available at the school.**



## Grade 3 News

November has been a busy month, with our Festival participation, report cards, parent-student conferences and the upcoming Christmas concert.



We've also been working on the 3 R's as well. We've studied whales and underwater life this month and have completed this study with a research project of a whale of our choice. Check out our work, as well as our tri-oramas, if you're in the hallway!

In Math, we've been working on estimating strategies as well as 2 and 3 digit addition strategies. Of course, there's always problem-solving and our weekly Math homework to add to the fun!

We met our new Lilac buddies this month, and I was amazed at the lovely visits these kids had! We had brought along a treasure to share with our new friends, but we also talked about a wide variety of topics. It's going to be another fantastic year and we're excited about our Christmas visit on December 17<sup>th</sup>!

We have completed our plants unit in Science and were pleased to have Cort Dogniez pay us a visit. He explained the many uses of plant parts. For example, the powder found on the south side of a birch tree can be used as sunscreen! Remember that tidbit the next time you're on a hike in the woods!



We are busy practicing our part for the Christmas concert, so look for villains and damsels in distress on the stage...that's us!

We are looking forward to the excitement of December and all the Christmas fun that comes with this special time of the year. Secret Santas will make an appearance in our classroom and we'll also be excited to unwrap a Christmas story each day until holidays begin.



Merry Christmas, everyone!

## Grade 4-A News

This month in the classroom we have been working hard on learning our multiplication facts. We have done all sorts of different games and activities to help our understanding. We created a beautiful city skyline showing our multiplication facts as different arrays.



Our social studies unit on the geography of Canada is well underway. We have been working hard on our mapping skills labeling the capital cities, rivers and lakes. Recently we discovered that Canada can be broken into different geographic regions as well. Looking at the regions different landscapes we have discovered that Canada is a very beautiful country! (continues on pg.8)

## Grade 4-A News (continued)

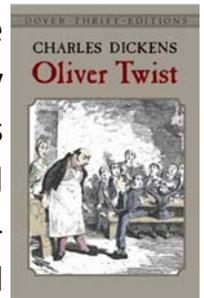
With Christmas just around the corner we have been doing some winter inspired art. Our first project was using the repelling properties of white crayon to create snowflakes in a watercolor background. The different color schemes used sure created some beautiful artwork.



## Grade 4-R News

Here we are in the month of December already! How time flies when we are having fun... It seems like the middle of January with this cold snap of weather we are having, so please make sure your Grade 4 child has warm, cozy winter clothing to tuck into before heading out for recess! That bitter north wind can be relentless!

Oliver Twist has been on our minds lately in Grade 4 ELA. The students have really enjoyed reading about Oliver and all of his adventures in turn of the century London. We have been studying the characters and what makes their personalities unique. The setting of the story, how the characters interact with one another, and the problems/solutions are also important pieces of the story we have been discussing. We have had lots of practice making predictions and using our background knowledge! Soon, we will be learning all about WORDLE.com and will be making Oliver Twist posters. Answering comprehension questions while using proper sentence structure is a work in progress!



The month of December has us talking and sharing with one another, about what it means to celebrate the season of giving. We have learned all about family traditions and what makes them special to us. Each student has shared their favorite Christmas tradition with the class, and these pieces of writing are now displayed in our hallway. The focus in writing has definitely been on making our writing interesting with many details, as well as drawing in the reader with a strong beginning and conclusion. Ask your child how IDEAS and ORGANIZATION contribute to our daily writing.

Christmas concert is fast approaching and Grade 4R has been busy gathering clothing items for costumes! Please make sure your child has all the items he/she needs, or send me an email so I can assist you in any way that I can.

**REMINDER:** A note was sent home last week about the Grade 4 Christmas Mug Exchange! Please have these in to the classrooms by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, wrapped and labelled with your child's name. We are very excited to put the mugs under our classroom Christmas tree!



Another month has flown by, and winter has arrived with a vengeance! We are keeping busy with many different types of activities.

In math we have wrapped up our multiplication unit, and have moved on to statistics and probability. We have been playing games of chance, and will soon be learning how to do double bar graphs on the computer. In LA we have wrapped up our unit on free verse poetry, and have been working on run-on sentences and idioms. This, of course, is around our Christmas concert practices! We are very excited to be doing the speaking parts this year! In social studies we continue to study Canada's First Peoples.



Besides concert practices, we have also started our curling program. Once again, Randy Lints has volunteered his time and energy to teaching the grade fives how to curl. We will have five lessons in total where we learn the rules and skills of the game. Thank you Mr. Lints, and thank you Hamiota Rink for allowing us to go at no cost!

