



PRINCIPAL'S JANUARY MESSAGE

We are back into the swing of things at Hamiota Schools. Hope you and yours had a great holiday season. Everyone came back well rested and as usual we are quite busy.

The elementary school had a very busy December with the Christmas Concert. The kids were fantastic in both shows and we had as many people as ever between the two of them. Thanks to Mrs. Penner, Mrs. Routledge, Mrs. Norrie and all the staff for their work on preparing this concert. We have now begun plans on our Valentine's Day party to be held on Feb 15th. Watch for more details. Before Christmas I sent home information on a new Bullying initiative we are working on with the kids. So far so good and if anyone has feedback or is curious about it please give me a call. Finally our playground fundraising is going extremely well. We are around the \$90,000 mark and are preparing to make plans to finalize the playground structure. This is all thanks to the community and area, and its support. We are very thankful for all you have done to support this project.

At the high school we had a very busy late November and December also. The student council put on a barbecue for our students, a pancake breakfast and organized activities for the Christmas classic. Mrs. Facey, Mrs. Mathison and Mrs. Slimmon worked with our middle years students on preparing a drama production for us that I felt was really great. The students were very committed to this and seemed to have a great deal of fun. Our band concert was held on the same night as the play and our students displayed their talents quite well with Mrs. Kirkland. Mrs. Kirkland is now organizing a band trip for our students to Winnipeg for three days which should be a neat experience for our students. Miss Young took most of our grade 9 and 10 students on a two day ski trip and from all accounts they had a fun time. Congratulations to Marian Juce and the Cornerstone Youth Group on their nomination for the Park West Citizenship award. Please see the article on page 14. We also had some classes give back as Mrs. Facey had her grade 6 class collect clothing to donate to the less fortunate and we did a penny drive for water throughout the school.

Sports wise we had a very successful November. Mr. Smith coached the JV boy's team to a bronze medal, Miss Young coached her JV girl's team to the provincials, and Mrs. Hodgson and Mr. Obach coached the varsity girls to a silver medal at A provincials. Congrats to Jun Jun, Kenzie, Kailan and Keegan for all making all-star teams. Our middle years grade 8 girls were also successful finishing second at the zone tournament with Mrs. Facey coaching. I want to thank all our coaches at all levels for the time they put in for all our students. Hockey is going strong and basketball and curling have started also. Just a reminder for all that all parent drivers for events are to be working on getting their criminal check and child abuse registry with the school.

With exams coming up soon I wish our high school and middle years students good luck on finishing their first semester. Please remember February 4th is a PD day and the new semester begins on February 5th. Until next time, take care.



***Parent Advisory Council meets
at HCI Jan. 24 at 6:00 p.m.***



Sincerely,,
Jon Zilkey, Principal

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy New Year from The Kindergarten Kids! December seems soooo long ago, but here are some of our favorite memories. We were adorable puppies (all 28 of us), as we performed in our first school Xmas Concert. We sang "I Want a Home for Xmas." Way to go kids - your teachers and parents were very proud of your convincing performance. Loved the sad puppy howls the best! During the day of the concert, both classes attended a day of school for a day of Gingerbread Activities. Some of our favorite activities included: a gingerbread dice game, reading "Gingerbread Baby", by Jan Brett, measuring how tall we are with gingerbread men, making a gingerbread craft, and of course decorating yummy cookies! The highlight of this evening was a visit from Santa! We were very generous in presenting him with our colored and some uncolored Xmas pictures. Next week at school, we were very surprised to receive one of the uncolored pictures in the mail from Mrs. Claus! She had colored it for us and did a very nice job too! Both classes completed the month of December with a Xmas party. Everyone enjoyed our classroom gift exchange. Giving was even more fun than receiving! Mrs. McNabb's



class skyped for the very first time with Mrs. Martinnussen's Kindergarten class from St. Anne, Manitoba.

We were able to meet face to face after completing a book exchange. We enjoyed singing Xmas carols together. Mrs. Nowosad's class attended and enjoyed the Middle Year's Xmas Concert at the high school. Great job to the staff and the students that worked hard to put on this fun production! We wrote and sent off our Santa letters to The North Pole before Xmas holidays and

were quite excited to get a return letter from Santa in the mail! Thanks Santa!

