

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS

February is always a busy month. At the high school it signals the start of a new semester, which means the last semester for our graduating students! At the elementary school February signals the start of full time kindergarten. Although our kindergarten students and our graduating students are on the opposite ends of the spectrum, both groups make the year so much more enjoyable.

A highlight of this month for me, was the PWSA Citizenship Banquet held in Hamiota on February 16. A number of students were recognized for their contributions to citizenship around the division. Hamiota Collegiate was pleased to nominate Michelle Bell as our individual nominee while Hamiota Elementary nominated our Grade 3 class for their work with the senior buddy program under the direction of Mrs. Dixon. I am so proud of all of our students for being such great ambassadors to our school and community.

Mrs. Johns has made the I Love to Read Month an exciting adventure, inviting in many guest readers to read to our students. We have seen members of the Brandon Wheat Kings and Virden Oil Capitals come to read to our students along with former principal, Mr. Zilkey, and a member of our local RCMP. A number of high school students also volunteered some time to come read our students. Thanks to all who gave some time to read.

February 14 meant Valentines Day activities at the elementary school. Luckily the weather was terrific, which meant the outdoor skating oval and the snow showing activities were a hit! While some students spent their afternoon outside, others made use of the indoor arena and enjoyed an afternoon of skating. Mr. Coughlan is busy organizing a Jump Rope for Heart event for our school and the highlight of the kick-off event was the student-teacher jump off! The students have been challenged to meet a number of goals and if they are successful we may see Mr. Coughlan get a pie in face and see myself wearing a dress!

At HCI, things are just as busy. Drama practices are in full swing for this year's production of The Little Mermaid. The extracurricular sporting activities of basketball and curling continue, while senior badminton is just getting started. I want to congratulate our senior girls curlers for winning the right to attend the MHSAA Provincials this past weekend in Dauphin. I would like to thank our local RCMP for coming to our school to give presentations to our grade 6-9 students on a timely topic of the Risks of a Wireless World. To round out the month we have had 4 students attend the Science, Engineering, and Technology Day at the University of Manitoba. A highlight of the month for many is the senior floor ball intramurals that have been organized. 6 teams, including a staff team, will compete for the championship!

February 22 was Pink Day at both schools and this was a day to put anti-bullying front and center. At both schools we recognize the importance of this issue and we encourage you to have discussions with your children around the topic of bullying. Our desire is to have ever student feel safe and to want to come to school. A team effort between the staff, students, parents, and community will go a long way to help make this happen.

As the calendar turns to March we can see Spring Break off in the distance. Report cards will be sent out for Grade K-8 before the break so please watch for them. As usual if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call. Thanks and take care.

Bruce Coulter
Principal

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HAMIOTA IS HOSTING THE "A" GIRLS BASKETBALL PROVINCIALS

MARCH 16, 17 & 18



*Come out and cheer
on our Hamiota
Huskies!*

KINDERGARTEN NEWS FROM MRS. MC NABB & MRS. ALLAN

We are talking lots about the importance of families in kindergarten. In lieu of Family Day last week, we decided to write about what we like to do with our families:

What We Like to Do With Our Families:

Kennedy – My family likes to celebrate birthdays.

Lennox – My Family likes to play games together.

Chase – My family like to play mini-sticks.

Harmony – My family likes to make forts and pretend that we are camping.

Brittyn – My family likes to go stay at hotels.

Lucy – My family like to go camping.

Teagan – My family likes to play outside with the cats.

Gabriel – My family like to shop together and buy toys.

Jude – I really like to play with my sisters.

Reane – My family likes to play at the swimming pool.

Lawklan – My family likes to go to the zoo.

Devryn – My family has fun playing at the water park together.

Lydia – I like to give hugs to my mom.

Pyper – In the summer, my family likes to go fishing.

Noah – I like to have water gun fights with my brother in the summertime.

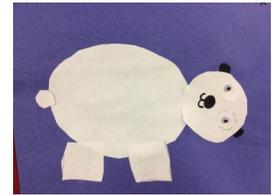
Jiajun – I like to travel to China with my family.

Thompson – I like to play video games with my family.

Mrs. Workman – My family likes to go for drives then go out for supper.

Mrs. McNabb – My family likes to go boating at the lake.





