

Principal's Message

As I write this article I see the snow fall to the ground which reminds me of how lucky we have been, weather wise, these past few weeks. Winter is undoubtedly around the corner which means I want to remind all of the students to dress according for the weather. Whether you are riding the bus, walking to school or driving your own car, please take the necessary precautions to ensure you are safe.

Looking back on the past few weeks so much has happened. Extracurricular activities continue to keep staff and students busy at Hamiota Collegiate. The month of November saw the volleyball programs wrap up, with the students enjoying much success. The middle years volleyball teams developed many skills throughout the season and showed tremendous improvements. Way to go! In the high school, the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams had busy seasons with a highlight being the provincial tournament we hosted last weekend. The tournament was a success thanks to the many efforts of all of the volunteers, both students and staff. Thankfully, chairperson Karma Hawkins, had everything well organized as usual. I am extremely proud of the boys JV team on their performance on and off the court, they represented Hamiota Collegiate admirably. I would also like to wish the Varsity Boys volleyball good luck as they leave for Provincials in Ste. Rose on December 1. Thanks to all of the coaches who have volunteered countless hours to work with our students.

The extracurricular activities go far beyond the sports. Thanks to many dedicated people, the middle years, early and senior years drama productions are underway. At HES, the students in K-5 are preparing for the upcoming Christmas concert on December 15. The same goes for the middle years students at HCI who are preparing for their band concert and Christmas concert on December 13. The senior years' drama club has selected their drama for the year, "The Little Mermaid" and have been busy having auditions and preparing for the spring production.

A highlight at the elementary school this past month was a Gym Blast that was organized by Mr. Coughlan and run by the Brandon University Physical Education Class. Students from kindergarten to grade 5 were joined by their teachers in an afternoon of physical activity. Much enthusiasm and school spirit was shown by all!

Hamiota Collegiate's two major fundraisers, the magazine campaign and the fowl supper, wrapped up in November as well. Thank you to the community, for once again showing great support to our school buy purchasing magazines or attending the fowl supper. I am always impressed by the work of our student body and staff who volunteer their time to make the fowl supper run smoothly.

On November 10 we hosted a Remembrance Day Service which was attended by students from both schools. Karen Mathison did an exceptional job planning the service. Student participation in the service was highlighted by students who participated by writing poems, drawing pictures, reading aloud, and singing. We were once again fortunate to have some Legion members present to share their stories along with a member of the RCMP.

Finally I would like to thank of the parents who took time to come to the schools on November 21 to discuss their child's learning with their teachers. It is refreshing to know that our students have the support they need at home to make the most of their education. Please continue to talk to your child's teacher(s) throughout the course of the year as you do not have to wait until a scheduled day of interviews to have a conversation.

Respectfully,

Bruce Coulter

Principal



KINDERGARTEN NEWS from Mrs. McNabb

In kindergarten, we have been doing an inquiry investigation on trees.....we have had many questions about trees, and have learned that we know a lot of important facts about trees. We painted tree diagrams to show our knowledge of the parts of trees, and then we labelled them. A scavenger hunt on our playground, had us hunting for the different parts of trees.



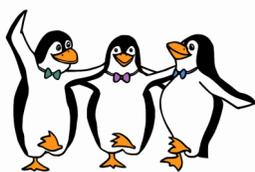
We especially enjoyed the gym blast. A big thank-you to Mr. Coughlan for organizing this fun event. We learned that keeping fit can be fun! We loved all the games, but enjoyed the giant parachute game the most. It was a "blast!"

Dot Bingo

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⋈	3	3	⋮	⊗
7	5	FREE	⊗	6
⋮	⋮	4	⋈	⋮
6	⋮	3	⋮	4

Everyday, we continue to explore our letters and sounds, and math concepts through games and hands-on activities. Our new math games are Fill The Chutes and Dot Bingo! We are learning about different ways to represent numbers using ten frames and dot patterns. We measured how tall we are using pumpkins and gathered our findings to create a class book. Most of us are 7 or 8 pumpkins tall. We had to "borrow" a gr. 3 friend to find someone who was 10 pumpkins tall.

We have many animal friends come and visit our classroom lately for Show and Tell. Both Kennedy and Jude bought their cats in for a visit. Animals are always welcome! Our new favourite play center is The Kindergarten Vet Clinic. Many of our stuffies have visited for appointments, needles, or to get their broken bones mended.



Our Xmas Concert is fast approaching. The Kindergarten Class is happy to be the opening act for our annual show! Dressed as Penguins, we will entertain you with "The Penguin Polka!" It's gonna be a showstopper!