January has "blown in" and we were all ready to get back into our normal school routine. We continue to work on our letter and sounds. We have met many new friends from Letterland such as Red Robot (r), Sammy Snake (s), Talking Tess (t), Walter Walrus (w), and Impy Ink (i). Many of the students are interested in learning how to read. We are learning our kindergarten sight words and will be starting our small reading groups very soon! Winter provides many hands-on experiences as we continue to sort objects, create patterns, and learn about numbers. We created a classroom graph to see how many of us wore mittens and how many of us wore gloves. Did you know that most of us wear mittens to school? We are using our own mittens and gloves to create patterns and are finding out how many different ways we can sort our mittens by size, design, and color. Snowmen help us to learn about measurement as we ordered them by size - shortest to tallest. We count buttons for the snowmen and are learning how to show number in 2 parts (for example: we can show 5 using 3 red buttons, and 2 green buttons).



We are spending more time in the computer lab. Some of our favorite educational game sites are starfall.com and illuminations.com. Check them out! The playhouse was Santa's workshop in December and now is the Kindergarten Cafe for the month of January. Stop by for some hot cocoa or some chocolate chip cookies! Talk to you all soon!



GRADE ONE NEWS

By Grade 1's

Typed by Mrs. Obach

The Christmas concert was fun. We got to dress up to sing and dance. We made lots of Christmas activities for our Christmas party. We had a nice holiday and we're having lots of fun now that we're back to school!



We are comparing and measuring in math. We can find out which thing is longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, wider or thinner. We've also been practicing adding and subtracting. We get one number and add on or subtract another number. We have also been problem solving.

We do daily 5 every day in the morning. We get to choose our activities. They help us get stamina and get better at reading and writing. We read some nursery rhymes that were changed. Our class wrote 2 mixed-up nursery rhyme plays. You can read them online at www.mrsobachsclass.blogspot.com



Our class is learning about groups we belong to. We can belong to a family, dance class, sports team, skating club or class. Now we are learning about families and our past.

GRADE TWO NEWS

Everyone returned from Christmas holidays rested and excited to see their friends again! It was nice to get back into routine and continue with our learning. In language arts we have been doing a mini theme on penguins. We have been reading and learning many interesting facts about penguins. Along with our regular reading groups, we have also been reading and performing some plays. We continue to work on Words Their Way and each week we do some interesting word sorts. Some of the language arts games we have been playing are Bingo, Go Pick and Concentration. It has also been exciting to start learning cursive handwriting.



In math we continue to work on our mental math skills. We have learned the counting on and the making ten strategies. Other concepts we have been working on are ordinal numbers, estimating and place value. Some of the games we have played to practise our skills are Top Card, Adding 8, 9 or 10 Bingo and War.



In Social Studies we have been learning about communities. We went on a community walk and wrote a story about an important place in our community. We have completed a Venn diagram about urban and rural communities and talked about different cities, towns and villages in Manitoba.



During the nice winter weather, everyone was enjoying sliding down the hill, making snow forts or just playing in the snow. It is hard to believe that January is winding down and with February fast approaching it won't be long before Valentine's Day and the 100th Day of School are here!

GRADE TWO/THREE NEWS



Happy New Year to everyone! We would like to welcome our latest new student to our class.

Jacob Clark and his family have moved to Hamiota from Scotland! Jacob tells us that he is enjoying the opportunity to skate at the rink and at the skating oval! Welcome to Canada and to our class, Jacob!

We are back to routine with our reading groups and writing activities. In Math, we are working on estimating, 2 and 3 digit addition, mental math strategies and problem solving. Be sure to check out our "math snowmen" in the hallways!

It's time for the annual Reading Hockey Tournament. So far, there have been to tight games, as they are very well matched teams. Keep reading!

The Grade 3's are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our "passports.". Once they are here, we will be taking some imaginary tours of other countries. In the meantime, we have been learning about our basic human rights in this great country of ours. We are also working on forces in Science.

Magnets are such fun!

Our January Lilac visit was a great success. We enjoyed comparing winter memories of long ago compared with our winters today. Hearing

about travels to school in sleighs, cutters and school vans was very interesting. A lively game of BINGO and a good visit topped off a great afternoon!

