

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



PARK WEST SCHOOL DIVISION

MAY, 2013

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is here finally and like everyone else we are happy to see it. As usual there is a lot going on at both of our schools.

Hamiota Elementary has a fire prevention session coming on May 13th for the morning. In the afternoon of May 17th students are away to Strathclair School on for an Aboriginal Day presentation. Both these sessions unfortunately only hit Mrs. McNabb's kindergarten class. We try to balance out as much as possible but we do not always get a great deal of flexibility in the dates for these events. With spring also brings field trips. All grades are in the process of planning for their end of the year trip. I would like to thank all the parents who showed up for celebration of Learning at HES. As usual the turnout was amazing.

HCI has had some great things accomplished by some of our students recently. Mackenzie Haslen won an award for her excellent work with Career Trek. Daisy Martinez also won an award for her Remembrance Day poster that finished 2nd in sectionals. Eveline Juce and Jacquelyn Hawkins accomplished their Bronze award for the Duke of Edinburgh awards. Keegan Robinson and Kailan Robinson both won basketball awards as player of the year for Keegan and All Manitoba team for Kailan. Brooke Tolton, Lane Routledge, and Kaylee Daniel finished 4th and Shailyn Madsen and Jacquelyn Hawkins finished 6th out of 120 contestants at an awards event at Oak Hammock Marsh for an environmental con-

test on protecting the local watershed. Congratulations to all our students and their accomplishments and I apologize if I forgot anyone.

Elections are up and running for student council and by the time this goes out we will have a new student council. I know the students are working hard on an end of year dance and a fundraising event for the hospital on June 2nd. Our drama performance was again excellent by our kids in early April. The costumes and the work put in by so many people whether a teacher, student, or volunteer was amazing to see. Special thanks to Mr. Negrave for organizing all this. The grade 8's went on a band trip to Camp Wannakumbac in April. I went up to help chaperone and while sleep was hard to come by I think the students had fun. Congratulations to our badminton team for sending 8 players out of the 16 spots from the zone to provincials. Well done players and coaches.

Finally we are looking at completing our elementary playground on August 6, 7, and 8th. Closer to the date we will be looking for volunteers to help us with this. Thanks to everyone and especially the PAC for all your help with donations and time to make this happen for our kids.

Till next time take care and have a great spring.

Jon Zilkey, Principal

Year End Dates:

- **JUNE 24**

1:00 GR.9-11
AWARDS

1:45 MIDDLE YEARS
ASSEMBLY

- **JUNE 25**

7:30 GRADUATION
CEREMONIES

- **JUNE 27**

10:30 ELEMENTARY
FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The arrival of the sun and the absence of the snow has put a little "spring" in our step in the Kinder room!



We love not having to put on our snowpants...it makes for a quick exit when the recess bell rings!

In the classroom, we remain hard at

work as our teachers are busy preparing us for Gr. 1. We continue to practice our reading and writing skills and in math, we are exploring with shapes and

the concept of measurement. On our Teddy Bear Day we measured how tall (or short) our Teddy Bears were and weighed the mass of our bears on the balance scale. We conducted interviews and created "Teddy Bear Profiles."



Reading and singing Teddy Bear songs with our stuffed friends was fun! Joan Trott came to visit our classroom again! Yippee! We learned about where paper comes from and we even made our own homemade paper. We are looking forward to our next visit with Joan as we will be learning more about the primary colors and how we blend them to make new colors. On Earth Day, we were delighted to have Mrs. Obach's Gr. 1 class organize a special presentation for us. Jacques, from Oak Hammock Marsh came and we learned how to take care and appreciate

some of the wildlife on our planet earth. Thanks Mrs. Obach and The Gr. 1 class. We loved the yummy lunch too - the wraps were delicious and healthy!



Another special guest that visited us was Amanda Knight from Hamiota Dental (otherwise known as Tara's mom and Kayleigh's auntie). She reminded us how important it is to floss and brush our teeth at least 2 times a day! We also discussed how healthy snacks help not only our bodies to be healthy, but our teeth too.



Thanks Amanda - we especially loved our new toothbrushes and tutti-frutti flavored floss.

Recently we have planted our own marigold seeds and some of the plants have begun to grow! Our plan is to transplant these yellow flowers into the existing flower bed on the east side of the school.



The kindergarten kids will be transforming this space into a beautiful flower garden for all to enjoy. Now that the snow is gone, we are eager to get started!

Enjoy the arrival of spring everyone!

GRADE ONE NEWS (Ideas by: Grade 1s, Typed by: Mrs. Obach)

We've done lots of work in Grade 1. We are learning about geometry. Some shapes have points, some have curves. 3D objects have faces. We learned about spheres, cubes, cones, pyramids, prisms and cylinders.



