

# Hamiota Schools Newsletter



## Principal's Message

With the calendar officially turning the page from winter to spring, we are all looking forward to warmer days ahead. I am sure Mr. Smith and Mr. Matiation are hopeful things will dry up before students return to school after spring break.

March might be a shorter month, but it has been a busy one. The staff and students of HES would like to welcome Jacquelyn Hawkins to our school. Ms. Hawkins will be working with Mrs. Dixon and her grade 3 class as part of her teacher training. Ms. Hawkins also plans on making her presence felt at HCI where she has volunteered to help coach badminton as well.

At Hamiota Elementary School the students have been busy with everyday tasks associated with their learning. I am always amazed at the terrific things that go on in each classroom at HES. Mr. Coughlan has once again organized a noon hour pickleball tournament that has seen staff and students compete in a game that combines badminton, tennis and table tennis. It is great to see the students excited about a little healthy competition. March is also the month where the students at HES take part in Jump Rope for Heart. This years 'jump-off' will take place on March 21 during phys ed classes with a few challenges over the noon hour. As we tally the student's fundraising, it is looking like the students will reach their goal, which will result in Mr. Coughlan getting a pie in the face and perhaps myself wearing a dress!

Hamiota Collegiate has been equally busy this month. The major drama production, High School Musical, is sneaking up on us with performances set to take place from April 12-14. It is great to see so many students get involved in such a rewarding activity. Please plan to attend a show to support all of these talented young people. High school hockey wrapped up a successful season with the team winning the WSHSL Championship by defeating Dauphin to capture the banner. The win marks the end to a very successful season for the boys who ended up with a 37 win – 4 loss record. On top of a league championship, the boys also captured the silver medal at provincials. Congratulations to all the players but a special thank you to graduating players; Reece Breneman, Liam Caldwell, Hayden Crampain, Brady Daniel, Brendan Lawn and Brody Robinson. The team would like to thank the community for all of its support this past season. Badminton is in full swing with the senior and middle year's teams practicing in preparation for some upcoming tournaments. The senior boy's baseball team and the girl's fastpitch teams are busy getting organized for the upcoming season as well.

March is the time when the existing student council hands things over to the new student council. The 2019-20 Student Council was determined and I am excited to announce that the new student council will be; President – Olivia Tolton, Vice President – Foster Tolton, Treasurer – Eve Routledge, Secretary – Kiara Kirk, Social – Jana McTavish, Sports Rep – Kayden Sutherland, Literary Rep – Dawson Brooks, and Room Rep – Josh Wright. When we return after spring break, the outgoing council officially hands things over to the new council.

Report card time is here for the K-8 students so please be on the lookout for your child's report card. They will be sent home on Friday, March 22. Report cards for the 9-12 students of HCI will be sent home after the break. Just a reminder that Celebration of Learning is on April 17th from 4:00-7:00 and April 18th from 9:00- 12:00. In addition, we will be having an orientation meeting for current grade 5's on April 17th at 4:30 pm in Ms. Snyder's room and for current grade 8's at 5:00 pm, also on April 17th in Ms. Snyder's room. If you have kids in those grades please plan to attend. If you have any questions on this or anything else please give me a call.

Enjoy your spring break everyone!

Bruce Coulter  
Principal

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## KINDERGARTEN NEWS from Ms. Surovy

It is hard to believe that it is nearly time for spring break! We have been working hard in Kindergarten this month in all subject areas.



On March 18, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day in our classroom. Lucky the Leprechaun made a huge mess of our classroom and hid the goodies Ms. Surovy had prepared for all of the students. Fortunately, we have some good detectives in our class who solved all of the clues and were able to find the pot of goodies.

Throughout the month of March, we have also been working on St. Patrick's Day themed math centres to practice our counting, subitizing, number sense, and patterning skills. We have also been working on printing and forming our numbers properly. This month, we completed a math craftivity where we created a rainbow out of Fruit Loops to practice printing our numbers, sorting our colors, and counting. Everyone had tons of fun completing this project!