Soon we'll be looking forward to Valentine fun and activities!

GRADE FOUR NEWS



Brrrrrr!! Bundle up warm because it's going to be a cold month of January. After a nice long Christmas break, we are all back and ready to work in Grade 4.

The Grade 4 kids are hard at work in their Guided Reading groups, working on fluency, comprehension, and reader responses. Various interesting topics include; The Loch Ness Monster, The Inuit, a tragedy of sorts, and a true adventure story about a dog who finds himself afloat on an iceberg. Writing and all its components will be our focus as well until the end of the year. The traits of writing we will explore are; ideas, conventions, voice, sentence fluency, word choice, organization, and presentation.



In math, we are wrapping up our multiplication and division unit. Currently we are focusing on division word problems, creating and solving. A test review will be coming near the end of this week as well as a test next week. Our next unit will be an extension of this and will explore multiplication and division with larger numbers.



In social studies, we are learning about Canada's 6 geographic regions, the provinces and territories and their capitals.

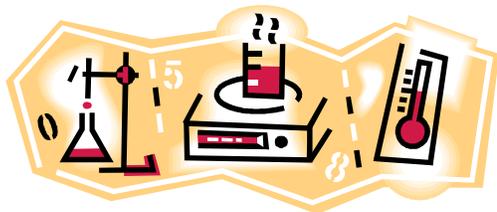
GRADE FIVE NEWS

We're back to school after the Christmas break and ready to get to work! We have also welcomed two new students to our classroom - Aaron Clark from Scotland and Phoenix Jackson from Brandon. Welcome to Hamiota Elementary, Aaron and Phoenix!

We started a new unit in math - measurement! We are working on area and perimeter right now, and are trying to remember our multiplication facts since $\text{area} = \text{length} \times \text{width}$. In Language Arts we are doing guided reading and we are also working on writing a memoir. We have just wrapped up our social studies unit by completing a group assignment that



looked at how their environment affected the way the ab-origines lived. We are now ready to start our science unit called, "Properties of and Changes in Substances". We will be doing lots of experiments as we talk about the different states of matter and how they can change.



Coming up, we have a Hydro presentation on January 31st! Stay warm!

MRS. OBACH WINS MICROSOFT AWARD

Mrs. Leah Obach (Hamiota Elementary School) and Mrs. Devon Caldwell (Oak Lake School) were selected to represent Canada at the 2012 Microsoft Partners in Learning Global Forum in Prague, Czech Republic. They presented a learning project, titled *Little Hands, Big World*, which involves Kindergarten & Grade 1 students working collaboratively to identify and address authentic sustainability issues. Students have worked diligently to make a difference in the areas of litter reduction, reusable bag use, species preservation and animal rescue.

Over 500 educators, education leaders, and government officials attended the conference, representing more than 75 countries. The conference included keynote speakers, workshops, teacher exhibits, a learning excursion to Prague Castle and an awards gala at the impressive Prague Castle Spanish Hall. 113 innovative learning projects from around the globe were featured in the teacher exhibits. Learning projects were shared with forum participants and judged based on a 21st century skills rubric. *Little Hands, Big World* was awarded the prestigious title of 1st runners up in the Extended Learning Beyond the Classroom category.



Mrs. Obach, second from right, receives her award.

LEGION CONTEST WINNERS



Back: Mike Ramsden(Kenton Legion), Destiny Allan, Mikayla Madsen, Naomi Best, Caitlin McTavish, Sydney Murray, Cameron Nolan, Brett Hemrica, Jack Houston (Kenton Legion)

Middle: Hassan Ashraf, Emily Usick, Daisy Martinez, Hayden Crampain, Bobbi Hunter

Front: Kimberlee Gray, Julie Campbell, Randi Wall, Amber Lepine-Stadnyk
Missing from the photo: MacKenzie Sims, Logan Wilson, Conor Clegg

On Dec. 19, members of the Kenton Legion Branch #118 came to Hamiota Collegiate to recognize the winners of the annual Legion poetry, essay and poster contest. Students completed this work in November and items were on display at the Remembrance Day Service in Kenton. The items were judged and winners were forwarded to Zone competition where Daisy Martinez and Amber Lepine-Stadnyk placed first for their posters and Kimberlee Gray placed second. Daisy and Amber's work will now be forwarded for District competition.

