

## Principal's Message

February is not only a busy month, it is also I Love to Read month. Mrs. Johns has made the I Love to Read Month an exciting adventure at HES, inviting in many guest readers to read to our students. A number of guests have come to our school to read to and with our students, including members of the Virden Oil Capitals, Mr. Zilkey, and of course a number of high school students which is great to see. Thanks to everyone who gave their time to read to our students.

At the high school, February signals the start of a new semester, which means the final semester for our graduating students! I am sure the parents are thinking of how fast the past 13 years have gone. At the other end of the spectrum our kindergarten students are attending school full time. With half a school year under their belt, our kindergarten students have shown so much growth.

The annual PWSD Citizenship Banquet was held in Birtle on February 15. A number of students were recognized for their contributions to citizenship around the division. Hamiota Schools was pleased to nominate Emily Lints as our individual nominee. I am pleased to announce that Emily was selected as the Divisional and Regional winner at the Student Citizenship Banquet and she will go on to the provincial competition. Emily has done outstanding work in her school and community and as a result she was recognized for all that she does.

Hamiota Elementary School celebrated Valentine's Day by taking advantage of the wonderful facilities the community of Hamiota has to offer. Students from grade 1 – 4 all spent time skating at the arena while the grade 5 students spent their afternoon curling. Our kindergarten students stayed back at school and participated in a little curling of their own, hall curling that is! Mr. Coughlan is once again busy organizing a Jump Rope for Heart event for our school that will take place on March 16! 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 Addams Family. The extracurricular sporting activities of basketball and curling are wrapping up, while senior badminton is about to get started. The high school hockey team has begun WSHL playoffs with the divisional opponent, the Major Pratt Trojans in their sights. To round out the month we have a number of students attending the Science, Engineering, and Technology Day at the University of Manitoba. February has also been the month to ski. A number of students from middle years and senior years who wanted to tackle the slopes did so this month.

February 28 is Pink Day at both schools and this is an opportunity to remind everyone of how important it is to be kind to everyone. At both schools we recognize the importance of the anti-bullying effort 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. Dr. Michele Borba, an internationally recognized expert and author on children, teens, parenting, bullying and moral development, recently share the results of a survey of 5548 students. One of the questions highlighted the influence parents have on their children. The survey asked the question, *what stops kids from bullying?* The students' top answer was, *if my parents disapprove.* As a school, we really appreciate the support we receive from parents and we recognize that the issue of bullying is a team effort between the staff, students, parents, and community.

As the calendar turns to March we are all looking forward to warmer days and more hours of sunlight. As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. Thanks and take care.

Bruce Coulter  
Principal

PARK WEST SCHOOL DIVISION

# Hamiota Schools Newsletter

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## **MIDDLE YEARS BOYS BASKETBALL FINAL TOURNAMENT— THURSDAY, MARCH 1 IN HAMIOTA**

- **Games Begin at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Hamiota 's First Game is at 11:00 a.m. vs. Major Pratt**
- **Winner plays at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Loser plays at 2:00 p.m.**



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS FROM MRS. ALLAN

Along with cold, cold weather for the month of February comes full-time kindergarten. Students are adjusting to this change and we look forward to seeing their bright and cheerful faces every day!

Kinders have been busy researching and writing about their favourite Olympic sports. Guided reading groups have started and students are learning to become independent readers. Daily practice of sight words, letters and sounds is also performed. In ELA abc reading was completed for homework and we are starting our home reading program with levelled reading books!

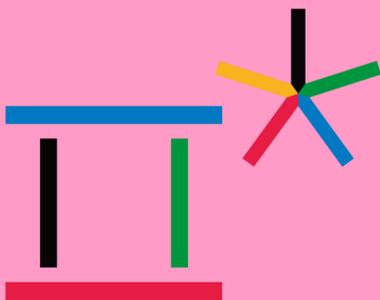
Counting forwards and backwards from different numbers, as well as printing and recognizing numbers continue to be daily skills practiced in math. We are presently sorting objects, guessing the rule used and explaining to others how we sorted.