A Polar Bear Project

The grade 1s are looking forward to participating in the **World Wildlife Fund Polar Bear Walk**, which they have planned in partnership with the Oak Lake Community School Kindergarten class and a group of Brandon University Faculty of Education students. We hope that we can raise awareness about the problems polar bears are having due to global warming and we'd like to make a small donation to support the World Wildlife Fund's work with polar bears.

About the Polar Bear Walk - quoted from <http://polarbearwalk.wwf.ca/>

"Every year, polar bears in Hudson Bay walk up to **5,000 kilometres** across the Arctic sea ice in the search for food and to raise their cubs. But the sea ice on which they depend is changing, and in some cases disappearing altogether.

To help the polar bears that make their home on the ever shrinking expanse of sea ice, Sean Hutton founded the first Polar Bear Walk in 2013 when he was just seven years old! Join Sean in symbolically walking alongside the polar bear in our first-ever national Polar Bear Walk. Whether you walk 1km or 5km, you will double your impact for polar bears by raising awareness about rapid climate change and collecting toonies (which feature the iconic species) to combat the threats to their survival."

About our Project-Based Learning

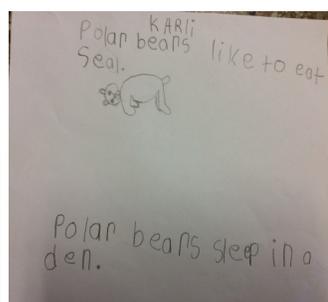
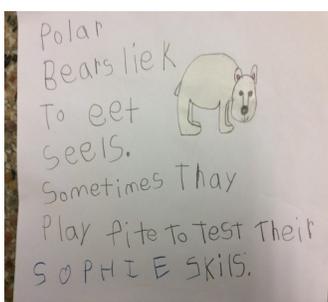
When we focus our classroom learning on a project such as this, it is called project-based learning. Students develop skills and knowledge that will help them meet their project goals. This kind of learning is very engaging and exciting for students and they learn to be active citizens while they make a difference with their project.

As part of this project, we have been doing lots of research on polar bears. We are reading books, watching videos and writing about what we've learned. We hope to publish a class book about polar bears soon! Since we are working on this project with another class, we are "taking notes" together using a tool called OneNote. We've also had the chance to hear from some guest speakers via video call. Mr. Andy McKiel shared stories and photos from his trip to visit the polar bears in Churchill, MB. An interpreter from the Buffalo Bill Center in Cody, Wyoming taught us all about animal adaptations.

Our science learning has focused on the needs and characteristics of living things, so that is also a great fit with this project. We are learning about what living things need to survive, how humans and other animals are the same and different and which life processes living things have in common.

Polar bears have even become part of our art! We have created some cute polar bear crafts and we are learning to draw polar bears too. As we prepare for our walk, we are designing posters to carry with us with important messages to raise awareness.

If you want to find out more about the grade 1's polar bear project, you can check the blog at mrsobachclass.blogspot.ca



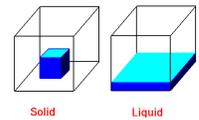
GRADE TWO NEWS FROM MRS. GREGORY

• Everyone has been enjoying the mild February weather. This month our mini themes have revolved around Valentine's Day and our 100th Day of School. In language arts we have read and written narrative stories. We have also written a story about what it would be like if we were 100 years old. We had lots of chuckles looking at pictures of what we would look like when we are very old.



• In math we continue to work on strategies to help us add and subtract. We have worked on problems about Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school. We have also been writing some incredible equations. On Valentine's Day we completed a graph using conversation hearts.

• We have started studying about matter and the properties of liquids and solids in science class. We have sorted many pictures into the categories of liquids and solids.



• February has been a month filled with many special events. It was exciting to see Baby Lennox again and learn about our Roots of Empathy theme which was sleep.

I LOVE TO READ

• February was I Love to Read month and we enjoyed having some of the Oil Caps come and read to us. We also had fun getting our pictures taken with Digger.

• Valentine's Day was another exciting day. For our party, everyone enjoyed an afternoon of skating. Sending and receiving cards, candies and cookies was also an important part of our day.