GRADE ONE NEWS from Mrs. Obach & students

The grade 1 class hosted a successful garage sale fundraiser on November 21st, raising \$171! We would like to thank everyone who helped us and supported our garage sale! This grade 1 project was in support of the Palms & Souls Book Drive for El Buen Samaritano community center in Jocotenango, Guatemala. The book drive was started as a Global Read Aloud Gives Back initiative. Read more at theglobalreadaloud.com



On November 30th, the grade 1 class took part in the 2016 Skype-a-thon global learning event! We were honoured to be selected for a call with special guest speaker, Ms. Toni Townes-Whitley. Ms. Townes-Whitley is the Corporate Vice President of Microsoft Worldwide's Public Sector. We read one of our favourite poems for her to start the video call. Then, she answered our questions about her community (Redmond, Washington), her life and her job. She also had lots of questions for us. It was a very special experience!



Grade 1 students and their families working the Books for Guatemala garage sale at HES!

We continue to work hard on our daily reading, writing, word study and math. We have been writing letters to Santa, which will be published in the Crossroads this winter! We are continuing to work with numbers to 20, including grouping, partitioning and more or less! In social studies, we are learning about celebrations and traditions. With Christmas coming, there is lots of excitement about our upcoming Christmas celebrations!



We traveled 2026 virtual kilometers from Hamiota to Redmond, Washington using Skype.

GRADE TWO NEWS from Mrs. Gregory

It has been another busy month in the Grade 2 classroom. In November, our class worked on a mini-theme on Remembrance Day. We read *The Peace Book* and wrote poems about what peace means to us. We also drew and labeled a poster about what Remembrance Day makes us think of.



In language arts we also learned about writing recounts and we wrote a recount about our Gym Blast. We also have been writing an article for the Crossroads paper. Be watching for our stories about the goodies our moms and dads make for



Christmas.

In math we have been doing lots of estimating activities. During our math center time, we have been working hard on the Dream Box math program on our I-pads. We have also been practising our facts using the double dice. One of our problem solving activities involved making a birthday cake glyph.



In Social Studies we have started working on a unit about our community. We have located our province and town on a map of Canada.

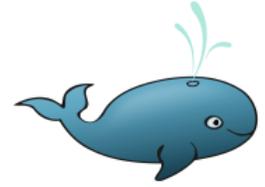
As usual, there have been many special events this month. We would like to thank Mrs. Penner for helping us do such a beautiful job of the song we sang at the Remembrance Day service. We were excited to have our second visit with Baby Lennox in our Roots of Empathy program. We noticed lots of changes and Lennox can even sit up by herself now. Everyone had a great time playing all the games at the Gym Blast. It was also wonderful to see all the parents and students at our November interviews. The students did a terrific job showing and explaining their work to their parents. It was also exciting to go to the Junior Varsity Provincial volleyball game and cheer for our Hamiota Huskies.



One of the most exciting months of the year is finally here! We are busy practicing our singing, actions and jokes for the song "We Know Snow" and we can hardly wait to perform in the Christmas Concert, The Lights of Jingle Bell Hill.

GRADE THREE NEWS from Mrs. Dixon

Another month has zoomed by! We have been studying whales and underwater life and have produced some excellent pieces of artwork as well as numerous reading and writing projects. Thanks to Mrs. Rawlings for teaching us how to draw and paint a watercolour whale. They turned out fantastic! Be sure to have a look if you're passing by our classroom!



We are learning strategies for estimating and adding 2 and 3 digit numbers in Math right now. Students are also using the Dreambox math program, which is a continuation from last year. This program can also be accessed at home, if students want to have extra Math practice!

We had our first Lilac-Park-Community Members visit this month. It's great to have 22 buddies pair up with our 22 Grade 3 students. Thanks to Veronica Menzies for her awesome recruitment. It's shaping up to be a wonderful year together!



Congratulations to staff and students at HCI for hosting such a successful JV Boys Volleyball Provincials. Our class was pleased to "adopt" the Notre Dame Coyotes. We enjoyed cheering them on and gave our best coyote howls during their game.



December brings with it the excitement of many upcoming school activities....Christmas Concert, stories, crafts, snow and the usual magic of the Christmas season!

THE LIGHTS OF JINGLE BELL HILL

The Lights of Jingle Bell Hill

Hamiota Elementary School

Thursday, Dec. 15

Dress Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.

Evening Performance 7:00 p.m.
(doors open at 6:30)

Admission: Adults- \$3.00

The musical play tells the story of Larry, a frightening fellow who refuses to join the other tenants in his building decorating for Christmas. As the play progresses we learn the reason why Larry doesn't want to be involved with Christmas. Make sure you come out and enjoy this heart-warming tale with the students of Hamiota Elementary School.

GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. Nowosad

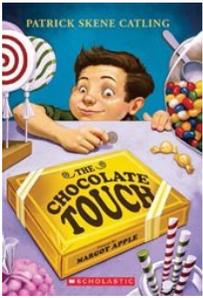
It's hard to believe December is here. We have really lucked out with beautiful weather. Now that the snow has fallen, students should be remembering to bring warm clothes and extra mitts and socks.



We want to say a big thank you to Mrs. Facey and the grade 8 class for joining us last week to help us work on our PowerPoint presentations. They were ex-

cellent helpers, and taught us lots. We look forward to finishing them up and then presenting to the class.

We had a lot of fun at the Gym Blast last week. Great job to the BUPEC students and Mr. Coughlan for organizing such a fun afternoon.



We have started an interesting novel called, The Chocolate

Touch. It is a fun story about a boy who loves chocolate. So far some magic has happened and now anything the boy puts into his mouth turns to chocolate. This sounds pretty cool, but we aren't sure this is actually as good as it sounds. We will have to keep reading to find out!



In math we are continuing to work on multiplication facts, word problems and making reasonable estimates when using addition. We have been using Dreambox as well and all students are enjoying this.



Thank you to the Mr. Madsen from the Hamiota Fire Department for coming to our school to share some important fire safety tips.

We are excited for December and all the fun activities it will include!

GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. Routledge

Welcome to December! Can you believe it's here already? We are anticipating a very busy, very festive month in Grade 4R!

Math - We have just started Unit #2-Multiplication and Division. The students are busy learning and practicing a variety of strategies to help them learn their times tables. Doubling, skip counting, using arrays, finding patterns, and using base ten blocks are all strategies we are going to be working on to help us multiply. Any time the students can practice with flash cards at home will help them memorize their facts! A deck of cards is always helpful if you don't have flash cards at home.



ELA - Guided Reading is ongoing in Grade 4 and we have also just started reading *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Home Reading will continue on throughout December so please make sure to initial your child's agenda each morning. Your child will be working on these skills when reading aloud at home and school; reading smoothly in larger phrases, pausing appropriately for punctuation, using expression when reading dialogue, and self-correcting.

Science- We have begun to "rock n' roll" in Grade 4 science! Rocks and Minerals are on our minds these days. We are learning the difference between rocks and minerals, as well as the three types of rocks; igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Soon your child will be able to explain the difference between these types of rocks.



Christmas Concert- It's hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us already. Thank-you to the parents who were able to send in reindeer antlers for the Grade 4 students. A note will be coming home with more information about costumes and clothing.

Christmas Mug Exchange - The Grade 4R's brought home a note about our classroom gift exchange this week. If you didn't receive the note please email me at the school and I will make sure another gets sent home asap. Also, if you have any questions about Christmas celebrations in Grade 4, do not hesitate to call me at the school.

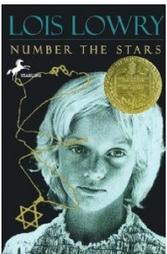


GRADE FIVE NEWS from Mrs. Routledge

Happy December everyone! Winter seems to have arrived and it's hard to believe Christmas concert is just around the corner. We have been busy learning lines, and will soon start practicing on the stage so we're ready for the big night!



Besides the excitement of Christmas concert, we continue to work on our regular classroom work. In math we have completed our multiplication unit and have moved on to Probability and Statistics. We are enjoying making double bar graphs on the computer, and are looking forward to playing lots of games of probability.



In LA we continue to work on the novel Number The Stars, which is just getting to the exciting part! We have also been working on some creative writing. This is giving us a chance to work on our paragraphing and quotation marks, as well as our other basic writing mechanics.

In social studies we have discussed Beringia, the land bridge between Russia and Alaska, as well as some of the stories that have been passed on by the Indigenous peoples from generation to generation. We are presently looking at where many of Canada's lakes and rivers are to help us understand why these people settled where they did.



Other things we are looking forward to this month are: decking the halls, and starting the curling program with Mr. Randy Lints!

UPCOMING DATES AT HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY

Christmas Concert ~ Dec 15, 1:00pm (dress rehearsal-everyone welcome) and 7:00pm. Admission: Adults \$3.00

Hot Lunch ~ Dec 22, grilled cheese sandwich

Last Day of Classes ~ Dec 22

Festival entry deadline ~ Jan 6

Classes Resume ~ Jan 9

Hot Lunch ~ Jan 27, spaghetti

Blood Donor Clinic ~ Jan 31



VOLLEYBALL

Middle Years Girls

This year we had three girls' teams-a grade 6, a grade 7 and a grade 8 team. With so many girls, approximately 26, the gym was full during practices. The only viable solution was for the grade 8 team to practice in the morning, so that the gym was not so crowded. Thanks to the grade 8 team for being willing and committed to attend practices at seven in the morning. All the teams learned new skills from getting a serve over the net to learning how to hit and block. The grade 6s had many successes throughout the season and were very happy with their play. The grade 7s lost in the semi-finals of the B-side. They needed three set to settle the score. The grade 8 team won the banner for the South A-Side Finals, but fell short of the playoffs in the Park West Divisional Finals. Thanks to the coaches, Mrs. Gurr, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Facey, for volunteering your time to help students develop their volleyball skills. Thanks to the bus drivers for providing the transportation, and the students who put their time and effort into playing volleyball.