In science we have started to explore Colour and look forward to performing many fun experiments!

Valentine's Day was a busy day for Kinders, passing out cards and playing games in the afternoon. Students curled, played hockey, had free gym and danced in the dark gym with glow sticks. A big thank you to Willow's mom Jen for providing the class with delicious cupcakes!

February is also "I Love to Read" and three Virden Oil Capital players, along with the team mascot Digger, read to the Grades K and 1 Classes. Thank you to Mrs. Johns for organizing this special surprise!

The Kindergarten Class looks forward to March and warmer weather, along with all of the learning activities every day!



**PyeongChang 2018**



## GRADE ONE NEWS FROM MRS. NOWOSAD

February has been another busy month in grade 1. I am really proud of these students and how hard they are working on becoming great readers and writers.

Some highlights of this month include some fun activities for I Love to Read month: Grade 10 guest readers, "bookworms" and popcorn to enjoy while reading, The Virden Oil Capital guest readers and lots of buddy reading. We are looking forward to pajama day and reading with our peers! We also celebrated 100 Day and Valentine's Day - both on February 14! We had a great time skating together with the grade 2 class.

Our whole school has been working on a Winter Olympic theme. It has been fun learning about the Olympics, the sports, people and many different aspects. We look forward to our school mini Olympics on Friday, February 23.

For 100 day, we asked the students what they think they will be doing when they turn 100.

Devryn: I am going to be a really old hockey player who played for the Winnipeg Jets. I will be living in Florida. I will take my family to Disneyland.

Chase: I hope to have played hockey for Team Canada and win a gold medal. I will be sitting in my chair watching hockey on TV in Florida.

Reane: I will be living in Hawaii and visiting with my friends. I will go back to Canada to see my grandchildren.

Lawklan: I will be watching NHL hockey on TV from my home in California.

Lucy: I will be in great shape when I am 100 years old. I will be able to do 100 burpees.

Pyper: I will be sitting in my bed in Florida. I will be watching TV.

Matao: I will be watching old hockey from years ago from my home in Mexico.

Brittyn: I will be sitting in a chair watching figure skating on television.

Kennedy: I will be knitting and sewing for my children and grandchildren.

Noah: I will make robotic cats and make them electronic which run on electric catnip.

Harmony: I will be doing gymnastics in Kenton. I will still be very flexible.

Jude: I will be doing gymnastics. I would be doing a bridge and backflips.

Teagan: I will be watching the 2111 Olympics on TV. My favourites will be curling and figure skating.

Lennox: I will be playing video games. I will be playing Roblox with Brady. I will be living in Hamiota.

Lydia: I will be a grandma and I will have my own house.

Gabriel: I will work at the toy store in Winnipeg.

Jiajun: I will be a good man and help my mom.



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



I LOVE  
TO  
READ

## GRADE TWO NEWS FROM MRS. GREGORY



Happy  
100<sup>th</sup>  
Day  
of School!

Valentine's  
Day



February has been a month full of special events.

We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and Valentine's Day both on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We wrote a story about what we think it would be like to be 100 years old. We had lots of chuckles when we looked at pictures of what we might look like in the future. We all brought a collection of 100 things that we could eat. We were amazed at how small some collections looked especially the mini chocolate chips. We weighed the collections to see which one was heaviest and lightest. One of the best parts was mixing all of our collections and sharing them with each other. During the afternoon we had fun going skating and passing out Valentine's Day cards, candy and cookies.

We have enjoyed learning about the Olympics and keeping track of the medals our Canadian athletes are winning. We have read stories and written about some of the sports in the winter Olympics. We have also worked on an Olympic acrostic poem. We are looking forward to our Olympic afternoon on Friday.

In math we are working on some place value activities as well as making numbers in different ways. We continue to practise our addition and subtraction strategies.

