

# Hamiota Schools Newsletter

## Principal's Message

OCTOBER, 2016

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of October. So much has happened at both schools since that first day of school. October has been a busy month with many great things taking place inside the classroom on a daily basis. As a new administrator, one of my favorite daily tasks is to try and get into classrooms to see the students in action.

At Hamiota Elementary we were sad to say goodbye to Nancy Smith, who left her job as educational assistant and librarian, to pursue a new job at the municipal office. We would like to thank Nancy for her dedication to our school and students over the years and we wish her the best of luck in her new venture. The staff and students are excited to welcome Erin Johns to our school as the new librarian. Erin is no stranger to the happenings at HES as she has volunteered tirelessly over the years. We are also fortunate to have Karlee Lee pick up Nancy's educational assistant hours.

September 30 was a big day at Hamiota Elementary as we welcomed all the students and staff from Hamiota Collegiate to join us in the Annual Terry Fox Walk. It was great to see the students from both schools interacting with one another for such a terrific cause. To top it off, it was extremely rewarding to see so many community people join us. Thanks for your support! It was a record setting year as \$3290 was collected and handed over to the Terry Fox organization. In the classroom, teachers have been very busy conducting the first round of reading assessments.

These assessments allow the teachers to see the growth in the kids over the course of the year.

October is always a busy month at the collegiate with many extracurricular sports, including soccer, volleyball and hockey. The boy's soccer team lost out in the zone final, however Joelle Little was part of the Strathclair team that participated at provincials. Congratulations Joelle. The middle years, junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams have been practicing and developing skills, both on and off the court, as they prepare for the conclusion of their seasons in November. Hamiota Collegiate will be hosting the JV Boys Volleyball Provincials on November 24 – 26 and as a result preparations are underway to prepare for this ten team tournament. A number of boys from our school will once again be joining forces with students from Birtle, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, and Rossburn to play high school hockey. The team will be based out of Birtle for the 2016-17 season. Middle years' drama is just getting organized to perform The Christmas Carol in December. With so many talented young people in our building, it will undoubtedly be a terrific show. Student council is always busy this time of year. School clothing has been ordered, the students have been busy with one of their major fundraisers, the annual magazine campaign, and they are also preparing for the Fowl Supper scheduled for November 6. There is still time to purchase tickets for the supper! A great deal of other activities has taken place including the start up of Career Trek, grade 8 band camp, Encounters with Canada, student council student leadership conference, grade 11 field trip to the Manitoba Theatre Center, middle years' student council leadership seminar, vocational training for the grade 8's, MHSAA mentoring program, and we have had two students attend a student leadership cohort in Winnipeg.

With so much going on, it is sometimes hard to remember about the importance of keeping up with one's studies. I would encourage you to talk to your child about what they are doing on a daily basis in class. Let them share their learning with you. The first reporting period approaches with reports scheduled to go home the week of November 14-18. This will be followed up with parent/student/teacher conferences taking place on November 21. Please take some time to come speak to your child's teachers and to let them show you what they are learning.

Respectfully,  
Bruce Coulter, Principal

**Thank You to all who supported the Terry Fox Walk this year. Hamiota Schools raised \$3,290.00 this year, which broke our record!**



### HAMIOTA FOWL SUPPER SUNDAY, NOV. 6

5:00 & 6:00 P.M. seatings

Adults - \$13.00

12 & under - \$7.00

preschool free

Call 204-842-2803 to  
reserve tickets.



### HAMIOTA SCHOOLS REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM NOV. 10

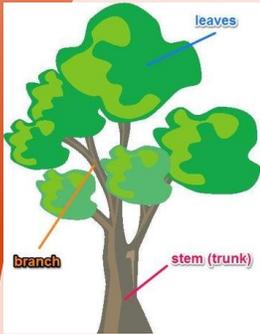
Hamiota Collegiate Gym  
Hamiota Elementary and  
Hamiota Collegiate Students.