STUDENTS PUT THE 'ARTS' INTO CULINARY ARTS

Just before Christmas holidays, Middle Years Students enjoyed a very creative snack of vegetables, cheese, and pretzels shaped to resemble Christmas trees. A healthy vegetable dip was also served.

RECIPE

Mix 1 packet of vegetable soup mix with 1 cup of low fat Greek plain yogurt. Let sit for a couple of hours to let the flavor blend throughout.

Oatmeal breakfast cookies with milk was another delicious snack prepared by Quade Wood and Danny Johnson. We have included the recipe so that you can make them at home! Yummy!

OATMEAL BREAKFAST COOKIES

¾ cup butter, softened

½ cup brown sugar, packed (We used ¼ cup)

2 eggs

½ cup unsweetened applesauce

1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

½ cup whole wheat flour

½ cup white flour

1 cup oatmeal

1 tsp. each; baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon

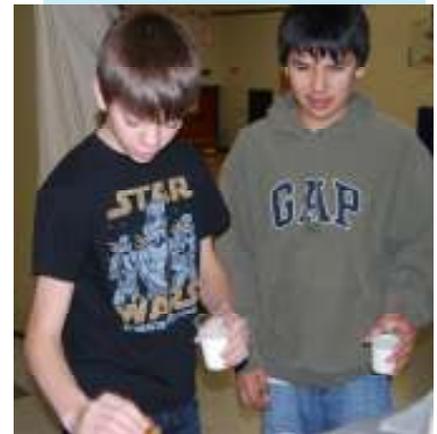
½ tsp. salt

1 cup dried fruit (diced apricots, blueberries, raisins, cranberries)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line baking sheets with Parchment Paper.
2. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, applesauce and vanilla. Add dry ingredients until well combined. Stir in dried fruit.
3. Drop cookie dough by rounded tbsp onto prepared baking sheets, 5 cm apart.
4. Bake 12-15 min. or until edges are lightly browned. Let cool 2 minutes and transfer to a wire rack.

Enjoy!



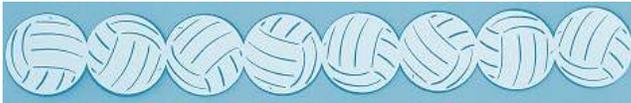
Will Chappell (left) & Damon Bunn enjoy milk and a Breakfast Cookie

VOLLEYBALL WRAP-UP

VARSITY GIRLS



Coach Mr. Obach, Janice Maitland, Keegan Robinson, Kailan Robinson, Tess Stevenson, Kailan Robinson, Brooke Tolton, Kaylee Daniel, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Coach Mrs. Hodgson



The Varsity Girls' Volleyball team lost in the league playoffs to Shoal Lake but due to their hard work all year, was awarded the chance to play Elm Creek for a wildcard spot in provincials. They defeated Elm Creek in 4 sets and then proceeded to Single "A" Provincials in St. Jean Baptiste. The team went into provincials ranked third and defeated Grandview, St. Jean and Arborg in their pool. Only losing to the number 1 ranked team, Nellie McClung put them in second spot in their pool, to start the playoffs.

Saturday proved to be a very good day for the girls as they defeated Deloraine and Grandview to play Nellie McClung for Gold medals. Unfortunately, they did not win gold but did capture silver. The Huskies earned 3 spots on the All-Star team-Keegan, Kailan and Kenzie Robinson. This was a first for MHSAA, to have 3 sisters on the same all-star team.

Kailan Robinson and Keegan Robinson were also chosen to play on the Graduating All-Star Volleyball team.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

The JV Boys' Volleyball team ended the season with a win. Unfortunately it was in the Bronze final! The boys had an excellent run to get there! At provincials the boys started out slow but picked up their play as the weekend progressed. They lost a heartbreaker to Carman in the semi finals but bounced back to defeat Russell in the 3rd set 19-17 to end the season. Congratulations to Jun Jun for being selected to the allstar team. This capped off a great season. The boys played in 5 tournaments consistently finishing in the top three. The boys even surprised a couple of AAAA teams along the way finishing the season with a 71-23 record! Great work guys!! Thanks to all of the parents for their support: driving to games, cheering and running the canteen!! Just after the season ended the Huskies found out that they will be hosting Varsity 'A' provincials in 2013!