February is I Love to Read month and we enjoyed having some of the Oil Caps come and read to us.

With the arrival of March, we are looking forward to Jump Rope for Heart, singing at the festival in Miniota and of course, spring break at the end of the month.

## GRADE THREE NEWS FROM MRS. DIXON

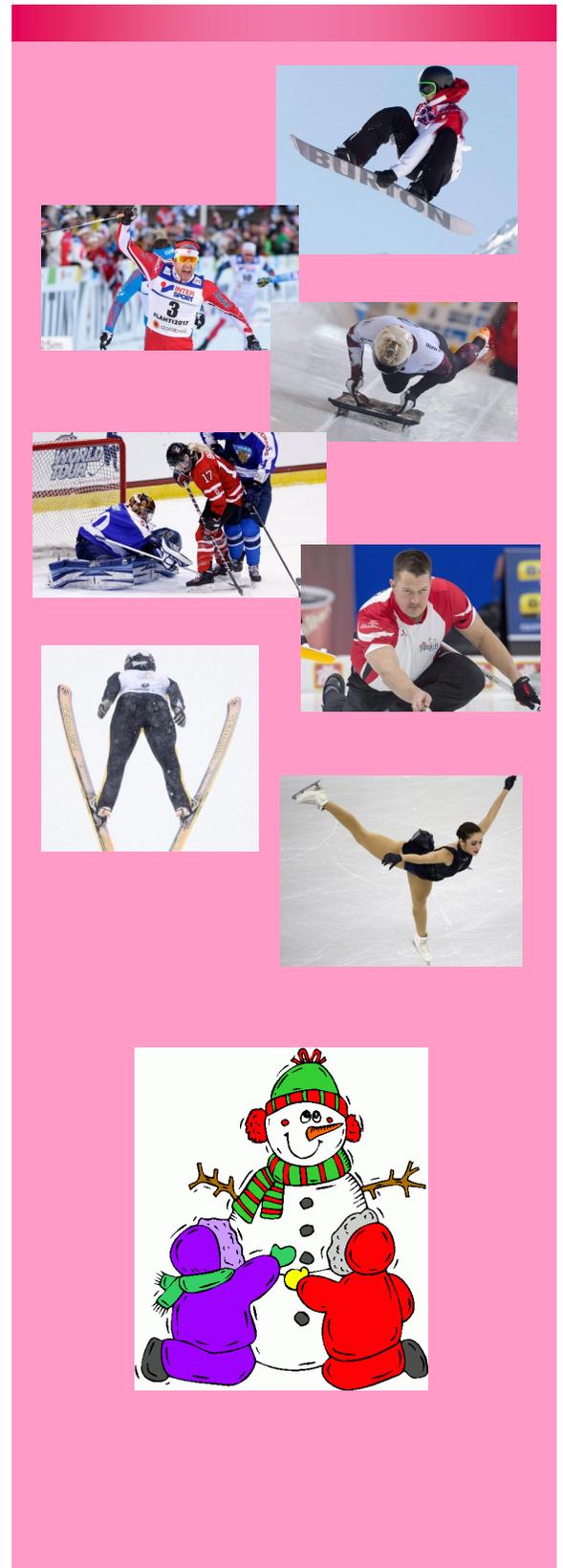
This month has been full of Winter Olympics activities! We have enjoyed learning some facts and sharing them daily over morning announcements. We've also completed some interesting research on some of our Canadian athletes. It's even more interesting to see them perform their sports on T.V. What time, talent and dedication it must take! The Olympics have lent themselves to some great reading and writing activities for us. We are looking forward to wrapping up this great event with our own mini-Olympics afternoon. Twelve countries will be represented in six different sports.

Our February Lilac visit also involved an Olympic activity, as we tried our hands at tabletop curling. There were some competitive games going on and I'm wondering if some of our hockey players might be willing to give curling a try?! We also exchanged valentines and enjoyed our regular snacks and visits.