We do lots of writing and reading. We know we're better writers because we practice a lot, we know lots of words and we write longer stories now. We have been practicing word study to get better at writing and spelling. We read every day to get better and because it is fun!

Our class has been doing some special activities. We had a garage sale to raise money for helping people and animals. We got a lot of money to help them. \$464 helped us adopt animals from W.W.F. and helped us give food and water to people in Africa. Thank you to people who gave stuff to us, people who came shopping and our families who helped us work the garage sale.



On Earth Day, we had a celebration. Guest classes came to our school and everyone got to do presentations with Oak Hammock Marsh. We had awesome healthy food for lunch and we used biodegradable cutlery and plates (that means they turn back into dirt so they don't hurt the earth). In our class, we made an Earth Day craft to remind us to help the earth. We wore green and blue clothes. Our class made a bingo game that other classes could play. We had lots of FUN!



On May 3rd, we went to Alyssa's Ark Small Animal Rescue. We went to see animals and learn about animal rescue. We helped make toys, fed rabbits salads and we took the animals some homemade treats. Afterwards, we had lunch at Montana's. One of our friends was having a birthday, so she got to wear the moose hat. It was a very fun field trip!



GRADE 2 NEWS

It is great to see the snow finally disappearing and the temperatures starting to rise. At the end of April we were sad to say goodbye to Cody Newman. He and his family have moved to Niverville. We will miss Cody and wish him good luck in his new school!

The grade 2's have been working on a mini theme on pioneers. They have been reading some Little House on the Prairie



books and doing a variety of reading activities. Many of us have finished spelling our words of the week. Other writing activities we have worked on are making some

jump rope rhymes and writing an ad for the world's biggest pizza. We are working hard on our cursive writing and have learned many of the lower case letters.



In math we continue to practice our addition strategies and are learning strategies to help us subtract. We have also been doing



lots of measuring. We have used a variety of units such as paper clips, popsicle sticks, straws, toothpicks and snap cubes to measure with. We have learned to measure straight objects and objects that are not straight

using many units or just a single unit.

In social studies we are also working on pioneers. We have been researching the history of our school and community. We have taken a stroll down main street to see what Hamiota looked like about 100 years ago.

During the past month we have enjoyed the Earth day activities, the dental health presentation and wearing pink to support anti-bullying. We also had fun drawing zebras with Mrs. Lowe as our instructor. Our trip to the Art Centre to see all the African exhibits was also interesting. Celebration of Learning was a great success! Everyone had fun showing their parents, siblings and grandparents all their work.



It is hard to believe that there are only two months left in the school year. It won't be long before we start thinking about Fun Day, Field Trips and summer holidays!

HAMIOTA
ELEMENTARY
Farewell Assembly
JUNE 27TH—10:30 A.M.

GRADE 2/3 NEWS

The year continues to fly quickly! One of the students remarked recently, “I can’t believe this is the second last month of school!” We are continuing with many projects and skills. We enjoyed writing autobiographies and sharing them in Power Point format with our families on Celebration of Learning Day. Thanks to everyone who took the time to come and check out our work!

We enjoyed our time with our student teacher, Miss Lockhart. She has started a new job in Miniota School, so we wish her well there!

In Math, we’ve been learning all about multiplication and have enjoyed playing a number of new Math games related to this skill. We’re now working on division and are amazed at how closely related the two operations are!



The Grade 3’s have been improving their keyboarding skills with the “Typin’ Time” program. We are thrilled with our progress...many of us have gone from 30 or more errors, right down to zero errors. Well done!

Our April Lilac visit was all about the earth. We made cheerio bird feeders for our feathered friends and we enjoyed a snack of dirt and worms. We’re down to one more visit in May and that will be the end of another great year together!



Speaking of the earth, we enjoyed the Earth Day activities done in our school on April 22nd. Our class had visitors from Oak Hammock Marsh, who brought pieces of buffalo and stuffed birds for us to view. Great information was shared. Thanks to Mrs. Obach and the Grade 1 class for organizing a super day!

We completed our Pizza Reading for the month of April and will look forward to a pizza lunch soon! During the month of May, we’re feeling groovy, as we complete a number of home reading projects for our “groovy reading” posters.



The next few weeks will zoom by ,too...much to look forward to before the end of the year!

GRADE 4 NEWS

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! What wonderful weather we are having! Staff and students are enjoying the warmer weather and the end (we hope!), of winter.