EVERYONE WELCOME!

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kinder Kids are excited to begin homework, bringing home abc books to share and read with their families. Just another way to encourage independence and to practice the letter names and sounds. The students are handling this new responsibility very well.

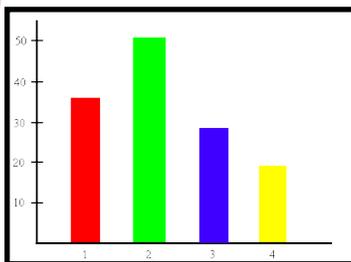


We have started a new study on trees. We are learning about the parts of trees and why trees are so important to us and our animal friends. An outdoor scavenger hunt helped us to locate the parts of trees on our own playground. If any kinder students have parts of trees at home such as nests, acorns, colored leaves, or types of bark...please feel to bring in to display at our science table.

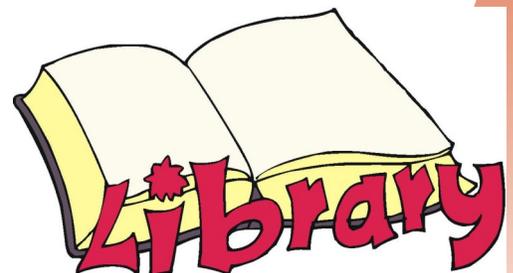
Halloween has introduced us to some new play centers.....we have a pumpkin stand where you can buy your own pumpkins! Thanks to Mrs. Johns and her family for donating pumpkins of many sizes to our classroom. We now have a water center where the kids are busy brewing witches soup. The students are enjoying the ipads as they use the star-fall app to explore beginning reading skills, and play games to reinforce their letter and number knowledge.



In math, we are playing many dice games that help us "subitize" and to explore the concepts of more, fewer than, and the same. Everyday, we begin math with a graph-in on the SMARTboard. Graph-ins help us to collect information about our classmates. Some of our graph-in questions have been: Do you like dogs? How many letters in your name? and..... Do you like to eat apples? We are using colored apples to help us build and extend our own patterns.



We would like to welcome Mrs. Erin Johns to our school as our new library teacher. We would like to send out a big hug and good luck wishes to Mrs. Nancy Smith.....we miss you!



## grade 1 News

We are doing lots of reading, writing AND word study. We practice reading to someone. WE SET the TIMER AND TRY to write THE whole time. For word study we sort words AND write words. Our class is doing the Global Read Aloud. Kids all over the world ARE READING Lauren Castillo BOOKS. Our class wrote A BOOK called "IS THIS A BALL?" YOU CAN read it on our blog: [mrsobachsclass.blogspot.com](http://mrsobachsclass.blogspot.com)

IS This a ball?  
BY H.E.S. grade 1



In Math we are learning about NUMBERS AND patterns. IN science we ARE Learning about the 5 Senses.

Although the weather this month has been rather cool and dreary, the atmosphere in the grade 2 classroom continues to be bright and enthusiastic.

During October our mini themes revolved around Thanksgiving and Halloween. We read and listened to stories and did art projects related to these topics. We wrote

why we are thankful for an ordinary object and what we would put in a witches brew.

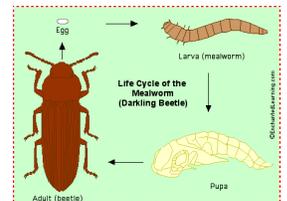


We are learning about informational texts and are working on a story about bats.



In math we continue to practise our counting by 2's, 5's and 10's starting at different numbers. We have been learning about odd and even numbers as well as ordinal numbers.

We were able to observe the complete metamorphoses of our mealworms in science class. It was exciting to see how many pupae turned into adult beetles. We had lots of fun making bird nests out of items such as clay, grass, twigs, feathers as well as many other things from nature. We have some very realistic looking nests on display in the hallway.



This week we are excited to have our second Roots of Empathy session and visit with baby Lennox. Our Halloween party is on Friday and we are looking forward to seeing many scary and beautiful costumes and having fun at the monster mash dance.

