

Hamiota Schools Newsletter

Principal's Message



Returning to school after the Christmas break is always an exciting time with staff and students rested and re-energized to tackle the remainder of the school year. January has been a very busy month at both schools but at HCI it is often described as exam month! The grade 12 students have been busy writing their Provincial ELA and Math exams and I am proud of their efforts. The remainder of the students at HCI will write their exams during the week of January 29 to February 2. Please check the schedule on the school website for the dates of each exam. At the elementary school staff and students have once again found their groove and are making great strides in their learning. It is such a joy to see all of the great things that are happening at both schools.

On January 9, Constable Gord Olson from the Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) of the RCMP visited our school and gave a terrific presentation to all of the students during the day. He was able to inform and enlighten our students as how to stay safe when online. Constable Olson graciously stayed around Hamiota and gave the same presentation to interested parents and community members in the evening.

On the extracurricular front the students have been very busy. Basketball is in full swing with the middle year's teams joining our varsity boys' and girls' basketball teams with a full schedule of play. It is nice to see the varsity boys' team back in action at Hamiota Collegiate. January and February seem to be the months for curling at our schools as well.

The grade 5 and 6 curling teams will travel to Miniota on January 24 to curl in a PWSD bonspiel and the grade 7 & 8 students will travel to Binscarth on February 13 to curl. The varsity curling teams are gearing up for zone play downs on February 8. High School Hockey continues to roll along with the boys team sitting tied for second in the WSHL with a 16-2-1 record. Rehearsals for the major drama production, The Addams Family, are in full swing with students and staff meeting on Sunday afternoons to practice.

There have been a few personnel changes at Hamiota Collegiate since the end of 2017. Karma Hawkins is our new secretary so don't be surprised to hear her friendly voice on the telephone should you call. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Leah Bootsman to the staff of HCI. Leah started working as an educational assistant on January 8. I am also pleased to announce that Ms. Schettler will continue with us in her present role of teaching grade 5 and 6 for the remainder of the year. A reminder that there is no school on February 5, as the collegiate staff gets prepared for the start of the second semester and the elementary staff participates in some professional development. Senior high report cards will be sent home on February 9 and should you have any questions, please contact the school.

Bruce Coulter
Principal

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Happy New Year! Christmas holidays were wonderful and restful for all. January marks our last month of part-time kindergarten. Starting on Feb. 6th, we will be starting full-time kindergarten, joined by one of our favorite teachers, Mrs. Charlene Allan. Mrs. Allan will teach math, science, and run the playtime centers every afternoon. Mrs. McNabb will teach the reading, writing, and social studies curriculum in the mornings. Learning

through play is integrated into every aspect of our day.

We have been busy learning about rhyming words and learning to read and write sight words! In math we are practicing our teen numbers. The students are very excited about their new play centers: The Vet Clinic is open for business as well as The Hot Cocoa Shop. In science, we have finished our unit on Trees.

At this time, we would like to thank Mrs. Audrey Kirk who volunteers in our classroom once a week to help us practice our letters, sounds, and rhyming words. Thanks Mrs. Kirk!



GRADE 1 NEWS from Mrs. Nowosad

It is hard to believe we are half way through January already. Time is flying, and we have been very busy getting back into routine in grade 1. I want to take this chance to thank all my amazing students and families for the lovely gifts I received at Christmas time. Thank you!

Our guided reading groups are back up and running and it's nice to see the progress students are making. We continue to work hard on using different strategies to help when we get stuck on unknown words. We have started an in school and take home fluency project where students have an opportunity to read a passage multiple times to build fluency, expression and confidence. I am really pleased with how this is working. We have been doing some writing about our five senses in ELA and Science. Our next writing project will be done in partners, writing about what would make the best pet. The exciting part is they get to incorporate two animals into one new pet. (Eg: a girafocat is half giraffe and half cat. Both animals bring something unique.)

