

Hamiota Schools Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As I write this article, I see the snowfall to the ground, which reminds me that winter is undoubtedly here. I would like to remind everyone of the importance of dressing appropriately, whether you are riding a bus or walking to school.

As the final week of November is upon us, I look back at a hectic month. Whether it is curricular activities taking place in the classroom or extracurricular activities taking place at noon and after school, both schools are very busy at this time of year. It is also our first time to formally invite parents /guardians and students into our school to share in their successes during our annual parent/student/teacher conferences. The staff of both schools would like to thank the many parents who stopped by the school on November 15 and 16 to discuss the learning of their child (ren).

Looking back on the past few weeks so much has happened. Extracurricular activities continue to keep staff and students busy at Hamiota Collegiate. The volleyball programs at HCI wrap up in November and we enjoyed many successes. The middle years' volleyball teams developed many skills throughout the season and showed tremendous improvements. Congratulations to the grade 8 girls who brought home the PWSO Championship banner and to the grade 8 boys who brought home the South Division Championship Banner. The Junior Varsity and Varsity boys' teams had busy seasons, which were highlighted by earning a spot in the Provincial Championship tournaments. Thanks to all of the coaches who have volunteered countless hours to work with our students and to the many parents and fans who supported the teams all year long. High school hockey continues to roll along with the team doing very well in league play. The boys are looking forward to the Christmas Classic hockey game, which will be played in Russell this year on December 21.

The extracurricular activities go far beyond sports. The evening of November 27 was the night for our fall band concert. Mr. Salmi had his students prepared for their first of three concerts this year. Thanks to many dedicated people, the gymnasium was packed for wonderful performances from all the middle years' bands along with the senior band and the jazz band. At HES, the students in K-5 are preparing for the upcoming Christmas concert on December 13. The senior years' drama club has selected their drama for the year, "High School Musical" and have been busy having auditions and preparing for the spring production.

Hamiota Collegiate's two major fundraisers, the magazine campaign and cookie dough sales along with the fowl supper wrapped up in November as well. Thank you to the community, for once again showing great support to our school by 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 8, we hosted a Remembrance Day Service, which was attended by students from both schools. 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 and an active Armed Forces member.

It is hard to believe that the Christmas break is just around the corner so I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Respectfully,
Bruce Coulter
Principal



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**GOOD LUCK AT
VOLLEYBALL
PROVINCIALS
Grade 8 Girls
Varsity Boys**

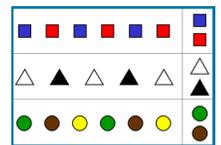
KINDERGARTEN NEWS FROM MISS SUROVEY

It's hard to believe that November is almost finished and that we are nearly into December! We had a very busy month in our Kindergarten room! At the beginning of November students learned all about the Poppy and why we wear a poppy to help honour those who have fought for our freedom in Canada. We attended the Remembrance Day Service at HCI on November 8 and enjoyed hearing from the speakers and watching the high school students pin poppies on the wreaths in the gym.



We have continued to work our way through the alphabet during our Alphabet Centres. Each week we learn about a new letter, exploring how to print the letter and the sound that it makes. This month we learned about letters N, M, H, and K. At the end of the week we create a letter crown to celebrate our learning. We have now learned a total of 10 letters of the alphabet! Students have also been practicing the alphabet at home by bringing home “Alpha-Bags” each night to read about all of the letters of the alphabet at home.

This month we completed a unit in math and a unit in science. In math, we have been busy learning all about patterns. During our math centres we have been practicing replicating, extending, and creating our own patterns. In science, we have been learning all about trees and the seasons. This week we completed our first round of Science Centres. A clear favorite for the class was “Mystery Bags” where students used their sense of smell and touch to guess what mystery tree-related object was in the bag!



November's character trait of the month was cooperation. In our room we have worked together to help make sure our classroom is clean at the end of the day, helped to teach each other how to tie shoes, and worked together to demonstrate respect to our classmates and teachers. For each kind, helpful, or respectful deed completed in our classroom students have had an opportunity to earn a “Helpful Seed” to put into a glass jar. If our entire class is being helpful we can even earn a handful of seeds to add to the jar. We have quickly learned that handfuls of seeds help to fill up our jar much faster than individual seeds and our class is determined to fill our jar before Christmas break! We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of helpful students in our room who love to work together to get things done! Next month we will be focusing on empathy as our character trait of the month.