Back: Leah Gunnarson, Darrah Kent, Rylee McNabb
 Front: Christyna Caldwell, Kyla Good, Kaitlyn Campbell, Machaela Tannas, Mme Mitchell



Back: Mrs. Gurr, Cydney Boryskavich, Trinity Lints, Ella Gurr, JeAnne Villela, Jade Crampton
 Middle: Juliana Martinez, Reanna Gage, McKenna Laberge, Kendra Drake, Michaela Devers
 Front: Riley McTavish



Back: McKayla Lodge, Zachi Espayos, Kareena Sims, Hailey Chappell, Emma McConnell, Shanna Lelond, Mrs. Facey
 Front: Mikayla Grabowski



VOLLEYBALL

Middle Years Boys

The boys all had an excellent year in volleyball learning the skills of the game, we are getting better at making a consistent first pass. This year we had 2 boys' teams. With only 2 players in grade 7 we brought them up to play with the 6 grade 8 for an older team. The grade 6s had 11 players, enough for a great younger team. This has taught the younger players more skills and rules to the game of volleyball.

We played mini tournaments throughout the season in Strathclair, Shoal Lake, Miniota, Birtle, and here in Hamiota. Our south division final was hosted in Strathclair this year for the boys. We had an excellent showing from our 2 teams. The younger grade 6 team was not real successful in the win-loss column but certainly improved their skills from the beginning. Thank you to all the parents of this team for being so accommodating! The grade 7/8 team also played at the south division final, lost their final match to Strathclair but advanced to the division final.

The division final was held a week later, again at the Strathclair school. This time we managed to beat the Strathclair team and advance to the A side final. The grade 7/8 boys team played hard but lost their final match to Major Pratt, 13-15 in the third set. WOW! What a match it was as the points were back and forth for both teams. We all look forward in anticipation for volleyball season again next year!

This year's players consisted of 15 boys from grade 6,7, and 8. In grade 6 we had Aiden Murray, Ty Kirk, Will McConnell, Connor Ramsey, Rylan Gage, John Lelond, Caden Nolan, Owen Cal, Colt Brooks, Caleb McTavish, and Isaac Boivin. In grade 7 we had David Aboud-McConnell and Logan McTavish. From grade 8 we had Nash Gurr, Rylan Kent, Colin Crampain, Brady Dziver, Vince David and Rory McNabb. We are signing off until next season gang, it was a great year!!!



Back: Colt Brooks, Ty Kirk, Caleb McTavish, Aiden Murray
Front: Will McConnell, John Lelond, Connor Ramsey, Rylan Gage, Isaac Boivin



Back: Mr. Gurr, Rylan Kent, Rory McNabb, Colin Crampain, Mr. Crampain
Front: Vince David, Brady Dziver, Nash Gurr, Logan McTavish, David McConnell



VOLLEYBALL

JV and Varsity Boys Volleyball

The boys all had an excellent year in volleyball learning the game! The JV team consisted of 11 players Foster Tolton, Jamie Waddell, Cale Murray, Cole Allan, and Layne Norrie from grade 9 and Liam Caldwell, Brett Hemrica, Brady Daniel, Hayden Crampain, Brody Robinson, and Brendan Lawn in grade 10.

The JV boys played in 4 tournaments throughout the season: in Brandon (won the C side), Shilo/Rivers (Lost the B Side), here in Hamiota (won the B side) and in Roblin (Lost the A side).

They were also the host team for the A/AA Junior Varsity Boys Provincials held in Hamiota. They played some great volleyball, but weren't able to move past the quarter finals. The winning team was the Carman Cougars, who the Huskies defeated 25-15 and 25 -4 in round robin play.

The Varsity team also had a great year! The team consisted of 8 players with 3 borrowed from the JV team. Brody Robinson, Brett Hemrica, and Hayden Crampain are in grade 10. Mason Gurr, Holden Norrie, Bobbi Hunter, and Ben Murray are in grade 11 and our only grade 12 player is Will Chappell. The Varsity team also attended a few tournaments in Brandon (Won the C side), Roblin, Rossburn (Lost the A side) and Killarney. We placed 4th in the provincials ranks and hosted a provincial qualifier. We had Rossburn (5), Hamiota (4), Treherne (12), and Fisher Branch (13) attend the qualifier on November 19th. The varsity team went undefeated through the qualifier.