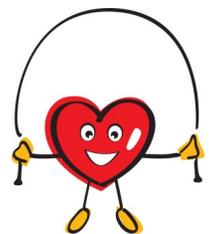
• On February 21st we celebrated our 100th day of school. We brought collections of 100 things, wrote our 100th Day News and made glasses shaped like the number 100.



• We had a busy day on February 22nd when we took part in the day of pink to prevent bullying. We also had members of the RCMP come and read to us.



• Activities we are looking forward to in the near future are Jump Rope for Heart, singing at the festival in Miniota and of course, spring break at the end of March.



GRADE THREE NEWS FROM MRS. DIXON

It seems that each month flies by with a long list of events and activities...February is no different. We have enjoyed a number of special events for I Love to Read Month, such as guest readers - Oil Caps, RCMP and our own, Mr. Zilkey! We've also been reading buddies with the Kindergarten class and look forward to ending the month with Buddy Reading Day! Thanks to Mrs. Johns for all her work in organizing such great opportunities.



Speaking of reading, our home program this month has been reading to mend our broken hearts. I'm happy to report that almost everyone has a fully mended heart at the time of writing!

We have been continuing to build our reading skills during L.A. groups and have also been paying particular attention to our writing skills and what top notch Grade 3 writing should look like. This group likes a challenge and is striving to do their best work. Great going, Grade 3!



We've completed our unit on Connecting With Canadians in Social Studies and are now waiting to receive our "Grade 3" passports; travel will soon begin. In the meantime, we've started a unit on Forces in Science and are enjoying learning the concept of magnetism. There are some really interesting experiments to be done and we're amazed that so many objects in our daily life have magnets inside them!



The weather cooperated marvellously for our Valentine's Party, as we were able to skate on the oval and snowshoe in the fairgrounds. What a truly enjoyable afternoon! Thanks to parents and grandparents who were able to tie skates and strap on snowshoes for us....much appreciated!



Our February Lilac visit was so much fun! We conducted interviews with our buddies about their lives and will look forward to creating some special projects with their information. Then we played games, cards or did puzzles. There were lots of laughs and an enjoyable time was had by all. The visit ended with a snack of Valentine cookies, made by the Grade 3 class - yum!

A very special highlight for us this month was being honoured at the Division Citizenship Banquet in Hamiota. Our class was nominated on behalf of our participation in the Lilac program. A good number of us were able to attend the banquet and we were so pleased to be a part of the evening! It was also interesting to hear about the awesome things other individuals and groups are doing in our division toward good citizenship - a lifelong skill! (See the pictures on page 10)

March is upon us and Spring Break is just around the corner!



GRADE FOUR 'R' NEWS FROM MRS. ROUTLEDGE

Isn't it hard to believe that it's the end of February already? With all this warm weather, the days have just been flying by. The students have really been enjoying the mild weather days on our toboggan hills in the playground.

Inside the classroom, our time has been going fast as well. We are currently immersed and completely fascinated by our ELA unit on Bigfoot. We have been reading many stories and tales describing people's experiences with Bigfoot sightings. The Grade 4's also read about a close relative of Bigfoot, the Yeti or Abominable Snowman, who supposedly lives in the Himalayan Mountains. In groups, the students compared and contrasted the two creatures and what people claim, are characteristics of both. This was a fun activity! In our groups, we discussed evidence for...and evidence against...believing in Bigfoot. Soon, we will be writing an opinion piece outlining our opinions about whether there is enough evidence to support Bigfoot being a real. Currently, we are reading the true story of a man named Albert Ostman who claims he was kidnapped by a Sasquatch in the Canadian wilderness in the 1920's. The students are working on a detailed retelling of the story.



In math, we just wrapped up Part 1 of our big unit on multiplying and dividing. We are now learning how to multiply one digit numbers by two and three digit numbers using base ten blocks to model as well as personal strategies. Multiplication/Division will continue right up until spring break. The Grade 4's are hop-

ing to have an ice cream party the week before spring break to celebrate the effort they have made to memorize their facts up to 9×9 ! We are learning our facts "one scoop at a time" and we are almost there!

In Social Studies, we are just diving into our unit on Canada's Far North. We have started reading about the territory Nunavut and will be learning about the Inuit people's way of life.