Back: Coach Mr. Rawlings, Joel Kirk, Cody Hunter, Vincent Grabowski, Brady Waddell, Coach Mr. Smith

Front: Jun Jun Taborlupa, Sawyer Norrie, Nico Miranda, Jorden Leronowich

Missing: Jake Coulter & Chris Usick

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS



The Junior Varsity Girls volleyball team had a great season this year. The girls continued to work and improve as the season went on. The team lost a close game with Russell, losing in 5 sets to advance to provincials. However, the girls were awarded a wildcard game. They played Souris, who they had played throughout the season. They girls came out victorious and were awarded a birth to provincials. The girls had some close games at provincials, playing Killarney, Rosenort, Neepawa, and Grunthal. However, the girls were not able to advance to playoffs. Great job this season.

CURLING

Strathclair hosted the first ever grade 5/6 curling bonspiel. Hamiota sent 2 teams to the event. Hashim Farook, Lane Norrie, Alec McTavish, and Jamie Waddell played very well throughout the day. They came out with a record of 2 games won and 3 games lost. They lost a close final match to the other Hamiota team in the C event. Hassan Ashraf, Joelle Little, Liam Caldwell, and Eve Routledge made up the other Hamiota team. They recorded a record of 4 games won and 1 game lost. They came out on top in their final game winning the C event at the bonspiel.

The Grade 7 & 8 Bonspiel will be in Binscarth on Feb. 15.

The **High School Zone Curling** playoffs will take place in Russell on January 25 & 26 with Hamiota sending a boys & girls team with supervisor Mrs. Hodgson:

Girls: Kaylee Daniel, Jaden Hemrica, Eveline Juce, Chelsea Lawn, Morgan Strachan, Coach Allan Lawn

Boys: Derek Feschuk, Randy Kirk, Mark Lawn, Alex Lints, Jack Routledge, Coach Randy Lints



Back: l-r Liam, Hassan, Joelle
Front: Eve

BASKETBALL



The **Varsity Boys Basketball** team is off to a good start this season. The team is made up of grade 9 to 12 students. Shaun Hunter, Daniel Miranda, James Hunkin, Chris Usick, Jun Jun Taborlupa, Nico Miranda, Jordan Leronowich, Riley Madsen, Mark Lawn, Randy Kirk, Joel Kirk, and Jason Ritchie make up the team. The boys played 2 exhibition matches in December against Souris. The boys were victorious in Souris, but were unable to come up with a win in their home gym. The boys travelled to Bois-sevain January 18th-19th to play in a tournament. They boys finished with a record of 1-2 and came away with 4th place. The boy's season starts on Feb. 6th.

The **Varsity Girls Basketball** team has started the season 3-1 and is currently ranked as the #1 A team in the province. The girls team consists of: Janice Maitland, Keegan Robinson, Kailan Robinson, Mikaela Jay, Jimena Montenegro, Jill Kerr, Shayna Mathison, Jessica Ritchie, Jacquelyn Hawkins, and Jamie Rose with Ashley Jay managing. Come out and watch the girls in their home tournament on Feb 8/9 as they play the best A and AA teams in the province.

Middle Years Basketball Teams have also begun their season. The boys are coached by Pastor Orland Usick and the girls by Mrs. Rachel Proven.

HAMIOTA TO HOST HOCKEY ALL-STAR GAME

The game will be played on Feb. 10 at the Hamiota & District Sports Complex. A brunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. and the canteen opens at 1:00 p.m. The game will begin at 2:00 p.m.

The Huskies complete their season:

Jan 25th vs. Rivers/Elton in Rivers

Feb 1st vs. Souris/Reston in Hamiota

Feb 3rd vs. Major Pratt in Hamiota



HCI CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 11, HCI held it's annual Christmas Concert. This year featured the Middle Year's Drama, "Holka Polka" directed by Mrs. Facey. The concert also featured performances by the Senior and Middle Years Bands and Choirs.