Here are a few important dates and reminders for events that are happening in December:

Birthdays:

December 9—Ariel
November 12—Wyatt

Important Dates & Reminders:

Tuesdays/Wednesdays—Kindergarten Library Day
December 3—No Classes
December 13—Christmas Concert
December 21—Last Day of Classes (Classes Resume January 7)



GRADE ONE NEWS FROM MRS. NOWOSAD

November continues to be a very busy month. It was really nice to see all of my Grade 1 families who were able to come in for parent-teacher interviews.

I wanted to do something a little different for this newsletter. I posed a question to the students and these are their responses.

Question: If you could give Santa Claus a gift for Christmas, what would it be? Why?

Dani: I would give Santa a toy because Santa's nice.

Bridger: I would give Santa Claus a note because then he would be happy.

Ariana: I would give Santa cookies because he likes eating cookies and milk.

Danilo: I would give Santa Coca-Cola and cookies because Santa drinks Coca-Cola a lot!

Jazmine: I would give Santa hot cocoa because it's cold when Santa delivers presents and he gets thirsty.

Jennica: I would give him a card because I want to give him something to read.

Zoey: I would give him a mini Santa ornament and a card that said happy Christmas forever.

Casey: I would give Santa lots of toys, so he could give them to other kids.

Brielle: I would give him a huge Cookies and Cream chocolate bar that says Happy Christmas.

Willow: I would give Santa a Coffee Crisp chocolate bar because they are super yummy.

Dayton: Well, I would give him his own reindeer decorations, so his reindeer would think there is new reindeer in town.

Mick: I would give Santa a remote controlled monster truck so he can drive it around.

Kalia: I would give Santa Claus a stuffy because they are fuzzy.

Deon: I would give Santa a card because I would like to talk to him.

Libby: I would give Santa Claus cookies and milk because he likes them.

Kaleb: I would give Santa cookies and milk because he brings me presents.

Wyatt: I would give Santa Claus my old toys because he can turn it into a new one and give it to another kid.

William: I would give Santa another reindeer to help fly his sled.

Payton: I would give Santa Claus cookies and milk because that is what he likes.

December is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to all the fun activities the Christmas season brings.

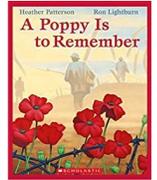


GRADE TWO NEWS FROM MRS. MCNABB & MRS. GREGORY

November was another busy month in Gr.2! It was so nice to meet with all of our families during our interview times. Parents, remember that our door is always open if you want to chat.



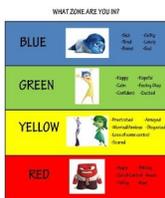
To observe Remembrance Day, we read 2 books based upon true stories: "A Bear In War" and "A Poppy is To Remember." Our focus for learning was "Why should we take time to say thank-you to the people who served in the war?" The students wrote very thoughtful responses to this question.



One of our favourite books that we studied this month was Inuksuk: A Guide To The North. We collected many interesting facts about these amazing stone structures. We created our own inuksuks from clay. Did you know that Inuksuks were traditionally built to convey a message? So, we wrote our own messages to attach to our inuksuk sculptures. Some of our messages said: "Stay back! Danger ahead!" "You are welcome here." "This is a safe place."



In Social Studies we are focusing on "The Zones of Regulation," a program designed by Leah Kuypers. It's a curriculum designed to teach kids how to self-regulate and to keep in control of their own emotions. This skill comes naturally to some, but often requires practice and is a skill that needs to be taught. There are 4 zones based on colors. In the green zone, we are good to go; focused and ready to learn. The yellow zone means to proceed with caution.....we are hyper, or may be worried. In the blue zone, we are moving slowly due to tiredness or sickness and we need to rest. The red zone is where we lose control of our emotions. Ultimately, we want to be in the green zone to function well during the day and to function at our best. Currently we are learning and practicing strategies to help us manage our bodies and minds when we "slip" out of the green zone. A great program for kids and adults alike!