In math, we have been working with base ten blocks, using these to identify and build numbers to 100. We continue to work at representing numbers in a variety of ways. We are also working on addition facts, starting with adding 0, then 1 and now adding 2. Skip counting by 2, 5 and ten is getting easier each day!! We will be starting to use Zorbit Math on the iPads very soon.

In Science we are working on the Five Sense Unit. We have done some writing and poster making as well as identifying different ways things feel to the touch. We have used our sense of taste to identify our favourite kinds of chips :)

Thank you to all our families and friends for the generous donations we were able to collect for the local food bank and Christmas Cheer. This tremendous support just goes to show what a great community we live in!

Food for the Local Food Bank And Christmas Cheer!



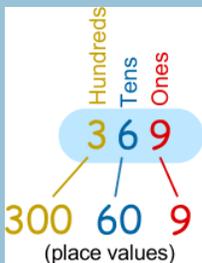
GRADE 2 NEWS from Mrs. Gregory

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. Using the numbers in 2018, we set some goals. We wrote 2 ways to become better students, one thing we would like to stop doing, 1 person we would like to get to know better and 8 ways we can be kind. We have also been doing a mini theme on penguins. We have been reading and learning many interesting facts about these birds.

In math we have been working on place value skills. We have been adding and subtracting 10 as well as practising the making ten strategy when adding. We continue to work hard on our Dreambox math program on our iPads.

In Social Studies we continue to learn about our community. We patterned the Important Book by writing about a specific business or service in Hamiota. We also completed a Venn diagram comparing rural and urban communities.

It is hard to believe that January is winding down and with February fast approaching we are all looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school.



GRADE 3 NEWS from Mrs. Dixon

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018! We are back into the swing of things in our classroom. We are working in teams for our annual Reading Hockey Tournament - a good competition is on! We've enjoyed reading a couple of hockey stories and completing some activities with them. We've also been learning about amazing and beautiful icebergs.

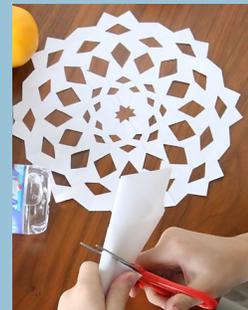
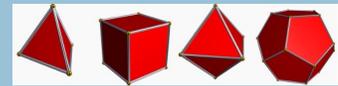
We are working with polygons and 3 dimensional solids in Math. It's interesting to see all the shapes that exist in our world!

In Social Studies, we're studying life in Canada and the basic human rights we enjoy in this great country we call home!

We had a super visit with our Lilac buddies, as we compared winter memories, cut snowflake designs and played BINGO together. We sure enjoy time spent with our friends!

We were happy to receive Christmas cards from our friends in Lafayette, Indiana. They report no snow there and they had a number of the same Christmas wishes as we did! We're looking forward to more contact with them throughout the winter.

Though many of us would like to see more snow, we're certainly enjoying the January sunshine and the mild days are a bonus for outdoor recesses!



GRADE 4 NEWS from Mrs. L. Routledge

Welcome back! I hope each and every one of my students and their families had a restful and relaxing Christmas break! It has been a hard couple of months with the rotten bugs going around. Hopefully the New Year brings some good health and energy for all!

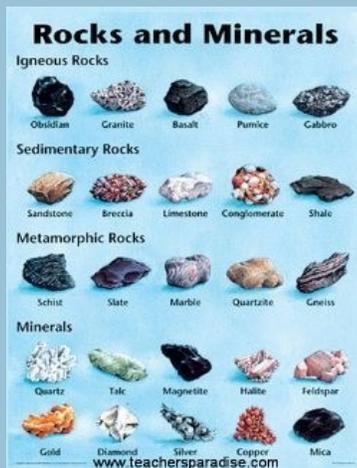
The Grade 4 kids came back from break raring to go! We started off January using our BIG imaginations to write a piece entitled, "If I were trapped in a snow globe..." What a wild bunch! These are creatively displayed in our hallway. Come on in and let us entertain you!