Matches

Against Rossburn 25-18 and 25-15

Against Fisher Branch 25-5 and 25-18

Against Treherne 25-12 and 25-18

and then played Rossburn in the final to win 25-22 and 25-17.

At Provincials the boys placed 2nd in the Round Robin. They defeated West Park in the quarter finals and lost to Rosenort in the semi final. They played Rossburn for third place but were unable to defeat them losing 25-14 and 27-25. Hayden Crampain and Holden Norrie were chosen as game stars during round robin play and Brody Robinson was named a provincial all-star! Congratulations on an excellent season!



Back: Mr. Crampain, Brady, Jamie, Brody, Brett, Layne, Cale, Cole, Mr. Gurr
Front: Liam, Brendan, Foster, Hayden



Mr. Crampain, Ben, Brody, Hayden, Brett, Will, Holden, Mason, Mr. Gurr, Bobbi Hunter

VOLLEYBALL

JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball

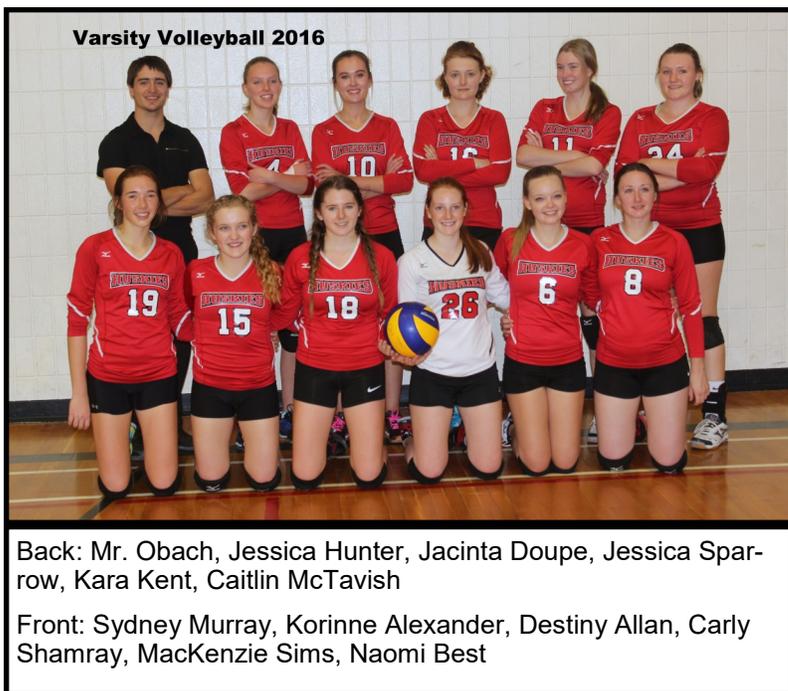


Back: Joelle Little, Emily Murray, Kassidy Heapy, Taylor Good, Jana McTavish, Mrs. Brown

Front: Karen Toth, Daisy Martinez, Chantelle Chappell, Kiara Kirk, Olivia Tolton, Eve Routledge

The JV girls had a great season, attending lots of league games and 5 tournaments. The highlight of the season was playing in the Hamiota varsity girls tournament and winning a game against a varsity team. The girls learned lots about volleyball this year and had a lot of fun! Great year ladies!!

Congratulations on a successful season!



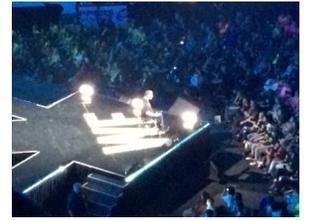
Varsity Volleyball 2016

Back: Mr. Obach, Jessica Hunter, Jacinta Doupe, Jessica Sparrow, Kara Kent, Caitlin McTavish

Front: Sydney Murray, Korinne Alexander, Destiny Allan, Carly Shamray, MacKenzie Sims, Naomi Best

The Varsity Girls volleyball team had yet another successful season. The 11 player team finished a strong second place in a competitive Zone 10 final. The team also competed in 6 exhibition tournaments throughout the year around southwest Manitoba and a provincial qualifier tournament. Despite playing some of their best volleyball towards the end of the season, the girls came up short in their provincial bid at the regional qualifying tournament in Bois-sevain.