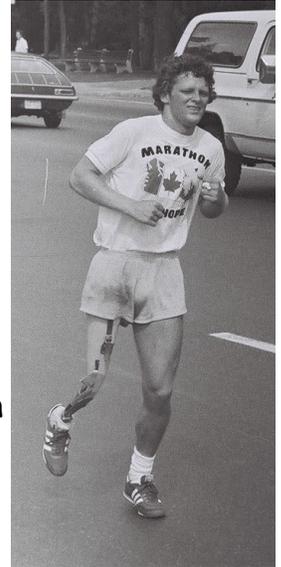
With October nearly over, we start looking forward to taking part in Remembrance Day activities. Happy Halloween everyone!



## GRADE THREE NEWS BY MRS. DIXON

Our class was pleased to end the month of September by participating in the Terry Fox Walk with the entire staff and students of HES and HCI! We presented a short video before our walk, in which we asked questions of or made comments to Terry Fox, if he were still here today. Here is what we had to say:

- "I wish you could come on the Terry Fox Walk with us." - Griffin Zilkey
- "You are a confident guy." - Alyssa Kirk
- "You were nice because you cared about others." - Maria Rogers
- "What was your baseball team called?" - Kaden Allan
- "How old are you? I can't believe you ran on one leg!" - Isabel McDonald
- "You were brave." - Eric Crampton
- "You were a hero, and you still are." - Nolan Drake
- "You believed in your dreams." - Diego Klassen
- "I can't believe you ran on one leg." - Alyshia McKinnon
- "You're alive because your dream carries on." - Molly Patterson
- "I was impressed that you ran 26 miles a day." - Nicolas McDuff
- "How did you feel when you found out you had cancer?" - Adrianna Charlton
- "You are kind." - Devon Bichon
- "What does it feel like to be a champ?" - Taylor Lawn
- "I wish you were still here." - Terron Johns
- "How did it feel when your leg was bleeding?" - Ethan Schellenberg
- "You're amazing, Terry Fox." - Alexis Sumner
- "I'm amazed how much money you've raised for cancer research." - Alec Strachan
- "I can't believe you ran 143 days?" - Hudson Bond
- "Did you run in stormy weather?" - Brooke Facey
- "You are so cool because you thought of others with cancer." - Gunnar Tannas
- "You're a hero. Thank you." - Hunter Hamilton



We are also pleased to report that we raised \$3290.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation! This is a new record! Thanks to students, parents and community for such great support of this cause.

October has been busy with Halloween reading and writing activities, as well as settling into routines for our L.A. groups. We are still working on number sense and adding strategies in Math and we've started our weekly Cross Number Puzzle homework. We are finishing up our plants unit in Science and have enjoyed learning about the functions of the plant parts. We have also paid attention to the plant parts we eat and enjoyed having a veggie and dip snack last week.



We are looking forward to our Halloween party this Friday - it should be a fun day!

November will bring new excitement with our first Lilac visit, as well new units to explore in all subjects. Never a dull moment!

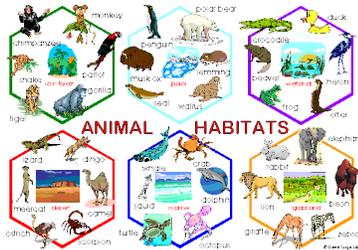
## GRADE FOUR "N" NEWS BY MRS. NOWOSAD



As always, school is flying by! We are getting excited for our Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 28! We will be having some Halloween fun in the morning and then our annual Monster Mash at 12:45!

We have been busy in math working on addition strategies using large numbers as well as starting multiplication. Students have been very busy working through our Addition Station and some are almost ready to start the Subtraction Station. These stations are independent learning stations where students work at their own pace, as well as be assessed as they work through it. All of the students really seem to enjoy it.