We have now learned 23 letters of the alphabet! Each week we learn about a new letter, practicing how to print the letter and identifying the sound that it makes. This month we learned about letters G, S, and A. By the end of next month we will have learned all 26 letters of the alphabet! In April we will be learning about letters I, T, and J. Now that we are here every school day, we have also begun exploring our Literacy Centres twice a week and we are starting to learn how to read books in our Guided Reading groups. Students have been working hard to use picture cues to help them read pattern books and have had a lot of fun practicing letter formations in Leprechaun boogers while working at our "Word Work" centre.

We are now a month into our Home Reading Program. Students love choosing their Home Reading book at the end of the day and I am very excited to see the progress students are making in their reading. Thank-you to all of our parents for supporting this program! Please remember to log Home Reading Books that have been read in the R.E.D. (Read Every Day) section of BEAR Books each night.

This month, we have also been busy with several writing projects. At the end of February we wrote about how to be a good friend. Last week we also shared our ideas about what each student would do if they found a pot of gold. We have also been working hard to learn our Kindergarten sight words. In Social Studies, we have had an opportunity to practicing our writing and adding details to our drawings, as we work to finish our "Me Books."

Our class has also been busy learning all about the Zones of Regulation, a program that helps students learn about self-regulation and emotional control. We have had lots of fun exploring the four zones of regulation and learning about some of the characters from Disney's "Inside Out" in the process! This month, we were able to watch the movie "Inside Out" and identify the zones that some of the characters were in at different parts of the movie. Throughout the month of March, we have also focused on learning about inclusiveness. I am lucky to have such an inclusive group of students—it is rare that anyone in our class is ever left out. Next month we will be focusing on "Integrity" as our character trait of the month.



Here are a few important dates and reminders for events that are coming up in April:

Wednesdays—Kindergarten Library Day

March 23-31—No School (Spring Break)

April 1—Back to School

April 18—No School (Admin Day)

April 19—No School (Good Friday)

**\*\*Please check BEAR Books for notes and information that may be sent home this month!**

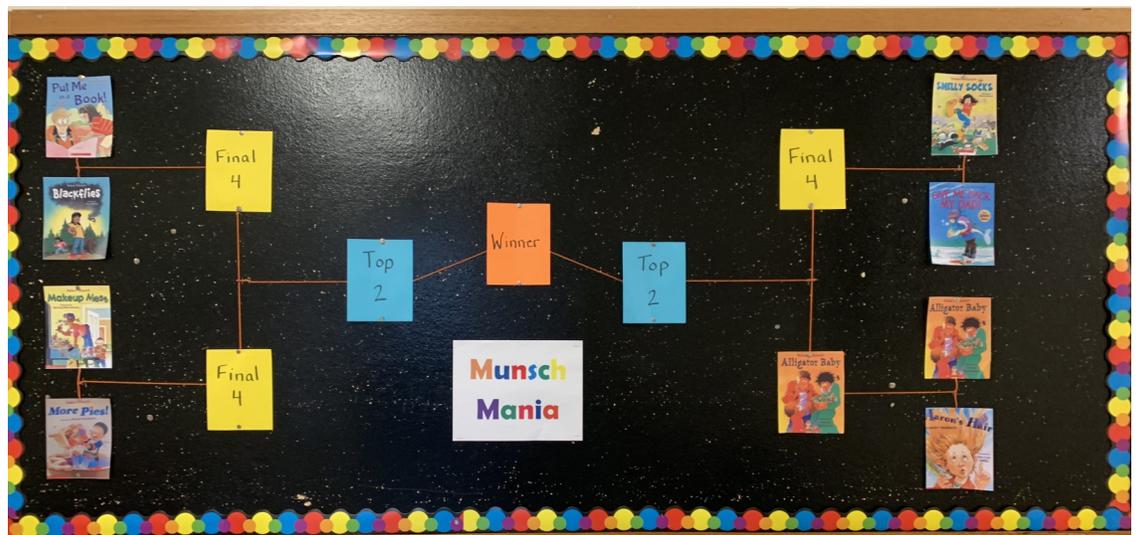
# GRADE ONE NEWS from Mrs. Nowosad

Grade 1's have been busy learning about Zones of Regulation with the help of Mrs. Norrie.



We also made some awesome birdhouses in Science out of recycled material.

Munsch Mania is happening as well where we are exploring Robert Munsch books and voting for our favourite.