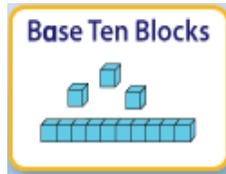
Notes:

- ◇ Ask your child about the Bigfoot sighting near Kenton, MB!
- ◇ Choir Festival approaching in Miniota on Mar. 8th.
- ◇ Grade 4R art will be displayed at the festival being held in Miniota.

GRADE FOUR 'N' NEWS FROM MRS. NOWOSAD

We are sure loving this warmer weather and hope it continues!

Our class has been working hard in math, learning how to use base 10 blocks to multiply 2 or 3 digit numbers by one number. It had been lots of fun, and some very engaging classes! They are able to check to see if they get the correct answer using a paper/pencil strategy. We have also been working on subtracting 3 digit by 3 digit numbers, with regrouping. We continue to work on mastering our multiplication facts and can relate these facts to division.



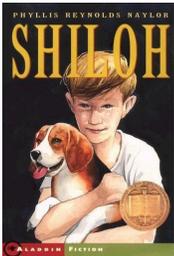
are some very interesting ideas for students to write about. As well, we are having some fun writing "Would you rather..." paragraphs.

In Social Studies we are learning about various symbols of Canada. We are starting our Rocks and Minerals unit in science this week.



Our class really enjoyed all the guest speakers Mrs. Johns organized for I love to Read month. Thank you!

We are planning to start using two new apps in our room over the next week or two. One is called Plickers, and the other is Classdojo. Plickers is a quick assessment tool that can be used with the whole classroom at one time. Classdojo is a very neat way for teachers to communicate with both students and parents, as well as for parents to communicate with teachers. I am very excited to try these out with my students and parents. More information will be sent home very soon!



In ELA, we have started our whole class novel called, Shiloh. It's about a young boy, named Marty, who will stop at nothing to rescue a beagle from a not so kind man, named Judd Travers. In our reading groups we are working on novels called, Mice at Center Ice and Because of Winn-Dixie. We have also started a Writing Bingo, which we will be working on for the next few weeks. There



GRADE FIVE NEWS FROM MRS. D. ROUTLEDGE

Another month has zipped by, and the days are getting longer! It's hard to believe spring is just around the corner.

We have been very busy in the classroom during the past month, and lots of learning has been going on. In math we wrapped up our measurement unit, and have moved on to learning different division strategies. This is a much easier unit for those who know their facts! Please feel free to practice them at home. The quicker your child knows them, the easier everything else seems to be.



In LA we've been working on research projects pertaining to our social studies. Right now we are gathering information about Canada's First Peoples from many different sources and recording it in jot form. Once we are done this step, we will be organizing it into paragraph form. We are looking forward to sharing these at Celebration of Learning Day!

We are also doing some contract reading, which means each student has signed a contract agreeing to have a certain book completed by a certain date. For most students that date is March 24th.

We have just completed our science unit on "Properties of and Changes in Substances". Everyone enjoyed the experiments and learned how to use a variety of different instruments. We will be starting a social studies unit next called "European Colonization".

Soon we will also be videotaping our French plays with the green screen. We are very excited about this!

This month we have had many visitors come to our school to help us celebrate "I Love to Read" month. We have also been practicing for festival which is in Miniota on March 8th. We also joined the middle years at the high school for their Festival du Voyageur activities. What a couple of great afternoons! Merci, Madame Mitchell!



Festival du Voyageur

I LOVE TO READ MONTH AT HES



Grade 12 Students from left: Emma Coulter, Grady Routledge & Destiny Allan



The Virden Oil Caps & Digger



Mr. Zilkey

Upcoming Dates:

- March 2 ~ Grade 1's at field trip in Brandon
~ Middle Years Girls Basketball Finals
- March 6 ~ NO classes
- March 7 ~ Middle Years Boys Basketball Finals
- March 8 ~ Choir Festival for HES
~ Middle Years Ski Trip
- March 15 ~ Grade 3 visit to Lilac
- March 16-18 ~ Girls Varsity 'A' Basketball Provincials in Hamiota
- March 17 ~ Jump Rope for Heart donations due
- March 24 ~ Hot Lunch Pizza at HES
- March 27-31 ~ Spring Break!
- April 20-23 ~ The Little Mermaid at HCI

**MICHELLE BELL & HAMIOTA GRADE 3 SENIOR BUDDIES
HONOURED AT PARK WEST SCHOOL DIVISION
STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**



Below is the information from the program at the banquet held February in Hamiota.