WE DAY



On November 18 students traveled to Winnipeg to attend We Day. The students listened to speakers, such as Paula Abdul, Rick Hanson and Margaret Trudeau, to learn about how to help other people. They learned that they can help make changes in their school, community, nationally and globally. They also had a chance to get up and show their moves as they danced to some great songs. We are going to continue to take what we have learned and make our own changes to better the world.

PROJECT 11

The grade 6,7 & 8's are taking part in Project 11 this year. The grade 6 are learning about stress. The grade 7 & 8's are a part of the pilot group this year. The grade sevens are learning about win-win situations, and attitudes and behaviours, while the grade eights are working on topics such as self-esteem and stereotypes. We are also enjoying some "intermission" activities such as fun with fitness, art activities, fun with food and hip hop. If you want to know more about it, Google Project Eleven.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS By MacKenzie Sims

Student Council has been very busy in the last couple of weeks. We wrapped up the magazine campaign, and had a successful Fowl Supper, so thank you to everyone who supported our two major fundraisers for the year! We have had two pep rallies in the month of November for our JV boys and our Varsity boys who made it to provincials. HCI hosted Junior Varsity A/AA Provincials also in November with lots of students geared up to help out. Student Council did a draw the Monday after Provincials for all the students who helped out on the Saturday whether it was scorekeeping, canteen, or sweeping the floors they got the opportunity to win some student clothing that we had left over. Thank you also to the students who helped out with such a large event. School will be coming to an end for the 2016 year in a couple of weeks so we are starting to prepare for what we will be doing on the last day of school before Christmas break. We are planning on attending the Christmas Classic in Birtle at 11:00am on December 22nd, since we have 4 students from HCI on the hockey team Reece Brene-man, Hayden Crampain, Ben Murray and Brody Robinson . All HCI students will travel by bus to Birtle for the game.

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY—NOV. 2

On November 2, Mr. Crampain's Grade 9 business students spent the day with their parents. Some learned a lot of new things about what their parents do at their daily jobs. The "Take Our Kids to Work" Program began in Toronto in 1994. Today students from all across Canada take part in the program. Here is how HCI students spent their day.

Cole Allan - Dad - Farm

Levi Best - Dad - Farm

Dawson Brooks - Mom - Hospital

Aaron Clark - Mom - Vanguard

Emma Dmyerko - Mom - Hospital

Mikayla Grabowski - Mom - Daycare

Kyanna Johnson - Mrs. Lints

Kiara Kirk - Mom - RHA Office

Layne Norrie - Mom - Lavina Post Office



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Kiara Kirk - Mom - RHA Office

Alec McTavish - Mom - Hospital

Jana McTavish - Mom - Hospital

Cale Murray - Dad - MB Highways

Emily Murray - Mom - Park

West Division

Layne Norrie - Mom -

Isabella Post Office

Eve Routledge - Mrs. Brown

Foster Tolton - Dad - Farm

Olivia Tolton - Mom - Hospital

Jamie Waddell - Dad - IP Foods



2016 HCI Grad Earns Prestigious 4-H L.E.A.D Scholarship



Congratulations to former HCI student Eveline Juce who is one of four recipients of a four year (\$20,000.00) 4-H L.E.A.D. (Leadership Excellence Award of Distinction) scholarship sponsored by CN. The four recipients were announced in Ottawa on Nov. 3 and were chosen from qualified applicants from all over Canada.

Eveline was recognized in the area of the Environment & Healthy Living as an outstanding 4-H'er who epitomizes 4-H youth empowerment. The program believes it's important to acknowledge and honour confident, accomplished 4-H'ers who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience. The recipients demonstrate Personal Impact, Community Impact and Leadership Excellence.

Eveline has been an active 4-H member of the Decker Country Riders for 10 years. She has been on the executive council of her 4-H club for seven years and has sat as treasurer on Manitoba's South Parkland Area 4-H Council. When Eveline is not busy with 4-H, she is actively involved in sports and in her community. Eveline sits on the Hamiota Age Friendly Board, has completed the gold level requirements for the Duke of Edinburgh Program, sat on the National Duke of Edinburgh Youth Advisory board for two years as a delegate and is junior light horse director of Hamiota's light horse show. Her passion is riding her horses year round and competing on the Manitoba Gymkhana Rodeo Association circuit. Throughout high school, Eveline was on her school's soccer, golf, curling, badminton and beach volleyball teams. Last winter Eveline competed for Manitoba's provincial biathlon team in Quebec at Biathlon Nationals. *Eveline is attending the University of Alberta Augustana Campus, studying for her BSc degree and hopes to pursue a career in medicine, specializing as a radiologist. Eveline is a member of the University of Alberta Augustana Campus Nordic (Biathlon) Team. Eveline would like to thank 4-H for helping to make her into the person she is today as 4-H has inspired and taught her to become a more dedicated, determined and well-rounded person.*