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## GRADE ONE NEWS (continued)

We are all looking forward to Spring Break and hope everyone has a chance to rest, play and spend time with family.

What are you looking forward to most about Spring Break?

Payton: I am looking forward to watching movies and playing outside. I want to play on my Ipad.

Zoey: I hope I can go see my old Baba and Gido. They live in Brandon.

Jazmine: I want to watch a movie, maybe the movie Coco.

Ariana: I am looking forward to spending time with my family. We can play games and have fun.

Libby: I am kinda looking forward to my birthday. I hope the flowers are coming soon.

Willow: I am looking forward to eating chips and drinking diet coke. I want to go to Brandon and go to the movie.

Deon: I am looking forward to going to the fair with my mom while my sister goes to our Uncle's. I get to spend the rest of the week with my mom.

Mick: I want to drive my quad in the fields. We are going to go to Quebec!

Casey: I want to play video games before my birthday. My birthday is the last day of Spring Break.

Bridger: I want to play baseball with Dad, Garrett and Gregor. I will play on the Ipad at home. I could play outside and maybe swim in the pool.

Kaleb: I am going to play video games and play outside. I want to play baseball with Dad.

Kalia: I want to play games, eat chips and drink Diet Coke. I could make slime. I will play outside.

Dayton: I want to read outside with the birds chirping. I would bring some music out too.

Brielle: I want to play with my family and go skidooing. I might watch a movie and visit my auntie in Douglas.

Eveline: I want to watch TV with my little sister Gloria, and pinch her cheeks!

William: I want to play soccer with Bridger. I want to go camping.

Wyatt: I want to play games like Plants vs. Zombies.



## GRADE TWO NEWS from Mrs. McNabb & Mrs. Gregory

The grade 2 students continue to work hard and play hard as we gear up for this much deserved spring break!

We have been working hard to develop our writing skills, learning how to use joining words, time words, and describing words to make our stories more interesting and fun to read. After each writing session, we have share chair where our developing authors have an opportunity to share their stories. We have been focusing on how to write personal narratives..... Each month, we will feature a few of our favourites:

When I Learned How to Ride by: Lucy Soutar

*When I learned how to ride.....I was so excited! I was 2 when I learned how to ride. My sisters learned how to ride too. Lauren was 2 or 3 and Katie was 2. My pony's name is Mia and my horse's name is Arno. First, you have to tack up. Next, you have to get on. Then, you sit in the saddle and guide the reins. Finally, you start with a walk and then you go to a trot, and then a canter. Do you have a horse or a pony? I love horses and ponies.*

When I got Marley by: Jude Davsion

*It was a cold, windy day when I went in my mom's car to school. When I got to school, I had first recess. Then, I did some work. Next, I had my second recess, did some more work, had gym, and then lunchtime! I had pizza, strawberries, and pizza. Finally, it was last recess and library! Now it's home time. When I got home, to my surprise.....I saw a dog! We named it Marley! Her breed is a Sharpey Boxer. I was very, very, very excited!*

In math we are learning how to subtract 10's and multiples of 10's from 2-digit numbers. We continue to practise adding 2-digit numbers using our mental math skills. We have also learned how to use an empty number line to help us add and subtract 2-digit numbers. In our calendar work, we are relating the number of months to a year and reading different dates. Some of our math games this month are Arrow Paths, 10's, Matching Months and All 12 Months. We continue to work on our unit on Position and Motion in science. We discussed different ways things can move and brainstormed objects that move in that way. We did a sort on objects that we can push or pull to make them move. We completed an experiment to see which ball would bounce highest. We discovered that a golf ball bounced highest, followed by a basketball and pickle ball. We also learned that the balls bounced higher on the tile floor compared to carpet.



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We would also like to say a BIG congratulations to our teacher Mrs. Gregory and her rink who won the gold medal at The Masters Curling Provincials in Stonewall! We are very proud of her!

Two other members of her rink, skip Sandra Cowling and second, Wenda Turner went to school in Hamiota and lead Jeannine Skayman who was the secretary at the high school for many years.