Michelle Bell

Michelle volunteers at noon hour to mentor young students in the Peer Mentorship program. She organized the Operation Christmas Child project and helped the school to collect 29 boxes of items to donate to Samaritan Purse. Michelle serves as a student leader for the Junior Youth Program where she prepares games and activities for the young people she works with. Mr. Coulter, Principal of Hamiota Collegiate, said that what impresses him the most about Michelle is how quietly she goes about being such a model student without the need or desire for recognition.



Trustee Mr. Ryan Hamilton with Michelle.

Grade Three

The Grade 3 students at Hamiota Elementary School are learning to be good citizens every day by taking care of their school and by helping others when they need it. The class regularly visits the senior citizens from Park and Lilac residences. The students interact with their buddies in a variety of ways: reading, making crafts, conducting interviews, playing games and other fun activities. The students are having a great time making good friends and their buddies look forward to the visits.



Mr. Hamilton with the Grade Three Senior Buddies at the banquet:
 Back row: Maria Rogers, Molly Patterson, Alyshia McKinnon, Hunter Hamilton, Gunnar Tannas, Kaden Allan, Griffin Zilkey, Nolan Drake, Terron Johns
 Front row: Alec Strachan, Nicolas McDuff, Brooke Facey, Taylor Lawn, Eric Crampton, Alyssa Kirk, Adrianna Charlton



L-R: Isabel McDonald, Devon Bichon, Hudson Bond, Diego Klassen



L-R: Alexis Sumner, Ethan Shellenberg

For more information on all of the division nominees please go to www.pwsd.ca.

PRESENTATIONS

On February 23, Constable Logan Banks of the RCMP Hamiota Detachment was at the Collegiate to make a presentation “The Risks of the Wireless World” to the Grade 6-9 students. She provided lots of valuable information to students.

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On February 24 Adele Gervin from the Agriculture faculty at the University of Manitoba made a presentation to Grade 10 to 12 students about the programs offered. It was a great presentation that highlighted the vast number of career options available to students who take an Agriculture degree.



At Miniota March 7-12



March 7 : Piano



March 8: Vocal/
Choral



March 9 & 10: Speech
Arts

**March 12:
Final Concert**



**3:00 p.m.
at Miniota
United
Church**

Note: Immunizations for Grade 6 and 9 students will take place on May 17

- Susie Paddock, Public Health Nurse

<p>ONE FREE CHILD GATE ADMISSION</p> <p>March 27–April 1, 2017 GOOD FOR ONE FREE CHILD (Age 6–12) ADMISSION ONLY WITH ACCOMPANYING ADULT. Free Child Ticket Sponsored by: Manitoba Public Insurance</p> <p><small>THIS TICKET WILL BE SCANNED AT THE GATE A proud production of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com Daily Hand Stamp Required for Further Admission www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com</small></p>	<p>ONE FREE CHILD GATE ADMISSION</p> <p>March 27–April 1, 2017 GOOD FOR ONE FREE CHILD (Age 6–12) ADMISSION ONLY WITH ACCOMPANYING ADULT. Free Child Ticket Sponsored by: Manitoba Public Insurance</p> <p><small>THIS TICKET WILL BE SCANNED AT THE GATE A proud production of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com Daily Hand Stamp Required for Further Admission www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com</small></p>	<p>ONE FREE CHILD GATE ADMISSION</p> <p>March 27–April 1, 2017 GOOD FOR ONE FREE CHILD (Age 6–12) ADMISSION ONLY WITH ACCOMPANYING ADULT. Free Child Ticket Sponsored by: Manitoba Public Insurance</p> <p><small>THIS TICKET WILL BE SCANNED AT THE GATE A proud production of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com Daily Hand Stamp Required for Further Admission www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com</small></p>
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**ROYAL MANITOBA
WINTER FAIR
MARCH 21-APRIL 1**

One free ticket per child may be used each day of the fair.