Our Valentine's Party took place at the rink where skating was enjoyed by all. Thanks so much to parents and grandparents for helping to tie skates for us.

In Math, we're learning about different subtraction strategies for two and three digit numbers and we're also enjoying some new math puzzles called, "Zupelz."

We are enjoying as many outdoor recesses as this cold snap allows. Spring must soon be on its way!



## GRADE FOUR NEWS FROM MRS. ROUTLEDGE

**KIDS  
CAN  
DO IT!**



$$9 \times 9 = 81$$

**Math**



February has been a short month but we have been busy! The Grade 4 students have been working hard to complete our Book Clubs this month. Our theme has been “Kids Can Do It!” Helping others is the central idea behind our reading. We have also been enjoying the Olympic themed activities in and out of the classroom! In language arts we researched interesting facts about the Olympics; past and present. It was interesting to see how the Olympics and the athletes have changed over the years!

Multiplying and dividing continue to be our BIG goal in math. The students have explored multiplication and division strategies such as; doubling, skip counting, using arrays, and related facts. Now, we are really trying hard to memorize our facts up to 9x9. When we begin multiplying larger numbers it is very important that the students can recall their facts quickly and accurately.

We are wrapping up our science unit on Rocks and Minerals this month. The students were excited to model how metamorphic rock is made deep within the earth, using modelling clay, heat and pressure.

Our Valentine party was a hit as usual! HES students enjoyed an afternoon of skating at the rink as well as a yummy treat upon their return.

It is hard to believe that soon, March will be here! Let’s hope mother nature is kind to us!



## GRADE FIVE S NEWS FROM MISS SCHETTLER



Wow February went fast! The grade 5's seem to be liking the long weekends! We have been busy curling, having guest readers and getting ready for the Olympics!

In ELA we finished our creative writing stories about the toys coming alive. Currently, some students are finishing typing. Parents you'll be able to read their stories soon! With the Olympics on in Pyeong Chang we have been using this as an opportunity to brush up on some researching skills. Each student researched Pyeong Chang and a Canadian athlete. Our bulletin board shows the medal standings and is updated daily by 3 different students. We will continue to learn about the Olympics as the Paralympics begin.

Math has been full of fractions this month. We looked at equivalent fractions and how to make them by "multiplying the top and bottom by the same number". Everyone completed a pixel drawing that showed two fractions for each colour they used in their picture. We are currently comparing fractions with unlike denominators. Next we will start looking at decimals.

Our substances unit in science is now completed as we wrapped up with a Kahoot review. The students had fun learning about hazardous substances they can find at home and discussing why we shouldn't partake in the Tide Pod Challenge. We also completed many experiments including a chewing gum experiment. Students learnt about the amount of sugar in gum by weighing a piece of gum before and after chewing it. We will be starting a new social studies unit next.

On a side note, with the warmer weather sticking around the grade 5's are reminded to follow the hands off policy at recess. Students will start missing recess otherwise.

Also, thank you Marley for coming to visit us! Have a great rest of winter!

## MINI OLYMPICS at HES

On Friday, February 23, all students participated in some mini Winter Olympics, HES style!! This was a really fun way to finish up our whole school Winter Olympic theme. We had twelve countries represented, competing in 6 different events. The events included; luge/skeleton, curling, sled races, snowshoe races, hockey/stick handling and speed skating. Prior to Friday, we had students divided into their teams/countries for some teambuilding activities. Students created flags, banners, badges, headbands, etc. to show off and carry at our opening ceremonies. Students were able to really get into the spirit of the Games and a great time was had by all.



## HES STUDENTS SEND VALENTINES

Emily Lints organized 'Valentine's for Vets' at the elementary school. Grade 1,3 and 5 participated. The cards were collected and then sent to the Armed Forces who look after sending them out to Vets in care homes across Canada.