The days are whizzing by and we continue to be very busy in grade 4. We just finished off our Bigfoot unit in ELA with a documentary



video on the Native American Bigfoot, called Hairy Man. The students enjoyed the stories and legends from long ago, dating as far back as the

Vikings! (The link is here for any student who missed it. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBtUIroc-eg>) The dioramas are on display in the hall outside the classroom, along with our flip books just bursting with fun facts about Bigfoot. Come on in and have a look before we take them down next week.



Fractions and Decimals are invading our dreams at night! So far we have had 'Fun With Fractions'! Fractions of a whole, fractions of a set, and benchmarking fractions have made up our lessons for the past two weeks. We even managed to make delicious fraction sundaes...too bad we couldn't eat them up!

In Science, we are learning about Habitats and Communities. The local beaver is our focal point right now, and we are thoroughly studying his habitat.

The grade 4's were so quick to label Mr. Beaver as 'the pest',



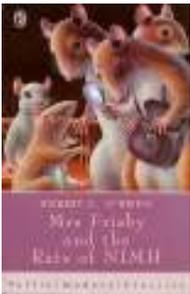
but as we have learned, he is VERY important to our earth. Ask your child to explain to you why Mr. Beaver is really our 'environmental hero'.

It won't be long before we start thinking about Fun Day, Field Trips and summer holidays!

Grade 5 News

It finally feels like spring is here! Before we know it, it will be summer holidays!

Since spring break we've completed a math unit on geometry, and have started working on fractions and decimals. We learned a lot of new words in our geometry unit like: rhombus, parallelogram, perpendicular, parallel, trapezoid, edges, faces.... and oh, so many more! Sometimes it was hard to keep them all straight. We've just worked with fractions so far in our next unit. We've talked about equivalent fractions and how to figure out which fractions are lesser or greater by giving them common denominators or numerators.



In LA we completed our research projects on Canada's first peoples just in time for Celebration Day and were able to share them with our parents. We are now working on a novel called Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. Our focus is vocabulary, so we've been learning lots of new words. We've also been doing some work with run-on sentences. This can be quite tricky for lots of

us.

In social studies we've been working on a unit called "European Colonization". This is the time when explorers really started arriving in Canada and building new colonies. We researched some different explorers and then pretended to be one of those explorers while we wrote some journal entries for one of our voyages. Thank-you Mom and Dad for tea staining



our paper and burning the edges. They turned out great!



We finally got to go on our peer mentor celebration to Brandon. We enjoyed our day of swimming, bowling, and lunch out. Since spring break we've also had presenters out from Oak Hammock

March which was organized by our grade one class. They were very interesting and had lots to share.

Happy Spring Everyone!



STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZING FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, June 2nd HCI will be holding a fundraiser , Wealth for Health, for the Hamiota and District Health Centre. A number of events have been organized including: a volleyball tournament, a car wash, a bake sale, a Chinese auction and a live band. There will also be a table set up for anyone wanting to make a donation. All HCI students have received a letter explaining the day's events in detail and sign-up sheet for anyone interested in playing volleyball. All the events will take place at the Hamiota Fairgrounds. All the money raised will stay in Hamiota to help fund special projects at the Health Centre. If you have any other questions please contact Meghan or Kailan at 204-842-2803. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wealth for Health

Donations by cheque should be made to "Assiniboine Regional Health Authority" and in the memo line put "Hamiota Health Centre Donation".

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS by Ashlyn Kirk and Emily Usick

Unbelievable. It's May already! Only two months of school remain before summer!

April went by in a blur. The badminton season has come and gone very quickly and included many outstanding players who did very well. Next up for sports is soccer. With practices starting, the players are looking forward to their first game. A big event in April was the Celebration of Learning. Students came with their parents and showed off the work they did throughout the year. Looking back before spring break, the middle years students enjoyed sledding at McGhee's Hill.



Hopefully May will hold lots more fun ahead.

MACKENZIE HASLEN WINS CAREER TREK AWARD

MacKenzie Haslen, a grade 6 HCI student recently completed the 2012-13 Career Trek Program. Each weekend MacKenzie traveled to Brandon and explored a number of careers with other students from Park West School Division and other areas in western Manitoba. The program takes place at Brandon University and Assiniboine College. Current students lead most of the sessions, many with hands-on demonstrations. From the 54 students who graduated from the program, Mackenzie was awarded the "I Will Succeed" Award which is given to students "for great potential to experience success in future education and career paths. In addition to your ability and strengths, you also have a supportive family to help you in achieving this successful outcome! The award includes a \$1,000.00 Registered Education Savings Plan which is offered through the Learning Matters Education Charity, Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation and Career Trek. Great Job, MacKenzie!