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

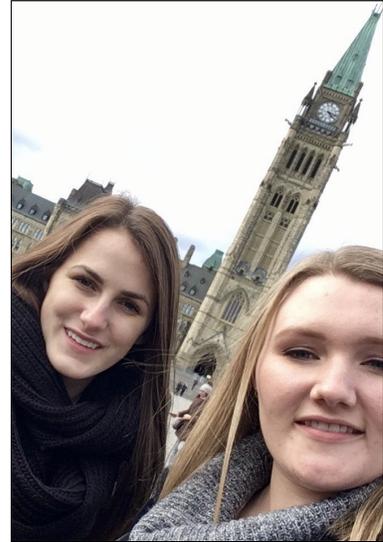
Hamiota Collegiate has been fortunate to have 6 students selected to take part in the Encounters With Canada Program. Encounters with Canada is the country's largest and foremost youth forum! Every week of the school year, 120 to 148 teens from across Canada, aged 14 to 17 years, come to Ottawa. Here they discover their country through each other, learn about Canadian institutions, meet famous and accomplished Canadians, explore exciting career options, develop their civic leadership skills and live an extraordinary bilingual experience.

Emma Coulter & Caitlin McTavish

On October 23rd Caitlin and I flew for Ottawa for a week with 6 other Manitoba students to attend the Medicine and Health week at Encounters with Canada. We got to see many tourist sites like the Parliament Buildings, the Ottawa Jail Hotel, the Beechwood Cemetery, the Montefort Hospital and the Byward Market.

We were able to learn about Medicine and Health by participating in workshops and listening to various speakers in different occupations including midwifery, neurology, art therapy, chiropractors and many more. This experience has allowed us to expand our view in the medicine and health field.

There were many opportunities to learn new things, meet new people and make unforgettable memories at Encounters with Canada. It was an experience of a lifetime.

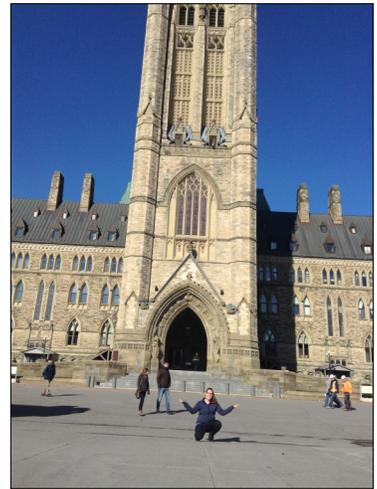


Ashley Morden

My trip to the great capital Ottawa

I had a very fun week in Ottawa. We were always busy from the moment we stepped off the plane to the moment of left the Terry Fox center —All 152 of us. The first day we went to visit the Airplane museum which was only 20 minutes away from the center. There were vintage airplanes from both world wars. There were also some helicopters and some jeeps. A band who had served in the air force played the last stand, O Canada and a few other familiar songs. The second day we went to see the Parliament Hill. We toured the building and were allowed to see the Senate chambers. We saw the original picture of Queen Victoria which had survived four fires. After the tour we were allowed to see the Peace Tower. On the 3rd day we had a speaker, Jody Mitic who had both of his legs amputated while serving his country overseas. He was a contestant on Amazing Race Canada 2013 and he was very informative. We had workshop following Mr. Mitic where I made Izzy Dolls. The Izzy Dolls that we made go to the less developed countries where soldiers hand them out to the children in crisis. On the way to the War Memorial we saw Prime Master Trudeau's House. A walking tour was held honoring veterans, service dogs and horses. Following the tour, we had a general Lind Bennett who talked about serving in the armed services. At the end of the day Terry Kelly, a blind musician entertained us with his songs and was very good. He sang of 3 hours and kept the energy up the whole time. The 4th day we had a speaker who was a 2nd generation soldier. He brought his jeep and different items his dad brought back from his time in the service.

After that we spent an amazing hour with a veteran, my veteran was Mr. Pierce who was a driver for different captains. He has post-traumatic stress. He has a working dog named Vector who aids him in his depression. After that hour, we had a war time lunch which was mashed potatoes, beans, meatloaf and bread pudding. It was good. It showed us how they rationed their food during the war. On Thursday we were taken to a ballet at a theater. We saw the classic Giselle. It was quite enjoyable. The orchestra was really good. They even had a harp. On Friday I attended the National Remembrance Service in Ottawa. It was cold but well worth it. I was very moved by what the armed services had done for our country. After the service we went back to the center for another speaker who told us of his experiences in the war. This was a memorable time for me and I would recommend this to any kid who is ages 14-17 to attend. You meet people from all over Canada and learn so much.