The Fight of Victory

By Caleb Rindlisbacher

Planes fly high  
tanks on the ground run through rough dunes  
men run to battle  
World War has begun  
planes cause tons of air strikes  
tanks blow everything up  
soldiers snipe from above  
one team has victory  
everyone will remember them  
and so will I

Jive

By Alexa Bernier

I cry as I carry her to the car.  
I pet her as we go into the vet.  
She whines to go play.  
I pet her warm, soft fur.  
I rub her eyes and say,  
"I love you."  
The vet calls her in  
Puts her on the table  
And gives her the needle.  
I hug her trying not to cry.  
Her eyes close  
And she is gone.  
Now when I look at the foot  
of the bed.  
I say, "Jive, where are you?  
Come home."  
But all I can do is remember.

Clock

By: Ryan Donohoe

Tick, Tock  
The Clock sits on the wall  
One hour, two hours and three,  
The hand goes around  
Tick tock  
Tick tock  
Tick tock  
**RRRIINNNGGG!!!**  
There's the bell  
See you tomorrow!

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

"Caring and Planning for Baby", with a focus on teething, was our theme this month. We discussed how babies between five and eight months old may be getting their first teeth and the changes in their temperament. This was connected to the grade one students who may be losing baby teeth and growing new ones. Showing empathy toward other peers who may be feeling shy about looking different when they lose a tooth was encouraged.

Baby Dayton and her mom Laura visited our classroom and the grade one students were so excited to see how much she had grown since seeing her in October! Observing Dayton perch herself up on hands and knees and push backwards to move was a new accomplishment. Dayton's mom showed the class all of the items that she packs for Dayton when they go out.

The next theme is "Emotions" and we look forward to seeing Baby Dayton and her mom in January!

-Mrs. Charlene Allan



November's Roots of Empathy Theme was, "Planning and Caring for a Baby." This centered mainly around diapering. The Grade Six students explored different types of diapers and the advantages and disadvantages of each. They learned how much it cost to diaper a baby for a week, month and year. They also watched diapering demonstrations and discussed baby temperament and how that can affect the ease or difficulty of changing a diaper.

As expected, there is a certain level of "uncertainty" or even "embarrassment" that becomes evident when discussing such a subject! The Grade Six class handled the discussions very well and were then able to discuss times when they or a friend had experienced embarrassment. We noted that different people react to embarrassing situations in different ways depending on their unique temperaments.

As always, we were thrilled to have Baby Elle and her mom, Becky Birch, visit our classroom. Baby Elle had a new skill to show us – She can roll over! Elle was rewarded with cheers of approval from "her" class each time she rolled from back to stomach, and then smiled at her friends in return. We are so excited to keep tracking Elle's development as the year continues!

-Mrs. Tana Huberdeau



## MIDDLE YEARS DRAMA

Again this year we have a talented group of actors and backstage crew working on our Christmas play. This year the play is *The Christmas Princess*.

Two older spinster princesses Bess and Tess have been running the kingdom since their parents left town. They are broke and their only hope is to marry off their beautiful, spoiled younger sister, Violetta, to a very rich, very handsome, but not-so-bright prince on Christmas Day. Violetta will do anything to get out of marrying the prince. After trading places with her maid, dressed as a peasant girl, she braves the scary forest, a couple

of witches, some dancing woodsprites, some bears and a dragon and meets the dashing young blacksmith Allan. Meanwhile, back at the palace the maid and the prince have fallen madly in love. The court jesters, a real bunch of fools, are trying to impress Bess and Tess so they don't end up in the dungeon. What will happen?? Join us and find out! The play has lots of laughs, music provided by the Hamiota Collegiate Senior Band and audience participation.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Whelpton and her Grade 9 Drama class who made our props. Thanks also to Mrs. Joan Trott who lent us her castle backdrops which were also spruced up by the Drama Class.



## MIDDLE YEAR STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT by Emily Usick

“Full of interesting costumes, sugary treats and chocolaty chocolate bars, October has flown by like orange leaves falling from a tree in Autumn! Our Middle Years Council is finally calming down from all the hustle and bustle of our October party last month. Full of wild and crazy games including pumpkin decorating, karaoke, Just Dance on Wii and a scavenger hunt, this October party was hard work! Toward the end of that day, we had a disco on and people dancing for our October dance. We succeeded in getting everyone to dance at least a little, and I believe everyone had a good time. Before we had this party, we had a spirit week with Disney Day, Superhero Day and Opposite Gender Day. It was basically a week full of jumbled costumes and crazy outfits! Round of applause to the Student Council for working together to put on these events.”

# MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL SEASON WRAP-UP

GIRLS by Mrs. Facey and Mrs. Hodgson

Our year has been interesting and a wonderful learning experience for the girls who played. They have worked on the basics of passing and serving. Becoming proficient in these two things will make them more successful volleyball players in the future. They played in mini-tournaments in Strathclair, Shoal Lake, Birtle and of course at home.

The South Half finals took place on November 13 in Hamiota. The “B” side finals included the two grade 6/7 teams. They worked hard and Mrs. Facey’s team lost a tough game to Major Pratt in the finals. The Grade 8 team placed 1st in the round robin but lost a tough match to Birtle in the semi-finals. Our school is very fortunate to have enough volunteers so we can have 3 teams of middle years’ players. This means that the girls have more individualized coaching and more court time.



Back: Mr. Crampain (coach), Layne Norrie, Foster Tolton, Cole Allan, Cale Murray, Jamie Waddell,  
Middle: Liam Caldwell, Brendan Lawn, Hayden Crampain, Brady Daniel, Brody Robinson, Mason Gurr (assistant coach)  
Front: Brett Hemrica, Reece Breneman

MIDDLE YEARS BOYS by Mr. Crampain

Firstly, the middle years boys volleyball and Mr. Crampain would like to thank Mr. Sheldon Gurr for providing assistance to the volleyball program. The boys all had an excellent learning year in the skills of the game, we are getting much better at making a consistent first pass. This year we had 2 boys’ teams. With seven players in grade 8 meant we had enough for a grade 8 team, but they were so accommodating with the grade 7s, we had each player join the grade 8s to play 2 mini tournaments learning more skills about the game.



Back: Mr. Gurr (coach) Colin Crampain, Layne Norrie, Foster Tolton, Cole Allan, Cale Murray, Jamie Waddell  
Front: Rylan Kent, Nash Gurr, Brady Dziver, Rory McNabb

The boys also played in mini tournaments throughout the season in Strathclair, Shoal Lake, Miniota, and here in Hamiota. Our south division final was hosted in Shoal Lake this year. We had an excellent showing from our 2 teams. The younger grade 6/7 team was in the “B” division and lost a close match to Major Pratt. The grade 8 team was in the “A” division beating Miniota, in a come from behind, final. With us being South Division champions we hosted the boy’s finals here in Hamiota. The Boys ended the round robin 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Binscarth. We had a tough match against Rosburn losing in the semi finals, to the division champions. We are all looking forward in anticipation for volleyball season again next year!



Grade 6/7  
Back: Jacquelyn Hawkins (coach) Shanna Lelond, Olivia Tolton, Zachi Espayos, Phoenix Jackson  
Front: Mikayla Grabowski, Eve Routledge, Jana McTavish,



Gr. 6/7  
Back: Hailey Chappell, Emily Murray, Kiara Kirk, Sierra McTavish, Emma McConnell  
Front: Mercedes Lake, Emma Dmyterko, Kareena Sims, Mrs. Facey (coach)



Gr. 8  
Back: Cassidy Heapy, Joelle Little, Chantelle Chappell,  
Front: Taylor Good, Daisy Martinez, Emily Usick, Mrs. Hodgson (coach)

*Of our Middle Years students there were 23 of 26 girls playing volleyball and 17 of 24 boys playing.*

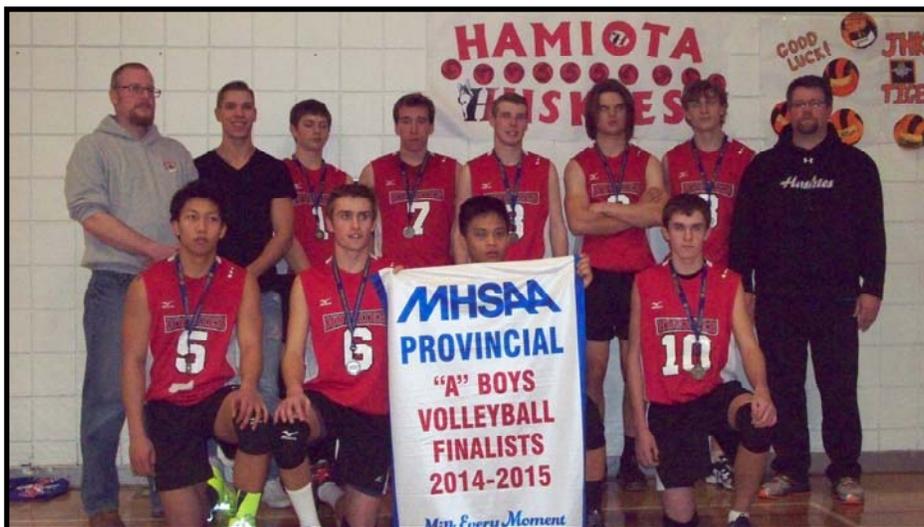
# VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SEASON WRAP-UP