NEW STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTED

Following a week of campaigning, the candidates for the 2013-14 Student Council presented their speeches to the students of HCI on Monday morning. Following the speeches by campaign managers and candidates, the students placed their votes. The following students will make up next year's council.



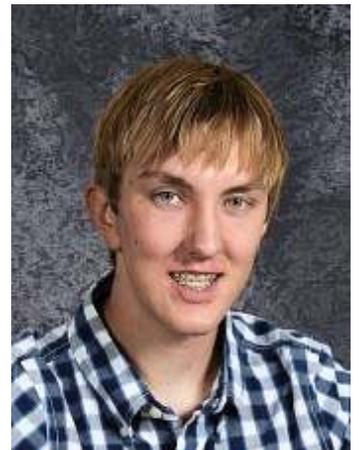
President—Jackie Hunter



Vice-President—Shelby Mollard



Secretary—Julie Campbell



Treasurer—Shane Hunter



Canteen Rep.—Jessica Ritchie



Sports Rep.—Shayna Mathison



Social Rep.—Blaine Lee



Literary Rep.—Kimberlee Gray

DRIVERS EDUCATION FALL COURSE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Students are now able to register for the Fall Course of Driver Education starting September 16/13 in Hamiota. To register:

- 1.) Go to mpi.mb.ca to view available courses
- 2.) Go to your nearest Autopac agent with a parent/guardian to get set-up as a Manitoba Public Insurance Customer, register and pay for your course.

In order to establish your identity to register you must bring your identity documents. For more information visit the website at www.mpi.mb.ca, select Driver Education and then click on Enrolling. If you have any questions contact Karen Mathison at the collegiate.



BADMINTON

Senior Years Badminton

The Varsity badminton team got off to an early start this year with practices beginning in January. Fortunately some of the players were able to participate in tournaments in Reston and Souris. All of our hard work paid off as every member was able to participate in the South half of the division playoffs. *Boys singles – Cole and Brady * Girls singles – Tess *Boys doubles – Kyle & Brodie, Sawyer & JunJun, Jake & Brody *Girls doubles – Marion & Ashley, Emily & Kenzie *Mixed doubles – Jacquelyn & Nico, Bailey & Dale. From this tournament, Cole, Tess, Kyle & Brodie, Emily & Kenzie placed 1st. Jake & Brody, Jacquelyn & Nico received 2nd. Sawyer & JunJun, Marion & Ashley got 3rd, allowing them all to advance to the Park West North/South tournament. Results from this tournament were as follows: Cole, Kyle & Brodie 1st place. Tess, Jacquelyn & Nico 2nd place. Winning 1st or 2nd allowed the players to advance to provincials. Joining them as well in Winnipeg on May 3rd and 4th were Marion & Ashley. All the players had some success at provincials, with Cole making it to Saturday in the Consolation playoff. Thanks to our coaches Mr. Smith and Mrs. Hawkins for their work during the season.



Back: Mr. Smith, Coach, Brady Waddell, Tess Stevenson, Sawyer Norrie, Jake Coulter, Jun-Jun Taborlupa, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Bailey Wilson, Brody Smith, Mrs. Hawkins, Coach

Middle: Marian Juce, Brodie Hunter, Cole Waddell, Kyle Kostaskey, Nico Miranda

Front: Emily Hunter, Kenzie Robinson, Dale McTavish

Missing: Ashley Czarnecki



Kyle & Brodie



Cole Waddell



Marian & Ashley

Senior Boys Baseball



The season is underway. Upcoming games:

- ◇ May 8 at Elkhorn
- ◇ May 12 Dauphin (noon) Neepawa (3:00) at Hamiota
- ◇ May 15 at Vincent Massey

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Middle Years Badminton



Back: Jessica Hunter, Caitlin McTavish, MacKenzie Sims, Joelle Little, Naomi Best, Logan Wilson, Hanna Tolton, Emily Lints, Jessica Sparrow

Front: MacKenzie Haslen, Chantelle Chappell, Emily Usick, Daisy Martinez, Korinne Alexander

Missing: Emma Coulter, Destiny Allan, Sydney Murray, Kara Kent

Back: John Abdel Mesih, Reece Breneman, Mason Gurr, Holden Norrie, Sean Schweitzer, Grady Routledge, Quade Wood, Ben Murray, Will Chappell

Front: Damon Bunn, Brady Daniel, Hassan Ashraf, Hayden Crampain, Brendan Lawn, Brody Robinson, Liam Caldwell

Missing: Sebastian Tolton, Nathan Newman, Brayden Heapy

The Middle Years teams played in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. They learned lots of skills and improved greatly over the year.