In ELA, we created lists of things we were thankful for – beyond just food, shelter, etc. They came up with some really unique ideas. We realized there are so many things to be thankful for and we truly are luckier than we realize. We have also been doing some descriptive writing about, “The Best Part of Me”, as well as writing a paragraph about another student in our class. We will continue to work on proper paragraph writing. Next up, students will become real estate agents and try to sell a Haunted House!! This should be fun. We are also starting to do some writing about personal pictures we have brought from home.



Science has also been busy. We have been learning about many different types of habitats and the different animals that live there. We are just starting to research different animals and will be creating a powerpoint presentation to show what they have learned.

It is sure getting cooler out, so please remember to send warmer clothes (even mitts and toques) so your child stays nice and warm during recess. That wind has sure been making it feel cold.

I was at a fantastic workshop on Friday, Oct. 21. In my class, we are always talking about how mistakes are good – we learn from them, and that it’s ok to make a mistake. At this workshop, our presenter gave us this quote, which fits very well in our classroom.

**“Mistakes are EXPECTED, mistakes are INSPECTED and mistakes are CORRECTED.”**

Have a happy and safe Halloween everyone!



## GRADE FOUR "R" NEWS BY MRS. ROUTLEDGE



Another month has come and gone in Grade 4R! Where are the days going? This month, the classroom has been the hub of Thanksgiving & Halloween activities. We are all excited to join together with Mrs. Nowosad's Grade 4 class for some Halloween fun to wrap up the month!

**ELA-** To start off October, thoughts of thanksgiving and being grateful were the focus in



Language Arts. We read a book called "Spare the Turkey". We predicted before we read, practised revising our predictions as we read, and then summarized the main events in the story. As a class, we discussed the many things we are thankful for and then wrote short poems to share with the class. The Grade 4's also read an old fashioned Thanksgiving story about a boy who had

to learn some hard lessons about being thankful. Ask your child to share some of these stories with you! A quick retelling is always good practice. After Thanksgiving, the theme in the classroom turned to ghosts and goblins and the excitement of Halloween. We had so much fun writing up advertisements for haunted houses for sale! The students collected and read through advertisements for homes in the local papers. We discussed the elements of a good ad; important features of the home, upgrades, and special traits of the home. After we named our real estate company, we got to work writing up an ad for a haunted house for sale. What fun!



**Math** – We are currently finishing up our first unit on whole numbers to 10 000. The students will be bringing home a study pack, along with a note, on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The test will be on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye out for the study pack and note in your child's agenda.

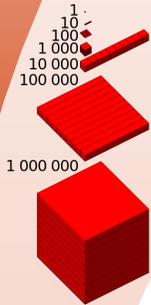
**S.S.** - Soon we will be wrapping up our social studies unit on Canada's geography. We continue to review the names and locations of the 6 regions and are working on learning the names of each province and territory in Canada, and their capital cities.



**Home Reading** – Please initial your child's agenda each night of the week. At least 15-20 minutes of reading is encouraged on weeknights.

## GRADE FIVE NEWS BY MRS. ROUTLEDGE

Well, another month has flown by and it is certainly feeling like fall out there! We have been working hard in our subject areas and have started some new units since the last newsletter.



In math we have wrapped up our unit on whole numbers and have gained a very good understanding of numbers up to a million. We have also learned a variety of estimating strategies which we can use for addition and subtraction. We have now started our unit on multiplication and are learning some strategies to figure out those facts we don't know quickly.

In LA we wrapped up our ME unit by writing about ourselves. We organized our information into paragraphs, and we discovered that we all have something in common. We all love our families! We are now doing a novel study on the book "Number The Stars" which is about a young girl during the second world war.



Our science unit on simple machines is now complete. We wrapped up the unit by building a wind-powered pulley with only specific materials, as well as a written assessment. We are now starting our first social studies unit on Canada's First Peoples.

We are working on the play "Comment Y Aller" in French, and have just begun to do the written component. We are also learning some Halloween vocabulary.