In math class, we have been working on our estimation skills. We have been learning different strategies to help us make a thoughtful guess. We have also been working on showing how two equations can be balanced or not balanced. We continue to work on our addition and subtraction facts to 18 and are using strategies to find the missing beginning, middle and ending parts in an equation. Some of our November centres were Cube Trains, Number Romp, Estimation Station, Undercover and The Missing Piece.

In science, we completed our unit on the Growth and Changes in Animals. We matched pictures of animals and their offspring. We also completed activities dealing with the life cycles of the frog and butterfly. We sorted pictures into the different animal groups and drew an example of each of the six groups of animals.

December is fast approaching and we eagerly anticipate the fun and excitement that this joyful month brings!

Our class has been reading our way across Canada for our home reading program this month! We've read some stories about famous Canadians, such as Tommy Prince, Roberta Bondar, Terry Fox and Chris Hadfield. We've also tested our knowledge about our great country with a Canada quiz.

We've been working in our L.A. groups on reading, writing, file folders and spelling. If you're passing by our bulletin board, be sure to check our province and territory posters, as well as our Canada calendar art.

In Math, we're learning to add with 3 digit numbers and we're also using our estimating strategies.

We were thrilled to meet our new Lilac/Park/ community buddies and we're looking forward to building friendships with them as the year unfolds.

We're looking forward to the excitement of the Christmas season. Concert time is coming soon!



*I need a Christmas vacation,
I need a holiday.
I need a Christmas vacation,
Gotta go outside and play!
All day!*



Hamiota Elementary Christmas Concert December 13

"I Need a Christmas Vacation"

Shows: 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Admission: \$3.00 for adults

GRADE FOUR NEWS FROM MRS. L. ROUTLEDGE

The cold, north breeze has followed us home...and it looks like it's here to stay! Inside the Grade 4 classroom though, it's been warm and toasty. This month, we have really been concentrating on being mindful of others around us and their feelings. We have been working on learning our class motto and asking ourselves some important questions before we speak or act.

N  **VEMBER**
just do your thing

WE ARE A TEAM!

We cooperate and share.

We are kind and helpful.

We respect each other.

We listen and follow directions.

We always do our best.

We take responsibility for our actions.

We are problem solvers.

We are active learners.

We keep our school beautiful and clean.

T-Is it true?

H-Is it helpful?

I-Is it inspiring?

N-Is it necessary?

K-Is it kind?

Math - We had our first math test this month to finish up our unit on whole numbers! Now that our "test" jitters are out of the way, we have gotten started on our next unit, which is multiplying and dividing. There are some very excited kids in math right now! We are learning about arrays and what they can represent. Exploring strategies to help us solve tricky equations are in the works! Our goal is to know our facts by heart, up to 9x9, by spring break. I will be sending home flash-cards in the near future for your child to practise with.

ELA - Guided Reading keeps us busy these days in language arts. We know our routine and what is expected of us during this time. We will be starting our next book shortly! In groups, we are working on reading smoothly and in larger chunks, as well as pausing for punctuation so that our story flows more naturally. Please listen to your child read for at least 5 minutes nightly. You will be able to notice some of the areas that we are focusing on. Home reading books continue to come home. Please remind your child to return the bag for more books weekly.

SCI- We are "rocking" it in Grade 4 Science! Igneous, Sedimentary, and Metamorphic rocks will be the topic of discussion for the next few weeks.

GRADE FOUR NEWS FROM MRS. L. ROUTLEDGE (CONTINUED)

***A note will come home soon regarding costumes for the Christmas concert. Be on the look-out for a note in the agendas!

REMINDER: Please remind your child to record home reading minutes and book title each day in the agenda. Thank-you!

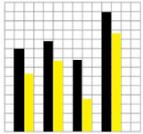
GRADE FIVE NEWS FROM MRS. D. ROUTLEDGE

Another month has passed and we are starting to think about Christmas concert! Parts have been distributed, lines are being practiced and songs learned. Everyone is excited to be having their time to shine! We are also having our first curling lesson at the rink on November 29th!



In the classroom we continue to work on the novel "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry in language arts. We are learning to expand on our thinking using evidence from the book. We have also been working on our research skills as we look for more information related to WWII.