In Grade 6 Boys play Hassam Askraf placed third. In Grade 8 girls play Emma Coulter placed third in singles, Jessica Sparrow and Destiny Allan placed third in doubles. In Grade 7 girls Sydney Murray placed third in singles.

Thank you to coaches Mr. Coulter (girls) and Mr. Crampain (boys)

Middle Years Soccer Underway

The Middle Years soccer teams have started practicing and will have their first games this week. Mr. Crampain is coaching the boys team and Mr. Negrave is coaching the girls.

Schedule:

May 9 at Strathclair

May 14 vs Shoal Lake at Hamiota

May 16 at Birtle

May 21 vs WayWay at Hamiota

May 23 vs Rossburn at Hamiota

May 28 at Russell

June 6 Finals—Location TBA



EUROPE TRIP 2013

This year our grade eleven and twelve French class had the privilege of traveling to Europe on Spring Break. We visited London, Paris, Florence and Rome. Our trip consisted of 10 eventful days of sight-seeing and adventures. We met up with a group of 40 other people from a private school in Gretna and traveled with them throughout the whole trip.

Our first stop was London, England. We rode on “the tube” which what they call their subway. We saw many of the great sights of London, including the famous Big Ben, Westminster Abby, the London Tower, Buckingham Palace and the London Eye. We also went on a “Jack the Ripper” tour on our first night there. It was interesting and educational to learn about the ancient London and the man who was behind the famous murders. The highlight of visiting London was that we all seemed to obtain an English accent, which was quite hilarious at times. One of the downfalls of London was the weather. It rained a lot, and was quite chilly at times.

The next stop was Paris. We had three days to travel around this famous city. We saw many great attractions and visited many famous buildings, such as The Arc de Triomphe, The Louvre which holds the famous Mona Lisa painting, The Sacre Coeur, Notre Dame, Montparnasse and the famous Eiffel Tower. We also got to meet up with our friends Marian, Tess and Meghan who happened to be going to the Eiffel Tower at the same time as us. We got to ride the elevator to the highest level of the Eiffel Tower, giving us a bird’s eye view of the city. We took a boat tour of the city at night to experience all the sights in the city all lit up, including the flashing Eiffel Tower. It was neat to experience such a fashion forward city, seeing things like the expensive Chanel and Gucci headquarters. We were



L-R: Jeremy, Jimena, Keegan, Cole, Conor, Randi, Kimberlee, Shane, Shayna, Mme Hodgson



boarded on our night train to travel to Florence when catastrophe struck. It turns out that our train

managed to get triple booked, leaving us clueless as to what would happen next. We ended up being stranded in the train station for six hours. The nice gentlemen working at the train station brought our group pizza and pop because they felt bad for the situation we

were in. In the end we managed to get a bus to drive us to Milan. This bus ride was a total of 13 hours. We then took a 2 hour train ride to Florence. We were told that all 50 of us would have to sit on the floor of the restaurant car, but somehow we all managed to seated in first class cars.

EUROPE TRIP 2013 (CONTINUED)

We finally managed to arrive in Florence at 2:30 in the afternoon. Our only day in Florence was cut short but we managed to make the most of our time there. We went to the famous leather shop and saw where the famous Leonardo DaVinci was buried. We met up with Jimena's brother, Emilio, who currently lives in Florence. Although we would have liked to spend more time there it was time for us to move on to our final destination.

On our way to Rome we stopped in the beautiful little town of Assisi. Here we walked the narrow streets and visited the Basilica of St. Francis. We learned all about the history of this church and the uses of it today. Exciting purchases were made here by Connor and Jeremy. They found a little store that had several different antique pistols. They each bought a couple to bring back home with them and were extremely excited about their purchases. They guarded the pistols with their lives until we arrived home. This is also the very place where we tried our first Gelato and boy oh boy it was yummy!



Cathedral at Assisi

Rome was really beautiful and ancient. We visited the Coliseum and the Senate, where the old town center used to be. It was very neat with all the stone structures still intact. We were there when the new Pope held mass in St. Peter's Square. Also, we saw the famous Spanish Steps and Trevy Fountain. We all closed our eyes and took a coin in our right hand and threw it over our left shoulder into the fountain making a wish. Later on we ate gelato, which we all fell in love with, having it multiple times a day. Our final meal at a famous Italian pizza restaurant was a hit. They had the chef tossing dough in the air right in front of our table. After our delicious meal, the servers blasted some classic American music such as the Harlem Shake, and Gangnam Style. The whole restaurant, including us, got on their feet and danced like crazy. It was a great way to end our last night of our trip.