## BOYS

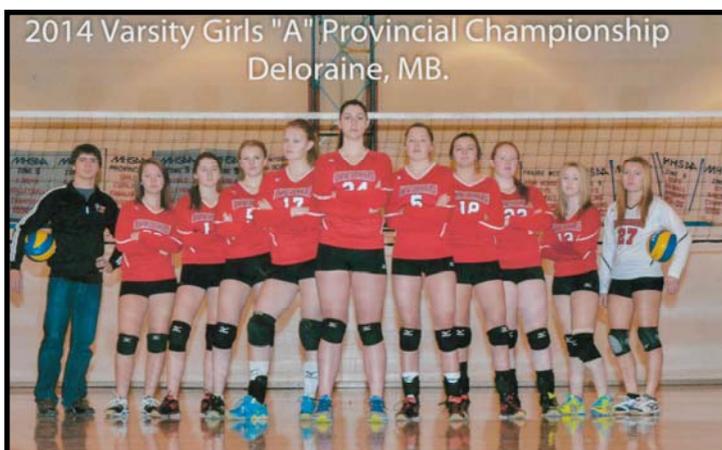
The Varsity Boys saw their season come to an end Saturday, November 29th with a loss to the Rosenort in the Boys "A" Provincial finals. The boys went the entire round robin without losing a set. After losing their first set to Snow Lake in the quarter finals the boys came out gunning in the second set to win 25-10. In the third set, led by Jorden Leronowich serving 15 in a row, the Huskies won by an incredible score of 15-0.

The Huskies then went on to beat Elm Creek in the semi-

finals 25-22 and 25-11 to move on to the provincial finals. The boys went on to lose the finals in three sets to Rosenort by the scores of 25-20, 18-25, and losing in a close third set 15-13. This was the boys' second trip to the provincial finals in two years, with Jun Jun Taborlupa and Sawyer Norrie receiving all-star awards. Even though the boys ended their season with a loss, they had an incredible overall season with a record of 101 sets won to 17 sets lost. They boys would like to thank all the parents and community members who have supported them over the years and watched them play. They boys themselves would also like to give special thanks to Mr. Cory Smith, Mr. Dave Rawlings and Mr. Kardy Fedorowich for coaching them for the past four years and making us into the great athletes we are today. That's all from the Varsity Boys Volleyball Team!



Back: Mr. Rawlings, Mr. Fedorowich, Will Chappell, Jorden Leronowich, Brady Waddell, Cody Hunter, Vincent Grabowski, Mr. Smith  
Front: Jun Jun Taborlupa, Sawyer Norrie, Dominic Miranda, Holden Norrie



L-R: Mr. Obach (coach), Jenny Harrison, Destiny Allan, Emily Hunter, Jessica Sparrow, Ashley Jay, Brooke Tolton, Hanna Tolton, Kaylee Daniel, Dakota Ducharme, Jacquelyn Hawkins

## GIRLS

The Varsity Girls volleyball team concluded their season this past weekend at the 'A' Provincials in Deloraine. After winning Zone 10, the girls advanced to a provincial Qualifying tournament that took place on November 15 in Whitemouth, MB. The girls were victorious in the four team tournament, advancing to their third consecutive provincial finals.

The Huskies were the 4th ranked team going into provincials and played well in round robin play, taking a 3-1 record into the playoffs. The girls dropped a closely contested match against the Rosenort Redhawks in the quarter-finals to mark an end to their season.

Congratulations to the Hamiota Huskies Girls volleyball team on a successful 2014 season. The girls battled through some adversity and injuries, but came together at the end of the year and played really well against the best schools around the province. Leaving the team this year after four consecutive years playing high school volleyball are Jacquelyn Hawkins, Kaylee Daniel, Jenny Harrison and Brooke Tolton. Throughout their four years in the high school volleyball program, these girls not only developed as athletes and individuals, but helped contribute to the ongoing success of the volleyball program in Hamiota.