GRADE 10 START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Each year the Start Your Own Business class forms groups and creates a small business. They choose a business, research its viability, create their project, advertise, make sales and do banking. Attached are the Executive Summaries from the businesses.

POLAR PIZZA

The biggest competitive advantage we have is being homemade not mass production. We include individual quality in each and every pizza where as the generic CO-OP does not. With slightly higher but still price competitive, people are paying for the taste and quality. We should make anywhere from 2-5 dollars on each pizza. Depending on what people will be putting on the pizza. This marketing plan will be a complete and total definition of the plans for our business. All in all we should be a successful business because when it's cold outside and you don't want to do anything nothing's easier than throwing a homemade pizza in the oven and patiently waiting for it to be cooked.



Dominic Miranda, Lane Routledge, Jacquelyn Hawkins & Jenny Harrison



FOR HEAVENS SHAKES

Hello! We are For Heavens Shakes! We are a new Milk shaking company. Our concept is to sell delicious milkshakes and other delicious beverages. We literally have only one competitor, and that is the TJ's down the highway. And while we are on that topic, the only thing they have on us is that they are well advertised. We have good knowledge as to the popularity of this business. Almost all of the previous milkshake business has come out with a lot of support from the students and finished with a profit.

JackRoutledge, Vincent Grabowski, Alex Lints & Jorden Leronowich

GRADE 10 START YOUR OWN BUSINESS (CONTINUED)



WRAPPED IN STYLE

Fashionable, unique, and money making our product is all this and more. Over the past few weeks we as a group have decided to sell scarves. The scarves will be made with two even layers of fleece. We will be selling a total of three different patterns; each scarf will be made in one size to fit all. Our product will be different from the competitors because they are individually hand made, and are very unique. These scarves are a product guaranteed to last, and keep you warm in Manitoba's winter days. We see our product being very popular and having lots of sales. Goals we have

for our product are to sell over 24 scarves which will makes us profit of \$240. Once we reach that goal we will shoot for even more! Another goal is to be sure we keep ahead of all sales, to do this we will plan carefully and have a schedule to keep us on track. Our product has advantages over competitors because we have different styles and the prices are fair. We are also planning to make local deliveries to citizens in both Hamiota and Kenton. They will also be available for pick-up at Hamiota Collegiate. To start our business off we are each going to bring in a total of \$40 each, which will give us \$120 as a starting capital. The starting capital will help us achieve making 24 scarves. If we reach our goal of selling all 24 scarves at \$15 a piece we will then have a profit of \$360. We then need to pay back the \$40 to each member, which will leave us with a gross profit of \$240. These scarves are a product not able to be purchased in a store and are extremely unique in their own way. Brooke Tolton, Kaylee Daniel, Shailyn Madsen

NIGHT 'O' FUN

Why would you want to have a regular night when you can have a night of fun? To describe our product, it is a movie night/ party basket; it will have everything you need to enjoy a movie as if you were going to a theater. It will have popcorn, drinks, and of course candy. For our product we do not have many competitors. The only ones we would have is Tj's, Co-op and possibly the bakery. The only reason why they are our competitor is because they sell everything that will be in our basket but the difference is we are having everything in one basket. This will attract people because instead of buying everything by itself they can buy the basket with everything included. Our goal is to sell 20 of baskets. Another one of our goals is to provide people with an amazing movie night! We just want to provide people with a great night full of fun and candy and pop! We believe families will love this product because of the easiness of it. The candy will be for example: M&M'S, fuzzy peaches ETC.

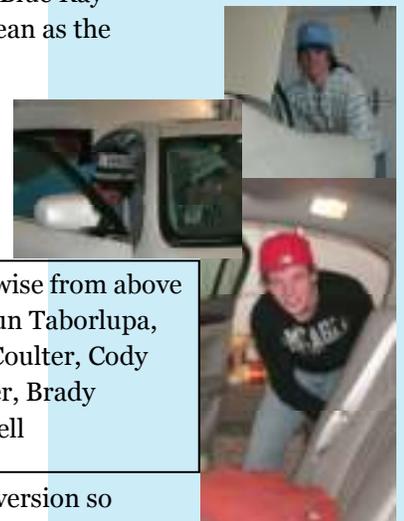
TIDY TECHIES

All of your old memories and favorite movies prior to 1996 were saved on VHS' are lost because they are a vanishing technology. We're going to bring back these old memories by converting them to DVDs or Blue Ray disks. Nowadays, there are also plenty of drivers and vehicles, and the vehicles aren't as clean as the owners would like. We have a solution to these problems.