Sadly our trip had come to its end. We learned a lot along the way, saw many great attractions, and made some new friends. It was a fun way to spend our Spring Break, and we are all glad that we had the opportunity to travel to Europe.

The students who traveled this year were: Kimberlee Gray, Shane Hunter, Conor Clegg, Randi Wall, Shayna Mathison, Keegan Robinson, Cole Waddell, Jeremy Miller and Jimena Montenegro.



Year End Ceremonies at Hamiota Collegiate



Monday, June 24/13: Grade 9-11 Awards 1:00 p.m.
Middle Years Assembly 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25/13: GRADUATION
Ceremonies at 7:30 p.m.



Crampain's Business Class Excels in a Business Challenge!

On April 24th, our Business class took a small hiatus from normal classes! We were fortunate enough to have 2 separate teams qualify for the Young Entrepreneurs Challenge.

Young Entrepreneurs' Challenge – aka. "Grand Challenge"

The Manitoba Chamber of Commerce and the Manitoba Research Institute (MRI) in assistance with the Red River College conduct a business game called the Young Entrepreneurs' Challenge; this business game uses a computer simulation. Schools from across Manitoba compete in this grueling business game of Management and Accounting skills. The teams are given 6 million dollars to begin their venture and have to decide on 9 different areas, ranging from Pricing and Marketing to Production and Inventory, to make decisions within



LtoR – Kay Gardiner (MB Chamber), Shania-Marie Hatfield, Mikaela Jay, Morgan Strachan, Jacinda DeBin, Cristy Kubara (Red River Community College) Missing: Ashley Czarnecki

their business, thus bringing the highest return on investment possible (ROI). Over the course of the semester 12 decisions were made with multiple teams losing their investment and ending up bankrupt. Within the game all real life situations are included such as bank interest, taxes, and other company competition. Students at HCI competed in this game, along with 40 teams from around the province, and placed high enough in the competition to be invited to the **Grand Challenge**. In order to play in the Grand Challenge a team must be in the top returns in Manitoba, since the game only has a max of 10 teams, the Grand Challenge is often called the Business Provincials. Our two teams from Hamiota consisted of a boy's squad – Nathon Hawkins, James Hunkin, Derek Feschuk, Kelly Miller, and Kyle Kostaskey. The

girls team was made up of Ashley Czarnecki, Mikaela Jay, Jacinda Debin, Shania-Marie Hatfield, and Morgan Strachan. The girls team managed a slight edge over our boys in ROI (Return on Investment) to place 3rd in this year's competition. Just qualifying for the Grand Challenge is a huge accomplishment in itself!

Attending the Grand Challenge also qualified Hamiota Collegiate for a \$500 "matching" bursary from the MB Chamber of Commerce. Matching means if the bursary recipient is attending a Manitoba College or University the corresponding school also gives \$500 towards tuition, thus making a total value of \$1000!

Feel free to look up this link for a complete game description.

<http://mribizgame.ca/index.php/home>

Duke of Edinburgh Awards by Eveline Juce & Jacquelyn Hawkins

We started the Duke of Edinburgh award in the fall of 2012. This award is made of 3 levels; bronze, silver and gold. As you move up each level gets more challenging. To complete the bronze level, we had to do 15 hours of volunteering, 30 hours of physical activity and work on a skill for 6 months. Jacquelyn's skill was cooking and nutrition and Eveline's interest was piano. For volunteering, we put in hours at numerous places like; Hamiota Food Bank, Hamiota's Learn to Skate & Can-Skate program, Fowl Supper and scorekeeping at the high school. Our physical activity varied from indoor activities to outdoor activities. Along with it, we had to complete an afternoon practice trip and then an adventurous journey which was 1 night and 2 days, which we did March 7th and 8th. The practice included setting up our tents and packing accordingly for the trip. The adventurous journey we went on was in Riding Mountain



Our final group picture that consisted of Birtle and Strathclair kids. (Eveline and Jacquelyn bottom right).



Our tent

National Park at Deep Lake camping station. Once we arrived at the

warden station, we met with the rest of the students taking on the D of E award. We then loaded our 45 pounds of gear onto sleighs which we towed in as we snowshoed. Our hike in was 4.2km and took us an hour and 15 minutes due to the tough terrain. Shortly after we arrived, we started to shovel snow to set up our tent and once completed, we went and built quinzees. Of course we had to next take the advantage of all the snow and hills and head off tobogganing. As the sun started to set, we headed back for supper, which was chili. Once filled up, we went for a hike to help keep warm and set up an animal tracker. A camping trip is not complete without a

bonfire. We sat around the fire, had smores, drank hot chocolate and got to know the other kids better. After, we went to bed and even though it was -15 we slept for a full



Us shovelling with help of a Birtle student.