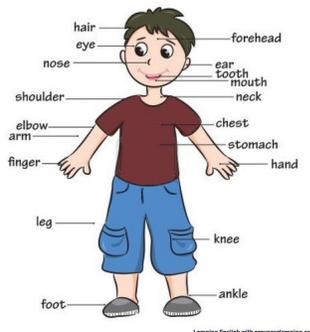
## GRADE THREE NEWS from Mrs. Dixon

We are pleased to welcome our student teacher, Miss Jacquelyn Hawkins to our classroom for the next seven weeks. Miss Hawkins knows many students in our school with her previous experience at the Aquatic Centre and as the Day Camp Co-ordinator. Welcome aboard, Miss Hawkins!

We are working on some Social Studies “travel” activities that Miss Hawkins has prepared. This will tie in well with our virtual travel to another country that will begin in April.



In Math, we are continuing in subtraction strategies, problem solving activities and a new type of logical reasoning puzzles called, “Zupelz.”



We have written about body parts that represent us best. Check out our ideas if you’re passing by our bulletin boards. A number of students have also brought in their special collections from home, as we’ve been writing about those as well. So far, we’ve seen rocks and minerals, slime and hockey card collections!

In Science, we’ve just finished up our unit about forces by being “magnet investigators.” We were assigned special activities, such as testing the strength of magnets through our shoes, a slice of bread and through our hands. We were amazed at the strength!

We are looking forward to Jump Rope for Heart this week and of course, we are ready for SPRING...and spring break! Enjoy a great week, everyone!



## GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. L. Routledge

March blew in like a lamb...will it go out like a lion? We will see! It has been a flurry of activity here in Grade 4 and we've been working hard to finish up corrections, learn our multiplication facts, and tidy up our work and play spaces here at school.

On Wednesday, we celebrated with a COLOSSAL ice-cream party! It is official! We've learned our times tables! Yay! I'm proud of the students for their hard work and perseverance...now we just need to keep reviewing them until we are dreaming about them in our sleep!

In L.A. we have been revisiting some editing practices. Our daily writing, whether it be in math, ELA, science, social studies, etc. needs to be self-edited EVERY time we write. It is a habit that needs to be formed and we will continue working on this goal after the break.

Our current unit in social studies, Canada's Far North, will continue when we return. Unfortunately with Mrs. Routledge being away, we will need extra time to complete the unit.

**\*\*Please make sure to send a shoe box to school with your child after the break. We will need one for a special project!**

To my students and their families, I wish you all a restful, but FUN Spring Break!!



It's hard to believe spring break is here, and the temperatures finally seem to be warming up. Everyone was getting a little tired of indoor recesses!

We have just wrapped up our division unit where we were learning how to divide three-digit numbers by a one-digit number. We also learned how to do an

Fractions	Decimals
1/10	0.1
2/10	0.2
3/10	0.3
4/10	0.4
5/10	0.5

estimate, as well as how to multiply to check our answer. After the break, we will be starting our unit on Fractions and Decimals.

We have been working on research projects in language arts. We have completed our research using both electronic and non-electronic sources. We

have talked about topic sentences for our paragraphs and have started organizing our information into paragraphs which we'll have to finish up after spring break.



In social studies we continue to work on some LA type skills as we practice skimming for particular information on such topics as Cardinal Richelieu, the King's Daughters, and the seigneurial system of farming.

Hopefully, when everyone returns after the break they will be healthy and ready to go hard for the last couple of months. We still have lots to do! Enjoy your break, everyone!!

## UPCOMING DATES

- March 21 ~ Jump Rope for Heart donations due (HES)
- March 22 ~ Report Cards go home (K-Gr. 8)
- March 25-29 ~ Spring Break
- April 1 ~ Tickets go on sale for HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL (call 204-842-2803) (HCI)
- April 11 ~ Hot Lunch (HES)
- April 12-14 ~ HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL performances (HCI)
- April 17 ~ Celebration of Learning 4-7 p.m. (HES & HCI)
- April 18 ~ No Classes ~ Celebration of Learning 9-12 (HES & HCI)
- April 19 ~ No Classes ~ Good Friday (HES & HCI)
- April 24 ~ Grade 3 Lilac visit

# Middle Years Badminton Schedule

## 1. Tuesday, April 9th - Gr. 7/8 Singles

Boys are in Russell

Girls are in St. Lazare

## 2. Thursday, April 11th - Gr. 7/8 Doubles

Boys are in Waywayseecappo (new location)

Girls are in St. Lazare

## 3. Tuesday, April 16th - Mixed Doubles

All teams are in Hamiota

## 4. Monday, April 22nd - Grade 5 Singles Boys and Girls

All players are in Birtle

## 5. Tuesday, April 23rd - Grade 6 Singles Boys and Girls



## Varsity Badminton

The Varsity badminton season is getting into full swing. We have 28 athletes playing this year striving to get to provincials.