Needless to say, cars do get dirty. There is nobody else offering these two services in our community. In our video converting service, we will be taking old VHS tapes and converting them into newer formats. As for our interior cleaning, we will be cleaning the entire interior of the vehicles. Advantages of our services are that nobody offers these in our community, and everyone else who does has higher prices than we do. Our main goals are to convert yesterday's technologies into today's, and keep everyone cars as clean as possible. The amount of capital that we need to cover our raw materials and advertising cost is \$121. We have estimated our income and all expenses and our profit will be about \$473. When that is divided by 5 for each member each member will get \$94 each. Our strategy is to make all our customers happy so they tell other people to come and buy our services. Another strategy is that we are the only people that do the video conversion so we will get all the customers. We feel that with hard work and determination we can modernize yesterday's films into today's technologies and to tidy the vehicles of our town.



Monika AbdelMesih,
Nicole Nolan &
Savannah Pope



Clockwise from above
Jun Jun Taborlupa,
Jake Coulter, Cody
Hunter, Brady
Waddell

The Frog Prince



We are pleased to let you know this years' HCI drama production will be *The Frog Prince*. Based on the Jim Henson version of the classic fairy tale, our stage version will feature a dazzling array of puppetry. From small hand puppets masterfully interacting with each other and the audience, to huge mascot type puppets the size of people, *The Frog Prince* is a tale the whole family will enjoy. Narrated by Kermit the

Frog, the story follows the trials of Robin, a human Prince turned into a frog by an evil witch. Robin must befriend a Princess, have her kiss him and break the witch's spell. A hard task made harder by the fact the Princess is herself living under a terrible enchantment: she says everything wackbards –I mean—backwards.

Casting is complete and rehearsals will soon be under way. Look for more details in an upcoming newsletter. *The Frog Prince* takes to the stage in April.

HCI Exam Schedule - Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2013

Monday, January 28

Biology 30S

Psychology 40S

Futures in Business 15G

Start your own Business 25G

Mathematics 10F

Tuesday, January 29

Physics 30S

Accounting 30S

Science 20F

Wednesday, January 30

Essential Math 30S

Pre-Calculus 30S

Geography 20F

ICT I and II 15F

Grade 8 ELA

Thursday, January 31

ELA Comp. Focus 30S

Grade 8 Math

Grade 7 ELA

Friday, February 1

Make up day for high school exams missed due to illness

Grade 8 Social Studies

Grade 7 Social Studies

Grade 6 Science

PLEASE NOTE:

-No Senior Band this week

-Exams begin at 9:00, end at noon

-Students must stay in the exam room until 10:00 a.m.

-The Computer lab is closed to students unless prior arrangement made with a teacher.

-Grade 9-12 student may go home each day after their exam or may stay at school and study in the library. If a student leaves the school they may not return to get on the bus.

-After completing exams middle years students will return to regular classes

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT COUNCIL

BY ASHLYN KIRK & EMILY USICK

The Christmas decorations are down and the new year has begun. The middle years drama "Holka Polka" went by in a flurry of makeup, costumes, and learning lines. It was spectacular! We would like to thank everyone who helped out as well as the students who participated.

It's that time of year where students are practicing up their shooting skills. It's basketball season! Coaching the Middle Years boys is Mrs. Proven and coaching the girls is Mr. Usick. Another big event in January is exams. Students are prepping for them which will go from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 for Middle Years. 2013 is shaping up to be a fun year!

CHANGE TO YEAR-END CEREMONIES

Recently the Hamiota Collegiate staff looked into ways of shortening our Graduation Ceremonies as the gym is usually very hot and it is a long evening for the graduates and those attending the ceremonies.

After discussion the following decision was made:

-The Grade 12 Awards and Scholarship Presentations would be held on our Graduation evening as set by the Park West School Division. This year Tuesday, June 25th.