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The grade 10 students were very fortunate to have Kathy Brooks and Bonnie Michaudville interview them January 23rd and 24th as a part of their career development course. Students were able to apply skills and knowledge acquired from guest speakers, discussions and practice. The students stepped up to the challenge and did a great job impressing the interviewers. Thank-you Kathy and Bonnie for giving your time, wisdom and feedback to the students as this experience will definitely be of value in the future!

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

It has been a slow month for Student Council so far. This month we were in charge of matching the students at HCI with their "soulmates." Students had to opportunity to buy their Matchmaker as part of our Valentine's Day activities for \$2. These print outs included best friend matches and most compatible personalities in the school, among other things. Student council is also planning for the upcoming election for 2018-2019 Student Council. Students currently in Grade 11 will be given the option to run for all positions. Students will need to fill out the required nomination form and be prepared to campaign and make speeches the week of March 5 – 9. Best of luck to all nominees!



## VARSITY BASKETBALL

### Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball team had a great 2017-2018 season. They participated in 4 tournaments this year in which they showed a lot of growth throughout each one. Having a young team, consisting of 4 grade 9's, 1 grade 10, 2 grade 11's and 3 grade 12's, they have a lot to look forward to in the following years to come. The Zone 10 league only had one other team, the Major Pratt Trojans. The Huskies played one home and one away game, unfortunately falling to the Trojans both times. The Varsity Girls would like to thank all of the students, staff, parents, and community members who came out to support the team.



Back: Jessica Hunter, Chantelle Chappell, Emily Usick, Ashlyn Kirk, Brenna Kirk, Coach Miss Sarah Lopes

Front: Telyna Lake, Jana McTavish, Kareena Sims, Zachí Espayos, Hailey Chappell



Front Row: Kayden Sutherland, Dawson Brooks, Vince David, Nash Gurr

Back Row: Ryan Coughlan (Coach), Holden Norrie, Reece Breneman, Sebastian Tolton, Mason Gurr, Ben Murray, Darris Hardern (Coach)

Missing: Hayden Crampain

### Varsity Boys Basketball

The Varsity Boys Basketball team had a short but great 2017-2018 season. With the season starting late the Boys team was unable to find any tournaments to enter in. In league play the boys started off the year on a winning note defeating Strathclair. They then went on to lose their next two contests to Major Pratt and Shoal Lake. They then played Strathclair in the 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> game, unfortunately the boys fell short and their season came to an end. The team showed great improvements and a hard work ethic in every game and practice. The Varsity Boys would like to thank all of the students, staff, parents, and community members who came out to support the team.



**MIDDLE YEARS BASKETBALL TEAMS WILL WRAP-UP THEIR SEASON AT PLAYOFF TOURNAMENTS  
GIRLS IN BIRTLE ON TUESDAY—BOYS IN HAMIOTA ON THURSDAY**



## VARSITY CURLING

The varsity boys and girls curling teams travelled to Birtle for Zone 10 playoffs on February 8th and 9th.

The girls team consisted of Joelle Little (skip), Kassidy Heapy (third), Taylor Good (second), and Charlotte Little (lead), coached by Miss Snyder. The girls played Shoal Lake in their first game. The girls played very well, but came up short. They then defeated teams from Birtle and Major Pratt in their next two games. The tournament was a double knock-out format which meant that the girls would have to beat Shoal Lake twice to be the zone champions. The team fought hard to beat them once, but came up short in the final game - forcing the Shoal Lake skip to make her final shot to win the match. These four girls should be commended on an excellent display of curling and sportsmanship!

The boys team was made up of Brendan Lawn (skip), Holden Norrie (third), Liam Caldwell (second), and Dawson Brooks (lead). The boys were coached by Allan Lawn. The boys beat the defending champions, Strathclair, in their first game. They then dropped their next two matches against Rossburn and Strathclair. The boys also showed excellent determination and sportsmanship. Thank you to Allan Lawn for volunteering his time to coach this team.