8 hours. Morning came and we got up, packed, ate breakfast and went for a hike around the lake. Once everyone was ready to go, we started our hike back and once there we took final pictures. It was a great experience and we can't wait till our two night, 3 day silver trip we plan to take in the fall.

THE LAST DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD RECIPIENT FROM HCI IN OUR RECORDS WAS CARMEN ANDREW WHO FINISHED ALL THREE LEVELS COMPLETING THE GOLD IN 1986.

Band News

The gr.8 band students recently participated in a division-wide band camp at Camp Wannakumbac in April. The two day, one night camp was a huge success! Not only did the students make excellent progress in their playing abilities, but they created new friendships and long-lasting memories in the process. I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who helped out with this event, from the Band Parent's Association, to parent volunteer chaperones. A big "thank you" goes out to Mr. Zilkey who made a special trip up to the camp in order to chaperone the boys' cabin. Don't forget about our upcoming band concert on Tuesday, June 4th. I look forward to seeing many of you then!



Please note: The date for the Spring Band Concert - Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

(There were 2 dates listed on the school calendar)

GRADE EIGHT GREEK CELEBRATION



Students in Mr. Obach's Grade 8 Social Studies class enjoyed an authentic Greek Celebration last month. Students were responsible for learning about different parts of Ancient Greek Culture and using that information to plan a Greek Celebration similar to those experienced over 2500 years ago. The festivities included a typical Greek menu including deer,

cheese, grapes and melon. Small committees were in charge of planning various aspects of the event such as the clothing and food. Guests of the celebration took part in activities such as an Olympic Games and were entertained by a Greek Theatre group. An excellent job was done by all!



Hamiota Students Acknowledged for Environmental Ideas

The Caring for Our Watersheds Environmental Contest accepts proposals on different ideas about caring for and protecting local watersheds. Two Hamiota Collegiate groups consisting of Grade 10 students were selected among the 12 best proposals out of 115 entries and were invited to present their ideas to a panel of judges at the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre on Saturday, April 20.

Shailyn Madsen, Jacquelyn Hawkins and Jenny Harrison proposed a program for reducing the number of plastic bags used in local stores and creating a plastic bag recycling program with Safeway



Shailyn (left) Jacquelyn (right)

in Brandon. After presenting the idea to the judges they were awarded 6th place, which included a cash prize of \$500.



L-R: Kaylee, Lane & Brooke

Brooke Tolton, Kaylee Daniel and Lane Routledge designed a livestock watering system attempting to reduce the amount of livestock waste in the animal's water source.

The judges awarded this group 4th place and a cash prize of \$700.

Monika Abdel-Mesih, Nicole Nolan and Savannah Pope were also acknowledged as contestants in the Top 20 and were awarded gift cards for their proposal.

Westman High School Hockey League Looking for New Logo



The old logo

The Westman High School Hockey League is having a competition to create a NEW League Logo. It is open to anyone who would like to submit a design. The winning logo will be used on all promotional materials for the Westman High School Hockey League. The person who designs the winning logo will be awarded \$100 for their creation. All logo's should be submitted before June 20th and can be either sent to Vincent Massey Highschool 715 McDiarmid Drive Brandon, MB R7B 2H7 C/O Brad Twordik or emailed to twordik.bradley@brandonsd.mb.ca or

grindle.quinton@brandonsd.mb.ca.



Ribbat, Rib-bat, Ribb-at, Ree-batt

(Translation: The Frog Prince Jumps To Success!)



HCI's high school drama The Frog Prince entertained audiences with four shows in April. A cast and crew of close to 40 did a "muppet" version on the old fairy tale of a Prince turned into a frog. The "muppet" version included a multitude of hand puppets as well as several life-size puppets that mixed with the human elements of the show. The creativity of the puppet design was complemented by the beauty and functionality of the costumes. Many problems had to be overcome in making a TV production work for the stage. A hard-working set crew assisted the inspired puppet creators and costume weavers in overcoming the difficulties. Beautiful, eye-popping scene painting provided the finishing touch. What resulted was a truly remarkable adaptation of the fairy tale. The Frog Prince was a unique story that brought a lot of smiles!



Setting the tone for the audience members were greet-affable amphibians named Garth and Gwain. They handed the show over to Kermit and Robin who capably walked through the story. We were introduced to an evil witch named Tamanella and her hungry



Ogre named Sweetums. Rounding out our hot (-and trust me, they were hot-) set of big puppets were the confused King Rupert and his efficient helper Featherstone. Princess Melora had the ability to kiss Robin and turn him back into a Prince. Too bad she was cursed with speaking backwards! Some wonderful dancers, a ballroom singer, a group of easily swayed villagers, a rockin' band of musicians, one Prince/elf, and a couple of amusing



Witches completed the cast. The performers were excellent in their roles. Everyone shone in what they had to do and it made the show a pleasure to watch.