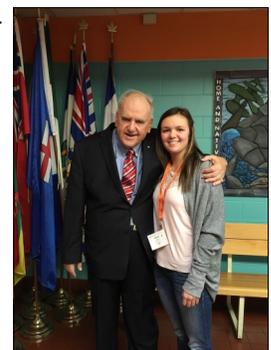
MacKenzie Sims & Will Chappell

Our time at Encounters with Canada was very educational and tons of fun. We attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the War Memorial Monument in downtown Ottawa, which was an absolutely surreal experience. To anyone thinking about going to Encounters I would absolutely suggest the Remembrance Day week, it is very eye opening and provides you with lots to learn.



Hanna Tolton

On November 20th I left with 10 other people from Manitoba to go to Ottawa for Encounter with Canada. Encounters with Canada is a program that targets teenagers, to be able to travel to Canada's capital and experience things based on the theme of the week, as well as Canada. I chose the week of Law and our justice system. While I was there we got the opportunity to tour Parliament, The Supreme Court of Canada, a jail that is now a hostel, the War Museum, go to a Senators game, and listen to multiple speakers. While in Parliament we listened to Question Period, as well as students had the opportunity to meet their M.P. In the Supreme Court we were able to do a mock trial with members from our group. One of the speakers was previously a judge in Ottawa, so it very interesting to hear their perspective of law and our justice system. The trip also include many skill building games and activities. I returned home on the 26th with more knowledge about my future interests and many new friends from all across Canada.



Hanna with Judge George Springate

DRAMA AT HCI

The Middle Years Drama is well underway and the 40 Middle Years Students participating as cast and crew are getting excited about the performance on Dec. 13. This year's production is "A Christmas Carol" based on the famous story by Charles Dickens. It is the story of a bitter old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge and his transformation into a gentler, kindlier man after visitations by the ghost of his former business partner and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. As always we have music during the play by the Senior Band as well as dancing, singing, and lots of fun. We hope you are able to attend!! There are two performances— One at 1:30 which will be attended by the Hamiota Elementary School and is open to the public as well. There will be no Grade 6, 7 or 8 bands in the afternoon. In the evening, the Band Concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be followed by the Drama. Admission is by Silver Collection at the door for both performances.



The HCI Major Production has also been decided. This year the play will be the musical, "The Little Mermaid". The cast has been chosen and practices will begin in February. The cast and crew will consist of students from Grade 6 to 12 and the play will run from April 20-23, 2017.

HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DRAMA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 P.M.



Featuring: the Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8, Senior Band, Jazz Band

Middle Years Drama: "A Christmas Carol"

1:30 P.M.



Middle Years Drama: "A Christmas Carol" School Performance—Public Welcome!

(no band concert in afternoon)

ADMISSION FOR BOTH BY SILVER COLLECTION

GRADE 8 SCIENCE CELL MODELS



Thank you to Mrs. Hawkins and her committee for the great job of hosting the JV Boys A/AA Provincials. Thanks to all the students and staff who spent many volunteer hours before and during the Provincial weekend.

PROVINCIALS





Park West School Division

2017 Student Citizenship and George Harbottle Memorial Awards

Award Criteria

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

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

Application Procedures

A Park West School Division student, staff, or community member is invited to nominate a student and/or group for these awards. [Please contact your school principal to make them aware of your intention to make a nomination.](#) A nomination must take the form of a complete application, as follows:

Student Application

- completed application form (including activity summary page)
- an essay (maximum 500 words) from the student or group that defines what citizenship means to them, and/or describes how the student or group has tried to live out the concept of good citizenship in school and community

Two Sponsoring Letters as follows:

- A letter from an **official at the student's or group's school** that:
 - describes the context in which the sponsoring official has known or worked with the student or group
 - describes how the student's or group's actions at school demonstrate good citizenship
- A letter from a **representative of a community organization** that:
 - indicates the individual's relationship with the student or group
 - describes how the student's or group's actions in the community demonstrate good citizenship

Digital pictures

Please submit up to 5 digital pictures to accompany your application

Application Deadline

Please submit applications no later than noon on January 13th, 2017 to your local school office – applications must be complete and received on time to be considered. All applications will be forwarded to the Division Office.

Awards Banquet

The awards banquet will be held on Thursday, February 16th, 2017 in Hamiota.

The Park West School Division Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone for applying. Please note that only one individual nominee and one group nominee per school will be invited to attend the banquet. Invitations will be sent to the nominees in late January

UPCOMING DATES AT HCI

Dec. 13	Middle Years Drama—1:30 p.m. Drama & Band Concert—7:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	Christmas Classic Hockey Game in Birtle—11:00 a.m.
Dec. 22	Last Day of Classes
Jan. 9	Classes return