Our schedule is as follows:

Optional Tournaments    Mar 21st during day in Erickson  
                                      April 5th during the day in Hamiota  
                                      April 12th Singles Vincent Massey  
                                      April 13th Doubles Vincent Massey

Selected Mandatory Tournaments  
                                      April 17th Hamiota South half Finals  
                                      April 24th Hamiota Zone Finals  
                                          ( top 3 advance from April 17th )  
                                      May 2-4 Varsity in Thompson  
                                          (top two from Zones advance)  
                                      May 3-4th JV Winkler  
                                          (top 2 from Zones advance)

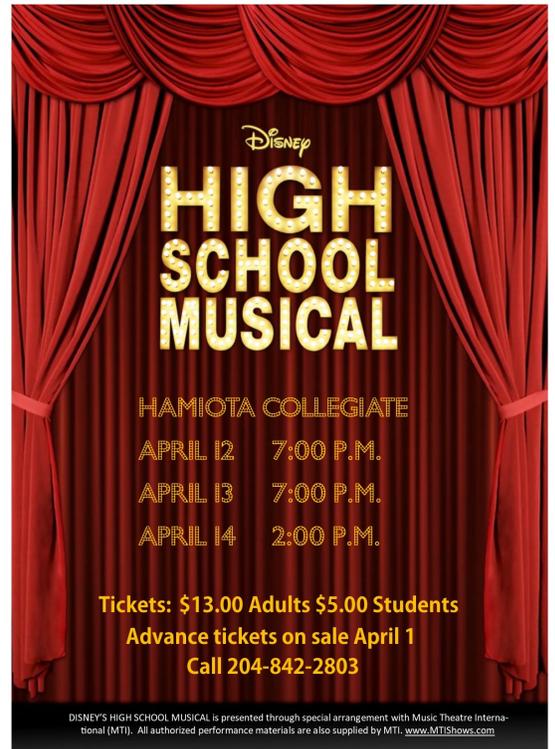


## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The HCI drama students are quickly morphing into the students of East Side High. The cliques are set. The Jocks, the Brainiacs, The Thespians, and the Skater Dudes have all found their places and that's the way some students and teachers would like to see it stay.

Can Troy and Gabriella break the mold and be "The Start of Something New" or will the students "Stick to the Status Quo"? All we know is that "We're All In This Together". Come and be a part of the fun!

*Reserved seat tickets go on sale April 1.*



## RBC TRAINING GROUND PROGRAM

The RBC Training Ground Program is once again going to be coming to Brandon! RBC Training Ground is a talent identification and athlete funding program designed to uncover athletes with Olympic potential and provide them with the high-performance sport resources they need to achieve their podium dreams.

Our event in Brandon will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Healthy Living Centre at Brandon University. If you know an athlete who would like to participate or for more information and to register please visit us at: <https://www.cbc.ca/olympics/trainingground/#welcome>

We'd love your help in helping to spread the word to all athletes 14-25 years old!

if you have any questions or need any further information please feel free to reach out to me, Jaime Sorensen ([jsorenson@olympic.ca](mailto:jsorenson@olympic.ca))



The Provincial Exhibition is pleased to announce that, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, we will again be offering free tickets to children aged 6-12 for our Royal Manitoba Winter Fair (to be held March 25-30, 2019). Today's children are tomorrow's future and the Provincial Exhibition strongly believes in the importance of providing them with family entertainment and agricultural education opportunities.

A digital copy of the free children's ticket for the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair can be downloaded at [www.provincialexhibition.com/free-child-ticket-download/](http://www.provincialexhibition.com/free-child-ticket-download/). You are welcome to print and photocopy as many copies of this ticket as you wish. It is also acceptable for parents/guardians to show a digital copy of the ticket on their cell phones at the gate, as long as they have a bright screen with no cracks. Additional information about ticket pricing can be found here: <http://www.provincialexhibition.com/rmwf/tickets/>.