You may copy these tickets or go to the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair website to download them:

royalmanitobawinterfair.com

You will also find information on all of the daily events on the website.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS BY MACKENZIE SIMS

This year's Student Council is busy wrapping up their term by planning activities and making sure the next council is ready. We will be sending out campaign forms on February 27th for the upcoming election to be returned by March 2nd. Prospective student council candidates will get from March 6th to the 10th to campaign. We held our Canadian Red Cross Day of Pink on February 22nd. The students attended an assembly and watched videos on the history on the Day of Pink and anti-bullying. Students then went out into the hallway where we had white paper hanging with the slogan "I Pledge to Lend a Hand to Stop Bullying". Every student from grades 6-12 and staff members got their hands painted pink and it was put on the paper. Then after the hand painting the student received a "pink" cupcake provided by the student council! March 23rd we will also be having a MADD presentation for all the students to participate in and get educated on the perils of drinking and driving. Student Council is also planning a Spring Fling dance in the month of April, for students in grades 9-12.



UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA S.E.T. DAY BY MISS SNYDER

Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) Day took place at the University of Manitoba on Friday, February 24th, 2017. Hamiota Collegiate was fortunate to be able to send four grade 11 students this year. Korrine Alexander, Logan Wilson, Bobbi Hunter, and Holden Norrie took part in an action-packed day learning about SET career paths and exploring the campus.

In the morning session, students heard from three speakers. The speakers covered topics such as capturing energy from the sun to help combat the world's energy challenge, exploring microbiology at university, and understanding the road to becoming a PhD student. The afternoon began with students viewing lab facilities in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management. Students then participated in interactive activities in the Perceptual Motor Behaviour Lab. Some highlights from this session include: three dimensional motion analysis, using eye-tracking technology, and understanding motor control and motor learning.

These four students should be commended on taking advantage of this excellent opportunity and staying highly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the day!



CURLING

Zone Curling playoffs were held in Shoal Lake this year. Our boys team skipped by Quade Wood, with third Liam Caldwell (third), Brendan Lawn (second) and Dawson Brooks (lead) played well losing in an extra end in the semi final. Our girls team skipped by Joelle Little, with Kassidy Heapy (third), Chantelle Chappell (second), and Taylor Good (lead) defeated Strathclair and went on to Provincials held February 23-25 in Dauphin. Here the girls curled two great games but lost to William C. Miller and the host Dauphin team. It was a great experience. Thanks to Mrs. Heapy for acting as teacher rep. Congratulations!



L-R: Dawson, Quade, Liam, Brendan



L-R: Joelle, Kassidy, Mr. Allan Lawn (coach), Chantelle, Taylor



L-R: Kyle Johns, Kate-Leigh Heapy, Ryan Sheane, Emerson Zilkey

GRADE 7

One grade 7 curling team travelled to Binscarth with Miss Erica Snyder for the Grade 7 & 8 Park West Bonspiel on February 15. There was lots of great curling and a fun time was had by all.



MIDDLE YEARS



BASKETBALL

The middle year's basketball teams have had a great season which will wrap up with their final tournaments.

Girls:

The A side girls are being hosted by Hamiota on Thursday, March 2nd. This includes Binscarth, Inglis and **Hamiota**. Games begin at 1:00 p.m.

Boys:

The A side boys are being hosted at Binscarth on Tuesday, March 7th. This involves Binscarth, Major Pratt School, Inglis and **Hamiota**

HAMIOTA TO HOST THE "A" GIRLS BASKETBALL PROVINCIALS MARCH 16, 17 & 18



HCI will host its second provincial competition this year. After a very successful Volleyball Provincial in November, the school will again be a very busy place as "A" girls teams from all over the province arrive in Hamiota to decide a provincial champion.



This year's team is coached by PE teacher Miss Sarah Lopes.

Back: Miss Lopes, Taylor Good(Gr. 10), Jana McTavish (Gr. 9), Chantelle Chappell (Gr. 10), Emily Usick (Gr. 10), Kara Kent(Gr. 11), Jessica Hunter(Gr. 11), Ashlyn Kirk (Gr. 11)

Middle: Destiny Allan(Gr. 12), Naomi Best (Gr. 12), Brenna Kirk (Gr.11), Caitlin McTavish (Gr. 12)

Front: Korinne Alexander(Gr. 11), Chyna Lake (Gr. 12)

Come and cheer on our Huskies!!