In math we have wrapped up our unit on multiplication, and have begun a unit called Probability and Statistics. We are learning the language of probability like probable, improbable, unlikely, more likely, equally likely, impossible and certain. We will also be talking about double bar graphs and learning how to make them using Google sheets. I would still like to encourage everyone to continue practicing their multiplication facts since you're going to need them again later!



We continue to study Canada's First Peoples in social studies, and will soon wrap this up by doing a group assignment where we will look at how the environment affected the way these people lived.



Overall, we have had a very busy month, and I anticipate an even busier one as December arrives! Thank-you parents for attending parent/teacher interviews. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Upcoming Dates at HES:

- Dec 3 ~ No Classes—PD Day
- Dec 13 ~ Pizza Hot Lunch
- Dec 13 ~ Christmas Concert @ 1:00pm & 7:00pm
- Dec 21 ~ Last day of Classes
- Jan 7 ~ Classes Resume
- Jan 15 ~ Festival Entry Deadline for vocal/choral/piano/arts
- Jan 17 ~ Spaghetti Hot Lunch

PARK WEST OUTLAWS

The Park West Outlaws ended one of their best seasons ever with a 41-28 victory in the Rural Manitoba Football League Consolation Final against the Moosomin Generals to win the Murray Black Cup.

The Outlaws had a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and led 28-22 at half time. Moosomin tied the game in the third quarter, but the Outlaws scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to win the game. Congratulations to HCI students Layne Norrie (Grade 11) and Jamie Waddell (Grade 11). Coach Bruce Waddell praised the offensive line which included Layne Norrie. Jamie Waddell finished with 120 yards receiving including an almost impossible catch while having heavy coverage from two Moosomin defenders.

Jamie was the Outlaws' nominee for the RMFL year-end awards as Most-Outstanding Player – Special Teams.

Congratulations on a great season!



Jamie Waddell & Layne Norrie

VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity Girls volleyball team concluded their season with a third place finish in the Wawanesa tournament on November 10. The tournament was the team's fifth after competing in tournaments in Deloraine, Glenboro and Russell. They also hosted a 10 team tournament early in October.

The team progressed tremendously as the year went on and after amassing a 3-1 record during league play, defeated the Shoal Lake Sharks in the semi-final before becoming Zone 10 finalists after losing to Strathclair.

Graduating players this year include Kassidy Heapy, Chantelle Chappell, Daisy Martinez, Joelle Little and Taylor Good. Thank you girls for your contributions to



Back: Joelle Little, Olivia Tolton, Hailey Chappell, Kareena Sims, Kassidy Heapy

Middle: Coach Mr. Chris Obach, Daisy Martinez, Zachi Espayos, Chantelle Chappell, Coach Ms. Jillian Hawkins

Front: Jana McTavish, Kiara Kirk, Eve Routledge

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Hamiota JV boys volleyball team completed an excellent year by attending provincials in Flin Flon on November 22-24th, 2018. We started the season with the first practices on September 5th, 6th, and 7th. We then practiced regularly every Monday and Wednesday each week. This year our team was made up of 4 grade 9 boys and 4 grade 10 boys.

Grade 9	Grade 10
Kyler Sutherland	Brady Dziver
Ryan Donohoe	Colin Crampain
Rhylan DeBin	Nash Gurr
David Aboud-McConnell	Ry Kent



Picture:

Back: Coach Mr. Sheldon Gurr, Nash, Brady, Ry, Colin, Coach Mr. Jerry Crampain

Front: David, Kyler, Ryan, Rhylan

We ended the season 2nd in the league with Major Pratt being first, Birtle third and Strathclair fourth. This meant we travelled to Russell for the zone final and played number 3 ranked Birtle. We won the first game and played Russell in the final of the zone. This final game was a real battle as we beat Major Pratt 27-25 in the first set, lost the second 23-25, and went on to win the third set 15-13. Winning this game qualified us for the A/AA provincials in Flin Flon. Major Pratt was successful in a wildcard application beating Morris 25-28, 25-22, and 25-23 to also advance to provincials. At provincials we ended the round robin in 7th place out of 12 teams. This made our first playoff game against 10th ranked Riverton, which was to be played at 8 pm Friday night, but being behind schedule was done at 10 pm. We squeaked by Riverton with a score of 29-27, 22-25, and won the third set 15-6. Next up was 2nd placed Green Valley in the quarter finals. We played a valiant game but lost out 20-25 and 19-25. Green Valley advance to the semifinal and lost to Gabrielle Roy, who went on to win provincials 25-16 and 25-23 over Rosenort.