## CAREER TREK

4 students from grade 6 attended Career Trek in Brandon this year. The program is designed to introduce students to many different careers that they can pursue when they graduate. Each session provides activities and information about the career as well as information on the education required to enter that career path. The girls enjoyed the program this year and would recommend it to other students. Congratulations to Alexis Dale who received the carpentry award at the formal graduation ceremony. Camryn Ramsey agreed to share her 4H speech to tell everyone about Career Trek.



Camryn receiving her Career Trek diploma



Addison & Alexis in the lab

### Camryn Ramsey's 4H Speech about Career Trek

In eight days I attended two colleges and one university. How, do you ask? I participated in the Career Trek program 2018-2019. Career Trek is a program run out of Brandon University and both ACC's. In this program you learn a lot about different careers and get to do an activity associated with these careers.

The careers that we did at ACC North Hill were pastry chef, carpentry, education and police studies. Out of these careers my favourite was pastry chef, as we got to learn how to make pizza. For lunch that day I had a Canadian pizza that I made myself. You should have seen the kitchen there, this wasn't any kitchen, it was amazing there were three kitchens for three types of food. Hot foods, cold foods and a bakery. My least favourite was carpentry because I smacked my thumb with a hammer, and my shelf fell apart.

At Brandon University we did three parts of science, Biology, medicine and chemistry. We also did anthropology, indigenous studies, gym and band teachers. Some of the fun and interesting activities we did were making elephant toothpaste, dissect a sheep's eyeball and extract strawberry DNA. Elephant toothpaste is an experiment where you combine soap and water in a beaker. Then you mix yeast and water, let it sit for five minutes, pour it in, and it explodes into a foamy mess. To extract strawberry DNA you need to blend strawberries, salt and soap, filter it and pour it into rubbing alcohol then you can see the little strings of DNA.

At ACC on Victoria Avenue we did video game designer, graphic designer, business, freshwater ecologist, water quality technician, nursing and personal fitness trainer. Water quality technician was fun because we got to build a wetland in a cup. We got to use sand, gravel, rocks, cotton balls and wood chips and then we decided how to layer them in the cup to create the best filter for dirty water. It still looked pretty murky to me even after we had filtered the dirty water. I enjoyed this because we got to see how wetlands work and create our own.

Throughout the eight weeks there were two family days, so our families got to experience the jobs as well. I was able to take my mom to BU and my dad to ACC on Victoria Avenue so they were able to spend the day with me and see what Career Trek was all about.

I have finished all the career trek days and all that is left is my graduation at Westman Centennial Auditorium on March 9th. I learned about lots of careers at Career Trek, but now I have to wait seven years until I graduate from high school and decide if I want to pursue one of these careers, but I'm sure there will be lots of different and new careers by 2025.

## HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Huskies ended the season in winning fashion with a “W” over the Dauphin Clippers at the Credit Union Place. This game completed the final series sweep to become the 2019 WSHL Champions. The boys worked extremely hard over the course of the season to end with 37 Wins and 4 Losses. The regular season saw the team score 148 times and only allowed 38 goals against.

The Hamiota Huskies and the Rivers Elton Rage combined forces to raise money for the Hamiota Community Cancer Care Program Network on February 9<sup>th</sup> in Rivers and 10<sup>th</sup> in Hamiota. Over the course of the two games all proceeds went to the center.

Rivers Elton Rage Proceeds – 1500.00  
Hamiota Progressive 50/50 – 2857.50  
Hamiota Jersey Auction – 4000.25  
Hamiota Minor Hockey Door – 721.00  
Referee Donation – 230.00  
Business Cash Donations – 2240.00  
Prize and Auction Table – 1475.00  
For a total donation of \$13 023.75



Many thanks to the Rivers Elton Rage for partnering with us for a great cause.