In math, we continue to use our strategies for solving multiplication equations. So far we can use arrays, doubling, skip counting, and the break-apart strategy to solve more challenging facts. We are busy practising our facts at school as well, using flash cards to help us recall them in 3 seconds or less. I've encouraged the students to practise at home for a few minutes each night as well.

Rocks and Minerals are all the rage in Grade 4 science. We are learning all about the 3 types of rocks and how they are made! Some of our vocabulary words include; weathering, sediments, magma, mantle, and igneous.



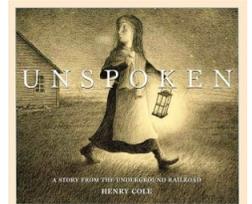
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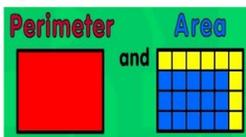
GRADE 5 NEWS from Mrs. D. Routledge

January...as a teacher this is absolutely my favourite teaching month! It always seems like we get so much done in January because there are fewer "other" things going on. Kids also come back from their break ready to learn. Unfortunately, the 'bugs' in the air this year are certainly taking their toll on the students in this class. Hopefully everyone will soon be feeling better, and we can have a day when everyone is here.

In LA we have been working with a wordless picture book called Unspoken by Henry Cole which deals with the Underground Railroad. We started the month by doing some research on slavery and talking about how unfairly African Americans were treated. Doing this research led us into learning little bits about Harriet Tubman, the civil war, Quakers, and of course, the underground railroad itself. The students are using bits of the knowledge they have gained to write a story to go with the pictures in the book Unspoken. They are including adjectives, adverbs, similes and some dialogue in their story.



We are also doing 'Contract Reading'. For this, students are given a choice of three books at their reading level to complete within a month's time. They have to set a date prior to starting. Once their book is done they are to complete one assignment based on their genre. For example, those reading a nonfiction book have a different choice of assignments than those reading an autobiography or an adventure. These books can be read at school and at home, but must be completed on time.



We are working on a Measurement unit in math. At this point we are struggling to sort out the difference between area and perimeter. There is a lot of new vocabulary in this unit which can be difficult for some students. I would like to encourage parents to continue to practice multiplication facts with their child. Being solid with their facts makes finding all possible rectangles with an area of 36, for example, much easier.

In science we are working on a unit called Properties of And Changes in Substances. This means we are learning about solids, liquids, and gases and how they can change through physical or chemical changes. We are doing lots of hands on experiments which is always the fun part.

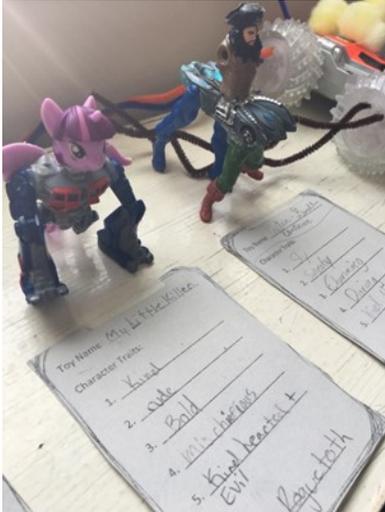


Just a few other notes...We would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Randy Lints for giving us some lessons in curling! In the next few weeks we are looking forward to some spirit days that have been organized by the students in this class. We are also looking forward to going to Brandon on Friday to watch

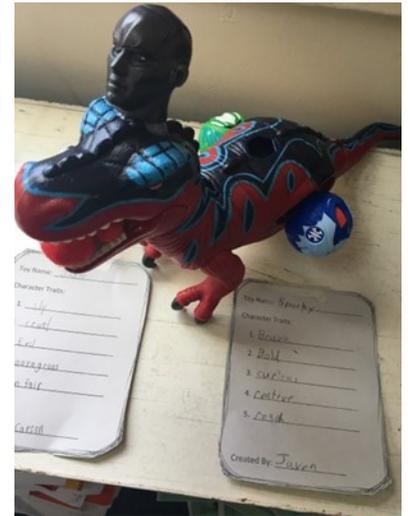
the girls' Bobcat team play basketball. Thank you Mr. C. for organizing that for us!