This past month we took part in the Terry Fox walk, and discovered that one of our classmates, Kylin Robinson, is related to Terry! We thought that was pretty cool.



On October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> the grade 8 students from Hamiota Collegiate, Strathclair School, Shoal Lake School, and Major Pratt all traveled to Camp Wannakumbac for the annual Grade 8 Band Camp. The students spent two days making music and building connections with each other.

The grade 8 students received the opportunity to work one on one with instrument clinicians as well as with small groups. The one on one attention received by the students was very beneficial to all of them. Students also had the opportunity to work together in a large ensemble where all of the grade 8 band students who attended the camp got the opportunity to play in a mass band. We ended off the first day with a camp fire and a chance to even see some Northern Lights!

A great time was had by all. Well done grade 8's!



## GRADE 8 BAND CAMP



## Varsity Boys Soccer

The 2016 Varsity Boys Soccer Team was made up of 15 young men from grades 9-12. This year's team included:

Grade 9 - Aaron Clark, Dawson Brooks

Grade 10 - Brendan Lawn, Brady Lake, Reece Breneman

Grade 11 - Ben Murray, Holden Norrie, Sean Schweitzer, Gary Sheane, Mason Gurr, Bobbi Hunter

Grade 12 - Grady Routledge, Damon Bunn, Nick Hatfield, Will Chappell

The boys competed for the Zone 10 championship against their rival Birtle Falcons. With only two teams competing in the zone this season, the boys were focused on making it to provincials. The zone championship game was a hard fought battle, with Birtle coming out on top by a score of 2 -1. The huskies competed right to the end, nearly scoring to tie it with seconds left. Congratulations to the players on a good season and thanks to the graduating players for their commitment to the program over the years.



L-R: Nick, Gary, Ben, Holden, Grady, Will, Sean, Bobbi, Reece, Mason, Brady, Damon, Aaron, Brendan  
Front: Dawson



JV Teams in Action



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## VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL HOME TOURNAMENT-OCT. 28 & 29

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### VARSITY PLAYOFFS

Semi Finals - Monday, October 31

Girls: Rossburn at Strathclair

Hamiota at Shoal Lake

Boys: Strathclair at Hamiota

Finals—November 2

Semi Final Girl Winners at higher ranked team

Boys Semi Final Winner at Rossburn

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MHSAA A/AA JV BOYS  
PROVINCIALS IN HAMIOTA  
NOVEMBER 24-26

**VOLLEYBALL**

## GRADE 10 CAREER DEVELOPMENT



The grade 10 Career Development course is looking for individuals in the community who would be interested in presenting specific topics or their success stories to the class in order to help the students develop and enrich their interpersonal and career-based skills. Topics include; self-confidence, communication skills, leadership skills and working with others, organization and time management skills, risk taking, career selection, self presentation (interviews and resumes) and union knowledge. Please contact Melissa Mitchell by email ([mmitchell@pwsd.ca](mailto:mmitchell@pwsd.ca)) or by calling the school if you or someone you know is able to share your/their knowledge and wisdom with the students.

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### MHSSAA CHAMPIONS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Champions is a "Lifestyles" cross mentoring program developed by the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. The goal of this program is to have senior high school student leaders visit grade 5 classes and make the students aware of peer pressure and the affect that it has on any decisions they make. It is designed to help the high school students, and in turn, the elementary students develop life coping skills.



The Champions program is a two day "cross mentoring" workshop held annually. Approximately 100 student leaders from Manitoba High Schools are invited to participate in this workshop. Speakers will include: a representative from the Behavioural Health Foundation, a member of the RCMP, a speaker from the University of Manitoba, as well as a couple of teachers who will explain lesson plans, ice breakers, and how to make presentations to the elementary students. The RCMP officer will discuss questions commonly asked by grade 5 students and the speaker from the University of Manitoba will discuss drugs in sport and everyday life as well as personal consequences from drug usage. The representative from the Behavioural Health Foundation will tell it "like it really is" through his own experiences



This year two grade 12 students from Hamiota Collegiate, Will Chappell and Destiny Allan are spending two days being trained on how to deliver the program. Will and Destiny will work with the grade 6 classroom a number of times throughout the year. Some of topics that these students will speak on include: peer pressure, communication skills, making the right choices, drugs and alcohol, etc. The purpose of the high school students going into the grade 6 class is to act as role models.