This season the Huskies were also eligible to compete in the provincial qualifier, now being a 4 school co-op. We started with a game against Boissevain on a February Friday night which took 19 seconds into double overtime to win 4-3. We advanced to play Major Pratt in the final and then onto provincials in Cartwright on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. The provincial draw was short, with only 6 teams and we were placed in a pool with none other than Major Pratt. We beat Major Pratt 6-0 and then when on to beat Pembina Hills 5-3. Finishing first in our pool advanced us to the semi-final which matched us up against Killarney/Wawanesa. We came out of this game with a “W” advancing to the final against Morris/St. Jean Baptist/St. Pierre. The final game was not very hard hitting but a very fast Morris team handed us our fourth “L” of the season as we fell 4-1 (1 goal in an empty net). Even though we did lose this game we still came home with a silver medal and the first ever hockey banner to hang at HCI.



## HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY (continued)

The season concluded with league playoffs. First round had us matched up the Rivers-Elton Rage, which the boys won with a sweep. Next up, Major Pratt again. This series took 3 games but the Huskies came out on top. The league final saw us meet up with Dauphin, who early in the season handed us our first league loss. The boys were eager for a rematch and played with determination and hunger. With a 4-2 and 3-0 wins over the Clippers, the Hamiota Huskies become the 2018-19 Westman High School Hockey League Champions. It was an amazing season with great guidance from the coaches and support from the parents and fans. We would like to both congratulate the grade 12 players on their final season as a Husky and wish them well in their future endeavors. We look forward to fall and the next hockey season.



## NEW STUDENT COUNCIL



Olivia Tolton  
President



Foster Tolton  
Vice-President



Eve Routledge  
Treasurer



Kiara Kirk  
Secretary



Jana McTavish  
Social Rep



Kaden Sutherland  
Sports Rep



Dawson Brooks  
Literary Rep.



Josh Wright  
Gr. 12 Room Rep

The new student council will take over after spring break.

On Monday, March 9, members of the council made speeches on their plans for the school.

The Canteen Rep position is still open and the Junior Vice President from Grade 11 hasn't been selected.

## YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY by Joelle Little

The Hamiota Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy Group is now accepting applications! We are a group of students, staff and community members who are promoting the involvement of youth in philanthropic projects. We give grants up to a maximum of \$2500.00 to groups for projects that fit the following criteria: the project must benefit youth in the community and/or students attending Hamiota Schools, and the group applying must either have charitable status or be sponsored by a registered charity. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 19th. For more information, phone us at 204-842-2803, mail to Box 200, Hamiota, MB, R0M0T0, or email us at [hamiotayip@gmail.com](mailto:hamiotayip@gmail.com).

Applications are available at the school or town office.



L-R: Bonnie Michaudville, Yesenia Klassen, Emma McConnell, Joelle Little, Jamie Waddell, Rylee McNabb, Dave Rawlings (Student member missing from the photo: Kate-Leigh Heapy)



## SKI TRIP

Students in Gr. 9 – 12 took advantage of the great weather and enjoyed 2 days skiing and snowboarding at Aseissippi Ski Park on March 14 & 15.

## BAND NOTES

Happy Spring Everyone!

It sure has been a busy month in the Band world and everyone is looking forward to a break, even the teacher!

We started off March by hosting the band portion of the Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival on March 7. All of HCI's bands took part in the festival and all had very good performances. We also had Alex Boryskavich perform an alto sax solo of "Ode to Joy". Way to go Alex! A special shout out to the HCI Senior Band who played outstandingly well and had many, many compliments and good comments from the adjudicator. Our adjudicator for the festival was Mr. Christopher McConnell, a former resident of Hamiota and past band instructor in Souris and Hartney. Thank you Mr. McConnell for coming out and working with our students and giving them critical feedback to help in their learning. Also a big thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who worked at the festival, these opportunities are not possible without your help and support.

The month ended with our HCI Winter Band Concert. All the students performed very well and there were many, many positive comments from the audience afterwards. A special thank you to band parents for donating baked goods for the bake sale we had at the concert. Also, a special thank you to Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Mathison for helping to organize and run the bake sale. Again, couldn't do it without you folks. One of the most special moments for me at the concert was to hear the positive encouragement students were giving each other after the performance. It is that positive culture that will help grow this program and make it into something quite special. Bravo students for all your hard work and your positivity!



Mr. McConnell works with the Senior Band at Festival



Have a great Spring Break!

Kevin Salmi

*A huge Thank-You to all the parents & grandparents who donated baking. Over \$300.00 was raised!*