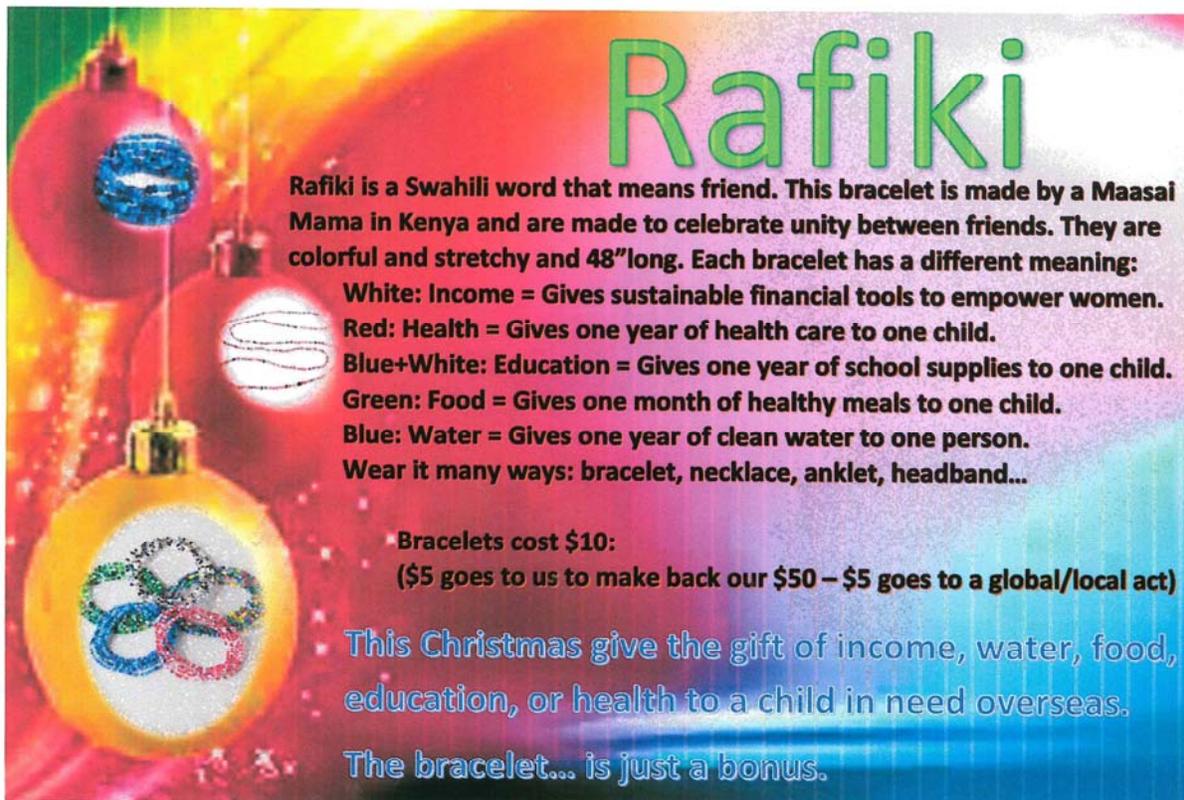
Special congratulations to Brooke Tolton who was selected a Graduating All-Star and will play in the graduating all-star game this Saturday in Winnipeg.

## WE ACT COMMITTEE (WAC)

We Act is an educational program that empowers young people to become active local, national and global citizens. We Act is more than educational resources and action campaigns; it's a movement of students and educators who believe that some of the most powerful learning experiences happen when you make a meaningful difference in your communities and for the world. By taking at least one local and one global action, We Act helps students gain diverse skills and perspectives that challenge apathy and encourage active citizenship.

This school year, HCI is please to announce that we have established our very own We Act Committee (WAC), composed of grade eight and nine students. These students have made a commitment to bettering the community and world around them by taking part in a series of fundraisers through the Free the Children Organization, including We Scare Hunger, We Are Rafikis, We Create Change, and many more.

Current members of our committee include: Michelle Bell, Ashley Morden, Emily Lints, Korinne Alexander, Ashlyn Kirk, Savanna Lynn, Kara Kent, Sydney Murray, Carly Shamray, Logan Wilson, Joun Abdel Mesih, Sheena Johnson, Taylor Good, Daisy Martinez, and Montana Jackson. Our committee is always looking for new members who want to make a difference! If you are interested in joining WAC contact Ms. Hammond or Mrs. Facey!