-The Grade 9-11 Awards Presentations will be held Monday, June 24th at 1:00 p.m.

-The Middle Years Year End Presentations will be Monday, June 24th following a short break after the Grade 9-11 Awards. (Beginning at approximately 1:45 p.m.)

-Middle Years classes will continue for students until June 27th.



BAND NEWS

The Hamiota Collegiate school bands are off to a great start in the new year! After a successful winter concert in December, the Senior Band is gearing up to perform at the Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg Band Festival on February 21st. In addition to performing at the festival, during their three day, two night stay, some of the activities the senior students will have the opportunity to participate in include Le festival du voyageur, the Manitoba Museum and Planetarium, and a dress rehearsal of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. With the trip just around the corner, the senior band is continuing to prepare their music for the festival. Upcoming events include the Birdtail River Festival, the Brandon Jazz Festival, and the gr.8 band camp.



PLEASE NOTE:

On the HCI School Calendar two dates were listed for the spring concert. Please note the correct date:

**HAMIOTA
COLLEGIATE
SPRING CONCERT
Tuesday, June 4
7:00 p.m.**

BIRDTAIL RIVER FESTIVAL DEADLINE—JANUARY 31/13

The Birdtail River Spring Section of the festival will be held in Hamiota. Dates: Vocal: March 11-12 Band: March 14 Dance: March 15 Piano: March 21-22 Final Concert: April 3 Art on display at festival



Entry forms can be picked up at both Hamiota Elementary School and Hamiota Collegiate or for information call Linda Clark at 567-3847 or Karen Mathison at 842-2803.

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ART must be delivered to Miniota School or Hamiota Collegiate by FEBRUARY 15.



Park West School Division

Learners Today Leaders Tomorrow

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" The old man scoffed. "You're not saving enough to make a difference." The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back into the water. "Made a difference to that one," he said.

Each year Park West School Division recognizes students, individuals and groups, who have made a difference in their schools and community through the work they do. This year Hamiota Collegiate recognized Marian Juce and the Cornerstone Youth Group.

Marian Juce



ger campaign.

Marian is an accomplished athlete who is training with the Wheat City ConnXion Synchronized Skating team. She has utilized her talents to mentor young skaters in Kenton and as a CanSkate Coach in Hamiota. While Marian is not a member of the Student Council, it doesn't stop her from helping out with various school functions. She works at the after-school canteen, helped at student council barbeques and was an integral part in the WE Scare Hunger campaign.

Cornerstone Youth Group



The Cornerstone Youth Group meet weekly for leadership training and other activities. They have planned various events for the school and community. One such event was the 'Go Fly A Kite' that was held during the school noon hour for Middle Year's students. The students were treated to a barbeque and given their own kite to fly. The group has also provided child activities during the summer fair and they have helped to organize and participate in the Pavilion of Hope.

Back: Nathan Klassen—leader, Joun AbdelMesih, Chris Usick, Joel Usick, Joelle Little, Pastor Orland Usick—leader

Middle: Monika AbdelMesih, Savannah Pope, Nash Gurr, Emily Usick, Larissa Clegg

Front: Mason Gurr

Missing: Shania Hatfield, Nick Hatfield, Randi Wall, Kaitlynn Alexander, Michelle Bell, Ashley Lints, Joel Kirk, Savanna Lynn, Amber Lepine, Jessica Ritchie

This year **Marian Juce** was chosen as the individual whose nomination was forwarded to the Manitoba School Boards Association Student Citizen Awards Program. Seven awards are given to one student in each of the seven association's geographic regions. These seven students will receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.00. Nominated students who are not chosen for these awards will receive a certificate and \$100.00. Winners will be notified in March of this year and be recognized at a special awards ceremony in Winnipeg. *Congratulations Marian!!*

The Award Criteria is as follows:

The Manitoba School Boards Association Student Citizenship Award recognizes students from Manitoba schools who demonstrate their commitment to the val-

ues of citizenship through activities such as:

1. Volunteer service to the community
2. Involvement in citizenship or character building organizations
3. Participation in student government programs of activities
4. Leadership ability to motivate others to actions to benefit the community

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