GRADE 5 NEWS from Miss Schettler



Happy New Year! This month in ELA we have been learning about character traits. Everyone completed mobiles and word splash art to showcase their personal character traits. Next we created characters by taking apart old toys and hot gluing new arms, legs and heads on them! The students then picked



5 character traits for their toys. We are now starting to plan and write a story about the toys coming alive at night. I wonder what the toys will get up to....

Math has been full of division this month as we learnt 2 ways of doing long division with 3 digit numbers. The students have also been practicing 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication with the strategy they like best. We are about to finish up multiplication and division with our test on Jan 30th.

In science we have started a unit on Substances. We have been exploring characteristics of substances and how water changes states. Soon we will be looking into physical and chemical changes. The students have been enjoying using the measuring scales and playing with oobleck.



HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

The Huskies continue to have a great season. With players from Hamiota, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, Birtle and Rossburn, the team is currently in second place in the West Division behind Vincent Massey with a 16-2-1 record. They look forward to the rest of the league and the playoffs.

On December 22nd, the annual Christmas Classic Game was held in Hamiota with the Huskies taking on the Major Pratt Trojans. Students from across the division came to cheer on the players from their home schools. The game ended with Huskies defeating the Trojans 8-1.

In addition to the game there were tricycle races, a puck toss and teddy bear toss. Thanks to the Student Council and French Travel Group for organizing these fun activities.



Remaining HUSKIES

WHSH League Games

Friday, Jan. 26

Vs. Souris

Saturday, Jan. 27

Vs. Swan Valley

Sunday, Feb. 4

At Roblin

Thursday, Feb. 8

Vs. Vincent Massey

At WCG Place

Friday, Feb. 9

Vs. Vincent Massey



Kara Kent delivered the stuffed toys from the Teddy Bear toss to Winnipeg.

MIDDLE YEARS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 25th

Wayway Girls at Hamiota
Girls

Thursday, February 1st

Miniota @ Hamiota (B&G)

Tuesday, February 6th

Hamiota (B&G) @ Birtle

Thursday, February 8th

Hamiota (B &G) @ Major
Pratt

Tuesday, February 20th

Shoal Lake @ Hamiota (B&G)

Playoffs - Feb. 22 & March 1
(locations to be determined)

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Monday, January 22nd

Hamiota (B & G) at Major
Pratt

January 26th & 27th

Girls Tournament at Neelin

February 9th & 10th

Girls Home Tournament

Monday, February 12th

Major Pratt girls @ HCI 4:30

Shoal Lake boys @ HCI 6:30

February 14th

Boys Play offs

February 21st

Boys and Girls Finals

MIDDLE YEARS CURLING

January 24th

Grade 5/6 Curling in Miniota

February 13th

Grade 7/8 Curling in Binscarth

VARSITY CURLING

Feb. 8th & 9th

Zone Playoffs Feb. 8 & 9 in

Birtle

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

The Varsity Boys and Girls teams are off to a good start to their season. The girls, coached by Ms. Sarah Lopes, have played well in pre-league tournaments. The boys are very pleased that Mr. Ryan Coughlan and Mr. Darris Hardern have agreed to coach their team and started their league season with an exciting 48-45 win over Strathclair.

The Middle Years Girls are being coached this year by Ms. Laura Cowling and Miss Brittany Schettler. They will play their first game against the Wayway girls this Thursday. The boys have had games against Rossburn and Binscarth and are happy to have Mr. Orland Usick coaching again this year.