This year we also attended two other tournament in Brandon University and Roblin as well as hosting our own on November 10th, 2018. We all look forward to the start of volleyball season on September 4th 2019!

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

The Huskies currently sit second in the West Division of the West-Man High School Hockey League with a 5-1 record.

Upcoming Home Games:

Friday, Dec. 7 vs. Sandy Bay

Sunday, Jan 6 vs. Boissevain



MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL

On November 13th, Hamiota hosted the Middle Years Boys and Girls South Side Playoffs. Hamiota 3 Boys (Chael, Peyton, Jaxen, Landon, Seth, Carson, and Carter) won the B Side Final, Hamiota 1 Boys (John, Rylan, Garrett, Isaac, Owen, and Colt) won the A Side Final, and Hamiota 1 Girls (Jade, Kendra, Riley, Je Anne, Cydney, Kyia, Danika, Whitney, McKenna, Reanna and Ella) won the A Side Final as well.

Both A Side winners moved on to the Divisional Final on November 20th in Hamiota. Our boys team unfortunately lost to Russell in the first round of playoffs. The girls managed to take home the Divisional Championship Banner! The girls are going to a provincial tournament on Dec. 1 in Winnipeg



MIDDLE YEARS BOYS

Grade 7 & 8:

Back: Coach Mr. Sheldon Gurr, Isaac Boivin, Caleb McTavish, John Lelond, Rylan Gage, Garrett Kent

Middle: Aiden Murray, Ty Kirk, Kobe Shellenberg, Owen Cal, Colt Brooks, Shane Sparrow

Front: Caden Nolan, Will McConnell

Grade 6:

Back: Coach Mr. Sheldon Gurr, Carter Knight, Carson Smith, Peyton Tolton, Jaxen Dziver

Front: Chael Rozdeba, Seth Hamilton, Landon Dmyterko



MIDDLE YEARS GIRLS

Grade 8:

Back: Danika Smith, Whitney Rozdeba, Riley McTavish, Ella Gur, McKenna Laberge, Coach Mrs. Loren Gurr

Middle: Kendra Drake, Reanna Gage, Jade Crampton, Je Anne Villela

Front: Kyia Knight, Cydney Boryskavich



Grade 7:

Back: Haydn Tolton, Daphne Tannas, Surrey Smith, Teegan Hyndman

Middle: Sophie Ragandang, Lilly McDonald, Kylin Robinson, Coach Mrs. Facey

Front: Shirley Johnson, Kylie Lodge

Grade 6:

Back: Tristin McTavish, Tara Knight, Klyynn Kasto, Calli Wilson-Davey, Kayleigh Knight, Alex Boryskavich

Front: Coach Ms. Schettler, Camryn Ramsey, Rogue Toth, Carrie-Anne Sheane, Madison Mann, Alexis Dale



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Hamiota Schools held their annual Remembrance Day service on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the collegiate gym. MC's for the program were Grade 12 students Chantelle Chappell and Olivia Tolton. We were honoured to have special guests Constable Braden Colwell from the RCMP, Mr. Mike Ramsden from Kenton Legion, Sargent S. T. McDonald, current member of the Canadian Armed Forces, and Mr. Jack Houston, World War II vet-



eran. Sargent McDonald spoke about the work of the current armed forces and Mr. Houston shared some of his war experiences and the importance of remembering. He also displayed a painting he had recently completed of the first war experience he remembers vividly. It was of a comrade who was killed.

Alexa Bernier, Machaela Tannas and Kyler Sutherland presented a reading on commemorating the signing of the armistice prepared by Ms. Jillian Hawkin's grade 9 Drama Class.