Thanks to all the people who helped with the show. Our student crew was great and the parents went beyond great to help us. Each year we struggle to get parents to assist with the production. Hopefully next year we will have more not less people involved. Hopefully next year we will also have more people at the



show. The students appreciate having a large audience to play to and maybe next year we will see more of a crowd. If this year was any indication, you won't be disappointed in attending.

Congratulations cast and crew of The Frog Prince! A wonderful show!

PARK WEST SCHOOL DIVISION

BASKETBALL NEWS

Hamiota Huskies Keegan and Kailan Robinson have been recruited to play with the Brandon University Bobcats Women's Basketball team next year. They will spend time from now until August training with the Bobcats when the official training camp begins.

At the recent Basketball Manitoba Awards held in Winnipeg, Kailan was selected to the All-Star team and Keegan was selected as 'A' Girls MVP. Mr. Ziley the coach of our Varsity Girls team was selected as 'A' Girls Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Keegan (far left) Kailan (far right)



HCI Student Receives Prize

Ryan Schweitzer in Grade 9 was in Winnipeg at the Manitoba Big Game Trophy Association banquet on April 6 to accept his award for hunting the largest moose by a youth this past season.



KIDSPORT NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS MONTHLY

We believe that no kid should be left on the sidelines and all should be given the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of organized sports. KidSport™ provides support to children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport.



WHY KIDSPORT?

By providing kids with an opportunity to participate in sport programs, KidSport encourages:

- developing early physical activity habits that will help increase the probability that kids will remain active in adulthood
- getting kids active in sport programs when they are young to develop a strong and healthy community for the future
- helping to create these opportunities for sport participation and playing a significant role in supporting many under-represented families in Canada facing economic obstacles

OUR GOALS

- the KidSport program in more communities with children and youth in need.
- To develop new alliances that will lead to increased financial support so that more children and youth are participating in organized sport.
- To continue creating accessible or no cost initiatives for children and youth with social, financial or physical literacy barriers.
- To become a catalyst for healthier and more active children and youth in Canada.

Information on financial guidelines and application forms are available at the school or at the following website:

http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/index.php?page=manitoba_welcome



Application forms are now being accepted on a monthly basis.

Students Receive Awards At Birdtail Festival

The following students and groups were honoured at the Final Concert of the Spring Session of the Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival on April 3, 2013 held at Hamiota United Church.

Park West School Division Trophy– Classroom Choir, Gr. 1-4	Hamiota Grade 1-3 Choir
Strathclair Credit Union Scholarship for Vocal Gr. 5-8, Nicholson Farms Award, Level 2 Piano; Mable Brandon Piano Scholarship Level 2-3	Emily Usick
Vi Smith Medallion for Folk Singing, 10 & under	Danika Smith
Isabella Vocal Award, 10 & Under	Emma McConnell
West Two Creeks Trophy, Hymn Class; Cornerstone Family Worship Centre Scholarship for Instrumental; Arrow River Vocal Trophy, 14 & under	Brian Johnson
Hamiota Physicians Scholarship for Instrumental	Joel Usick
Mable Brandon Piano Scholarship, Piano Level 7, Alternate Provincial Recommendation for Piano	Chris Usick
Festival Dance Medallions	Mid-West School of Dance—Saige Braden Chantelle Chappell, Jacinta Doupe, Ashlyn Kirk, Emily Lints, MacKenzie Sims
Mathison Trophy, Vocal Solo 15 & Over	Bailey Wilson
Twin Valley Co-op—Folk Song, 11-14; Heise Family Trophy for Musical Theatre; Miniota ACW Award for Sacred Solo, 11-14, \$350.00 Peace Garden Scholarship	Jacinta Doupe
Strathclair Coop Trophy, Folk Singing, 15 & Over, Miniota New Horizons Award, Musical Theatre 13 & Over, Eileen Kent, Vocal Solo, Southwest Assiniboine Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship, Provincial Recommendation for vocal	Meghan Drake

Congratulations to these students and to all others who participated and the people who worked with them. Thank you also to the local Festival Committee for their hard work: Paula Lints, Linda Clark, Sheri Usick, Nancy Smith, Heather Rothnie, and Judy Oakden.

The Annual Meeting of the Birdtail Festival will be held on May 21. Please plan to attend or contact anyone on the committee for more information.