Girls: (l-r)  
Joelle, Kassidy,  
Taylor,  
Charlotte  
Boys: (l-r)  
Allan Lawn,  
Brendan,  
Holden, Liam ,  
Dawson



## BADMINTON UNDERWAY

Varsity Badminton have begun practices on Monday and Wednesday after school.



There is a sign-up sheet for Middle Years students wishing to play badminton outside the Phys. Ed. Office.

## GIRLS FAST PITCH

Any girls interested in playing baseball this year are asked to sign up on the sheet outside Ms. Snyder's room.



FOODS &  
NUTRITION  
CLASS  
HOT LUNCH  
MARCH 22  
LISTEN FOR  
ANNOUNCEMENT



## EMILY LINTS

Park West School Division recognizes students from our schools who demonstrate their commitment to the values of citizenship through activities such as:

1. volunteer service to the community (i.e. service to health care facilities, senior citizen groups, shelters, day care centers).
2. involvement in citizenship or character building organizations.
3. participation in student government programs or activities.
4. leadership ability to motivate others to actions to benefit the community.



Each year Park West School Division hosts an evening to recognize individual and group nominees from schools in the division. This year Emily Lints was Hamiota Schools' nominee. The board reviews the nominees and sends an individual and group winner to the Manitoba School Boards Association for regional consideration. We are proud to say that Emily Lints has been selected from Park West and has been selected as MSBA Region 1's representative for provincial honours.

Below is an excerpt from the speech prepared and read by Mrs. Tana Huberdeau at the Citizenship Awards Ceremony held in Birtle this year:

Emily is an exemplary student, volunteer and contributor to our school and community. As Student Council Treasurer, Emily is devoted, hard-working, efficient and responsible. We are a very active Student Council, responsible for such things as school clothing orders, the community fowl supper, all social activities within the school, a bi-monthly hot lunch program and fundraising magazine campaign to name a few. Emily contributed invaluable to each of these endeavors. She spearheaded the magazine campaign, successfully encouraging the student body to make sales and organized her committee to collect money and pledge forms. Emily was responsible for every detail, including balancing the forms and money and communicating with QSP on all aspects.

Never seeking recognition, Emily is the student who goes about doing the "little things" that make our council run smoothly. She is the first to volunteer for any job, big or small, pleasant or otherwise. She consistently shows foresight when things need to be done and never hesitates to help a teammate.

Emily is kind and thoughtful in her interactions with others. She supports the ideas of her council and always contributes her own. Emily's positive attitude is contagious. She sets the example that she wishes to lead by, which earns her the respect of her peers and teachers.

Emily has been on the Academic Honor Roll and won awards in every subject since her grade six year.

Also worth mention are Emily's writing and public speaking skills. She authored and delivered a stunning poem at our 2017 Remembrance Day service that resonated with all in attendance and was awarded a Canadian Legion certificate for her efforts.

Emily is the secretary of HCI's Youth in Philanthropy group, was the assistant coach for the Middle Years volleyball program this fall, and is the chair of HCI's Year End Fundraising Committee.

Locally, Emily selflessly volunteers her time to a long list of causes.

She is a student partner with the Parent Advisory Council, sits on the Mid-West Arts Council and is a Junior Director with the Hamiota Agricultural Society. She makes time to do crafts with seniors at their living facility and at the hospital, and on top of all of this, she spends her spares on Fridays reading with the Grade 1 students at Hamiota Elementary School.

For this past holiday season, Emily organized a town-wide drive for baking supplies to go to Ronald McDonald House in Winnipeg. She advertised this and enlisted the help of her Student Council in collecting donations. Emily delivered these supplies personally before Christmas. This is not the first time that Emily has organized this charity drive.

Through Girl Guides of Canada, Emily serves on both the Provincial and National Youth Councils. She plans and organizes events and advocates for other members of the organization. Emily has also attended the National Women's Leadership Conference in Toronto as part of her role as a Ranger.

Emily's work in her school, her community, her province and country speak to the fact that she exemplifies citizenship and leadership, and it is a pleasure to see her being recognized for all that she does.