**Rafiki**

Rafiki is a Swahili word that means friend. This bracelet is made by a Maasai Mama in Kenya and are made to celebrate unity between friends. They are colorful and stretchy and 48" long. Each bracelet has a different meaning:

- White: Income = Gives sustainable financial tools to empower women.
- Red: Health = Gives one year of health care to one child.
- Blue+White: Education = Gives one year of school supplies to one child.
- Green: Food = Gives one month of healthy meals to one child.
- Blue: Water = Gives one year of clean water to one person.

Wear it many ways: bracelet, necklace, anklet, headband...

Bracelets cost \$10:  
(\$5 goes to us to make back our \$50 – \$5 goes to a global/local act)

This Christmas give the gift of income, water, food, education, or health to a child in need overseas.

The bracelet... is just a bonus.

WeAct Committee at Hamiota Collegiate are selling these amazing Rafiki's for only two weeks our final exception for receiving order forms is 12<sup>th</sup> of December

If you would like to buy one of these Rafiki's or have a question call: [204-764-2938](tel:204-764-2938) Leave your name and number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## GRADE 10—START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

The second half of the semester is under way, thus the Grade 10 class has begun their business in Start Your Own Business. The excited eager beavers in this class have been working hard to plan their business in order to get them off the ground. The business groups started by learning the ten steps to a business plan, the business finance, and other business background, most of the skills coming from Futures in Business. Now what better way to learn the full value of running your own business than going into business for yourself, with the assistance of the Junior Achievement organization of Canada? The Start Your Own Business class will now be taking a large part of this semester to run a business within our class, good luck businesses! Look for more details to follow in the New Year, as the students plan their marketing strategies.



### AROUND HCI



GRADE 9 DRAMA CLASS WORKS ON PROPS AND SETS FOR THE MIDDLE YEARS DRAMA



THE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS PLAYING SOME SHORT-COURT DURING A PEP RALLY FOR THE TEAMS HEADING TO PROVINCIALS. “HOWIE THE HUSKIE” (AKA JASON RITCHIE) SHOWS OFF SOME MOVES

## SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



This month was a very successful month for Student Council. One of our main fundraisers for the school, the magazine campaign, concluded at the start of November as a success when we were very close to reaching our goal. The money the students raised from selling the magazines will go into the purchasing of items for the school and helping aid sports teams in costs such as hotel rooms. The money will also be used to put on BBQ's and used for the planning of fun days. Thanks to everyone who supported the school by buying magazines.

The Fowl Supper at the start of the month was pulled off with great success. This was the second year in a row we have held the supper at the school and we believe it was a good fit to move from the hall to the school. We are able to have two larger seatings, rather than three and do not have to transport food and supplies between the two facilities. We also have lots of indoor space for people to wait prior to the meal if we have a cold evening. Lane Routledge and the rest of the Student Council would like to thank the parents and students for making the food and all the students who volunteered their time. We would like to also express a special thank you to Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Skayman for all the organizing they did to help make it such a great success.



The Student Council also took part in their first "Relay for Life" meeting. The committee has now been formed and now know their specific duties on the committee. It has been decided that the Hamiota Relay for Life will be held June 12th of 2015. We hope that all students in the school will join a team and hope that many community members will also form teams of their own as the proceeds from the event will be going to cancer research. There will be live entertainment and events planned all night so mark it on your calendar so you will be sure you will have the chance to enjoy this wonderful community event. If you would like to stay up to date with news about our Relay for Life you may "like" our event on facebook at "Relay For Life Hamiota Collegiate."



The Student Council will now also be participating in a new activity called "Hat Day". So for the first Friday of every month students of Hamiota Collegiate will be allowed to wear their hat all day for a \$2 fee. The money raised by Hat Day will then be sent to local charities or used it as fundraising for events such as the Relay for Life. That's all for this month from the Student Council!

## 2013-14 YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!!

**The 2013-14 edition of the Hamiota Collegiate yearbook has arrived and has been distributed. If you did not order a copy last year, but would like one, it's not too late. There are some extra copies and the cost is \$30.00. See Monika Abdel Mesih or contact the school office.**

**Sales for next year's yearbook, 2014-15, will be happening soon. A yearbook also makes a great Christmas gift. If you would like to order a copy of next year's yearbook for someone, we can provide you with a coupon to present to the recipient this Christmas. Again contact Monika or the school for more information.**

**We also have copies of past years' yearbooks to complete your collection.**