Middle Years Boys

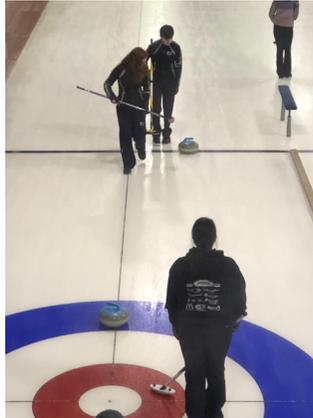
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CURLING

Hamiota has two Varsity curling teams this year. The boys team is Brendan Lawn, Liam Caldwell, Dawson Brooks, Holden Norrie, and coach Allan Lawn.

The girls team is Joelle Little, Kassidy Heapy, Taylor Good, Charlotte Little, alternate Chantelle Chappell, and coach Miss Snyder.



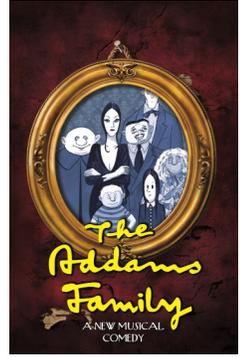
The girls team travelled to Neepawa on January 21st to compete in a junior bonspiel. The girls had a great day of curling and placed third out of six teams.

Both teams are practicing Wednesdays after school at the Hamiota Curling Club. Zone playoffs will be held Feb 8th and 9th in Birtle with hopes of advancing to provincials in Winkler Feb 22nd-24th.

In Middle Years curling, the grade 5 and 6 students go to Miniota on Jan 24th. Grade 5 curlers are Peyton Tolton, Chael Rozdeba, Calli Wilson-Davey and Kayleigh Knight. Grade 6 curlers are Kylin Robinson, Surrey Smith, Lilly McDonald and Shirley Johnson.

Going to Binscarth on Feb. 13th are Grade 7 and 8 students Christyna Caldwell, Emerson Zilkey, Ryan Sheane, Kyle Johns, Riley McTavish, Whitney Rozdeba, Rylan Gage and John Lelond.

SPRING DRAMA



The Cast is in place and Sunday practices have begun for the major drama, The Addams Family: School Edition which will be presented on April 12-15.

The Cast includes:

Bobbi Hunter as **Gomez**, the man of ambiguous Spanish descent who loves his family and being an “Addams”.

Jacinta Doupe and Emily Lints share the role of Gomez’ wife **Morticia**, a beautiful strong-willed woman.

Korinne Alexander and Ashlyn Kirk share the role of their daughter **Wednesday**, who has fallen in love with a “normal” boy who can actually make her smile .

Hayden Crampain will play **Uncle Fester** who is the energetic and loving narrator of the play.

Chantelle Chappell as **Grandma**, a feisty, quirky 102 year old.

Michelle Bell and Tess McTavish share the role of **Pugsley**, Wednesday’s 12 year old brother, another quirky character.

Brett Hemrica as **Lurch**, the Addams butler, who despite communicating mostly through moans and groans, is an integral part of the family.

Holden Norrie as **Lucas Beineke** , the ‘normal’ boy who is in love with Wednesday.

Mason Gurr as **Mal Beineke**, the stuffy domineering father of Lucas.

Emma McConnell as **Alice Beineke**, totally devoted to her family, and often strangely speaks in rhymes.

Sheena Johnson as the silky **Cousin Itt**.

Sean Schweitzer as the disembodied hand, Thing.

Rounding out the cast are the Ancestors, spirits, who are freed from their crypt once a year to celebrate. This year, however, they are locked out by Uncle Fester, until “love triumphs”. The Ancestors include: **Brenna Kirk, Sebastian Tolton, Sheena Johnson, Layne Norrie, Jade Crampton, Machaela Tannas, Shirley Johnson, Kylie Lodge, Lilly McDonald, Surrey Smith, Daphne Tannas and Haydn Tolton.**

Mrs. Judy Lyn Kirk is already getting prop items together and Mr. Brad Kirk is getting the set crew together to begin work. Thank you to all parents who volunteered to help out. We will be contacting you. Anyone who would like to help and hasn’t signed up please contact Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Mathison.