## YES I CAN!

Each year the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children hold a “Yes I Can!” award evening in conjunction with their annual conference. This year Hamiota Collegiate had two people receiving awards.

Mikayla Grabowski was recognized for her work in Athletics and Mrs. Nadine Slimmon for her work as an Educational Assistant. Following are the description read at the banquet. Mrs. Huberdeau and Mikayla’s parents also attended.



Mikayla receiving her award from Darren Boryskavich Special Olympics medal winner.

Mikayla—Mikayla is a student who attends Hamiota Collegiate. She has bound a passion in track and field and has competed at MHSAA Provincials as a Special Olympian. Mikayla earned a bronze and gold medal in shot put as well as gold in the 100 and 200 metre events. She is an avid swimmer and a regular participant at the Hamiota Aquatic Centre in the summer. In addition to athletics, Mikayla has been involved in Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides. Mikayla has had speaking parts in the school’s drama productions, using an app on her iPad to assist her in speaking her lines. Mikayla continues to be an inspiration to all who teach, coach and know her.



Mrs. Slimmon—Nadine’s impact on the students in Hamiota Collegiate is wide spread. For 14 years, she has regularly performed above and beyond her job description as an educational assistant. Nadine spends many hours at home looking for resources to assist the students assigned to her. She is always willing to try new strategies to accelerate their learning and has used many different technology platforms to assist in her job. Nadine is an advocate for all students, so many seek her out for advice, a listening ear, or simply someone to visit with. She is a valued mentor to many students at Hamiota!



Mrs. Slimmon with her certificate.

## The Addams Family



Practices are continuing this month with students learning songs, lines and dance moves. We are looking for a couple of things to borrow for the play. We are looking for a chaise lounge and a boy scout uniform. If you can help please let Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Mathison know. 204-842-2803.



***Play dates are April 15-18. Tickets go on sale April 2!!***

## MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS ATTEND PROJECT 11 SUMMIT

On January 31, all of the students from grade 6-8 attended the first annual Project 11 Mental Wellness Summit at the Burton Cummings Theatre in Winnipeg. This event was organized through Project 11 and the True North Foundation and hosted speakers for the afternoon which all shared a mental wellness message. This event took place on Bell Lets Talk day and the first speaker was Shea



Emry a representative with Bell Lets Talk and ex-CFL player. He spoke of his difficulties with mental illness and his message was that you are never alone. Next, we had Cameron Hughes perform and speak. You may have seen him before at sporting events as he travels around North America to a variety of sporting events as a crowd entertainer. He pumps up the crowd through dancing and cheering. He had a message for the students to never underestimate the power of cheer. He encouraged students to be themselves and to have fun. The last speaker was Craig Heisinger, the assistant general manager and senior vice president of hockey operations for the Winnipeg Jets. Craig spoke of his relationship with Rick Rypien and the formation of the Project 11 program. He had a very powerful and emotional message for students. One of the messages he maintained through his presentation is that some people may not know how to help someone with mental illness or be nervous to do the wrong thing however the only wrong thing you can do is to say you don't have time. Throughout the afternoon we also heard Manitoba musicians sing about mental wellness and question and answer periods with Desiree Scott a member of the Team Canada soccer team and Eric Comrie a goaltender for the Manitoba Moose.

Students enjoyed the day and each of them had their own message from the day that really stuck with them!

**Hamiota Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy**

**YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY  
HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE**

**HCYIP invites applications from organizations who meet the following criteria:**

- Businesses or individuals are not eligible to receive funding
- Projects must benefit community and/or youth that attend Hamiota Schools
- Applicants must have charitable status or be sponsored by an organization that is registered as a charity.

**The Hamiota Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy Group advocates for youth involvement in fostering a sense of community.**

**Contact Us**

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**Application Info**

Application forms will be available at the school office or on the school website at [www.hamiotacollegiate.ca](http://www.hamiotacollegiate.ca)