Music/Band Director Mr. Kevin Salmi led the Senior Band in the playing of O Canada and God Save the Queen. He also led the Grade 4 and 5 students in singing, "A Song for Peace". In addition, Mr. Salmi explained the significance of the Last Post and the Rouse music traditionally played on Remembrance Day.

HES and HCI students as well as approximately 50 community members watched a slide show of Mr. Salmi's trip to Europe (in the role of a Cadet leader) prepared by Kyla Good, Lorenz Ragandang, Rhylen DeBin and Alexa Bernier.

To end the service, HCI students placed hundreds of poppies on wreaths. On each poppy, students had written names of local veterans of World War I and World War II, other members who had served since the wars, and those who are currently serving. A slide show prepared by Kate-Leigh Heapy, Kyle Johns, Emerson Zilkey and Kaitlin Campbell, included these names as well.

REFUGEE SIMULATION

On Monday, November 19, Kelly Fuhr from the Brandon School Division travelled to Hamiota Collegiate to give students from the Park West School Division a refugee experience. Some students from Strathclair, Shoal Lake, Decker, Miniota and Hamiota, who read the book Refugee for Global Read Aloud, participated in one of



the three refugee simulations that were organized for that day. The students were put into families where they worked together to make important decisions that would keep their families safe and allow them to survive. The students quickly learned how difficult the journey was going to be from their home to a refugee camp or a new country. It was interesting to watch how each family made decisions, had discussions and negotiated with border guards, military and other families. When the simulations were over, the discussions that occurred were so important. Each session brought about interesting idea, emotions and connections. The students were able to relate to the characters in the book, and the simulation brought their stories alive. The students, in

a safe environment, were able to walk a mile on the refugee's journey. Thank you to all the people who supervised and supported this experience. Thanks again to Kelly for spending time with our students.



A Big Thank You to Parents, Staff and Community Members for supporting the Annual Fowl Supper as well as the Magazine and Cookie Dough Campaigns. Your continued assistance throughout the years is greatly appreciated.

Hats off to all of the students who took part in these fundraisers, you represented the school well!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

November has passed swiftly for the HCI Student Council. The month kicked off with the annual fowl supper, which went over very well, as many students and parents volunteered to make the night a success. Later in the month, a pizza party (pizza from the Brierwood Creek Café & Grill) was awarded to Mrs. Schettler's grade 6 class for selling more magazines than any other class during last month's magazine campaign. The student council has also organized pep rallies for our Junior Varsity and Varsity boys volleyball teams. Congratulations to everyone for a successful month.

BIRDTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Fall Session of the Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival was held on Nov. 7. and the final concert on Nov. 9. Congratulations to all students who took part. Anika Conde received the Hamiota Lions Club Trophy for the highest mark in Solo Spoken Poetry Grades 1-4. Great job Anika!

The Spring Session of the festival will be held in Hamiota March 5-7 which will include piano, vocal/choral music and Visual Arts.

The Entry deadline is January 15 and entry forms will be available at both schools.

BAND CONCERT

The first band concert of the 2018-19 year was held on Tuesday, November 27, featuring performances by the Grade 6 Band, the Grade 7 Band, the Grade 8 Band, the Senior Band and the Jazz Band. The gym was packed with family and community members who came out to hear some great music.

Congratulations to Mr. Salmi and all of his band students for their hard work!



Jazz Band: (l-r) Machaela Tannas, Jacob Clark, Dawson Brooks, Brett Hemrica & Ashlynn Harris-Fast



STUDENTS AT ENCOUNTERS



CHANTELLE CHAPPELL & TAYLOR GOOD

On November 17 we flew to Ottawa for a week at Encounters with Canada. Our theme for the week was "Sports" We had the opportunity to participate in new sports we've never tried. We both took part in learning gymnastics at a gymnastics club in Ottawa which we both enjoyed. Another new activity we tried was circus and aerial arts at the Ottawa Circus School. While we were there we got to tour the city and a couple of museums. We went to Parliament Hill to listen in on question period. As well we toured the Parliament Buildings which was exciting because we were a part of some of the last tours in Parliament before it closes for ten years for renovations.

Overall we had a great week and would love to go back to Ottawa!

JV & VARSITY BOYS PEP RALLIES