STUDENTS RECEIVE LEGION CONTEST AWARDS



L-R: Kate-Leigh Heapy, Emerson Zilkey, David McConnell, McKenna Laberge, Je Anne Villela, Lilly McDonald, Kaitlyn Campbell and Emily Lints

At the Monday morning assembly on January 15, Mike Ramsden from the Kenton Legion Branch #18 came to HCI to present certificates and awards to students who had winning art or literary entries in the Legion Remembrance Day Contest at the Legion and Zone levels.

Two students, Emily Lints and Lilly McDonald had entries go on to District competition.

Congratulations and thanks to all the HCI students who entered the contest.

The Kenton Legion appreciates your participation.

SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS by Holden Norrie

From the student council we would like to wish a Happy New Year to all the returning students! This month student council has organized a week full of Olympic events to kickstart this fun new year. These events include; floorball, curling, bobsled, and an Olympic quiz to end it off. Students are encouraged to bring outside wear for the outside events. Teams will be competing to earn points for their house team which will be collected and counted for the end of the year.

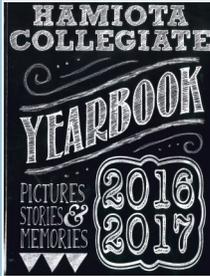
Michelle also hosted a delicious hot lunch consisting of homemade macaroni and cheese with hot dogs. Students were also given Matchmakers to fill out to start the Valentine theme. In a couple of weeks students will be able to buy their Matchmakers for \$2 and find out their true soulmate.

YEARBOOKS!!

Did you forget to order last year's 20-16-17 yearbook?

You are in luck! We have some extra copies. The cost is \$35.00.

Please contact Korinne Alexander or the school office if interested.



UPCOMING DATES AT HAMIOTA SCHOOLS

- January 24 ~ Grade 5/6 Curling Bonspiel
- January 26 ~ Grade 5's at BU Basketball
- January 26 ~ Chicken Fingers/Salad Hot Lunch
- February 5 ~ NO School PD
- February 7~ Grad Meeting for Grads and Parents, 7:00 p.m.
- February 8 & 9~ Zone Curling Playoffs in Birtle
- Feb. 9 & 10~ Varsity Girls Basketball Home Tournament
- February 14~ Grade 3 visit Lilac—Valentine's Day!!
- February 16 ~ NO School PD
- February 19 ~ NO School Louis Riel Day
- February 22 ~ Pancakes/Sausage Hot Lunch
- February 23 HCI Ski Trip = Grades 6-12
- February 28 ~ PINK Day



Hamiota Collegiate Exam Schedule

Monday, January 29th

Trans Math 10F
Chemistry 30S
Applied Business Technology 30S
Grade 6 French
Grade 7 ELA
Grade 8 ELA

Tuesday, January 30th

Science 10F
PreCalc Math 30S
Essential Math 30S
Grade 8 Math

Wednesday, January 31st

Personal Finance 20S
Venture Development 30S
Biology 30S

Thursday February 1st

Canada in the Contemporary World 10F
Geographic Issues 20F
Comp LA 30S

Friday, February 2nd

Psychology (IITV)
Grade 7 Math
Grade 8 Social Studies

- All exams begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- Students may not leave the exam room before 10:00 a.m.
- Cell phones or other electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the exam room and will be confiscated if found. These forms of electronic media can be used to cheat and could result in a student being disqualified from writing an exam.
- Grade 6, 7, & 8 Students will attend classes as regularly scheduled.
- Grade 9-12 students may go home each day after their exam is completed or may stay at school and study in the library.
- If a student leaves school they are not to come back at the end of the day to ride the bus. (exception for noon hour)
- The computer lab will be closed to students during the exam week unless specific arrangements are made by teachers.