The main objective of the Champions program is to prevent substance abuse by providing students with positive peer role models through cross-mentoring, to spread the message that you can succeed in life without using drugs and alcohol, and to attempt to identify some of the problems, for example peer pressure, that cause young people to resort to drug use.

## EXCHANGING LIVES



Mikayla Madsen  
& Fiona Bracken

When the two of us met, we were strangers in a city that one of us didn't know at all. Now, 10 and a half weeks later we're more like sisters, who know both of each other's families and lives, despite them being on opposite sides of the planet.

Being an exchange student is close to surreal. You leave all of your friends and family behind to be dropped into a life and a world that you would've had nothing to do with otherwise. It's unique, amazing and really scary.

While in Denmark we visited many cool things. Fiona lives in Aarhus, a city of 320,000 people, and goes to a school of 800, so there were heaps of things to see and places to go. Aarhus is unique in a way that you're 15 minutes from the beach, the inner city and the forest at all times. We went to museums: AROs, with the rainbow roof, and Moesgaard where we ate lunch on the grass roof. We took walks on the beach and biked and took buses everywhere. We shopped in the city with Danish friends, and went to parties at the school, where we drank beer and laughed. Mikayla thought that the Danish language sounds like jibberish! We had tons of fun, and experienced living close to a city while experiencing Fiona's life in general.

Now we're in Canada, in the middle of nowhere in Fiona's opinion, Hamiota of tops 800 citizens. Living the small-town life is very different from the city life! But we've done just as many exciting things as in the city. Fiona drove a car for the first time, the Terry Fox Walk was completed, Fiona helped Mikayla with deliveries at the Co-op. We also drove to Brandon and Winnipeg for even more spectacular things like seeing a Wheat Kings game, Cirque du Soleil and The 1975 at the MTS Centre. Mikayla's parents took us to the amazing Banff and saw the spectacular mountains! With snow on top! There are no mountains in Denmark, so Fiona was very amazed and excited about being there.

Most importantly we've been left with a whole new understanding of another country and another person in their everyday lives! It's not all just sightseeing and parties, but going to school and living with each other everyday all the time, which can be exhausting at times, but it all pays off in the end, we promise!

All in all we would love to recommend being an exchange student to anyone interested - it is an experience for life!

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## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS BY MACKENZIE SIMS

Student Council has been very busy these past two months with school beginning. We started our magazine campaign on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and had a presentation from HCI graduate Darcy Paterson about how to sell magazines and fundraising ideas! We've given a prize to every student who has sold a magazine. We will also be having our first spirit week on the week of October 31<sup>st</sup>- November 4<sup>th</sup>, October 31: Halloween Costume Day, Afternoon Middle Years Activities & Dance planned by the Middle Years Student Council, Nov. 1: Opposite Gender Day, Nov. 2: Inside Out and Backwards Day, Nov. 3: Formal Wear Day, Nov. 4: Backwards Day! We also sent four student council members so the Manitoba Student Leadership Conference, to bring back new and exciting ideas to the school about how to get students more involved and excited to be a part of our activities. We also our first highway clean-up of the school year with the grades 7's. Our 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Fowl Supper will be held at HCI on November 6<sup>th</sup>. **Thanks to all families and community members for your support of our two major fundraisers!**

## STUDENTS

Congratulations to Joelle Little, who played with the Strathclair Girls Varsity Soccer Team this year. The team qualified for Provincials which were held in Winkler October 14 & 15.



Jacinta Doupe recently completed a tour with the Westman Youth Choir. The choir performed concerts in the south region this year and ended with their final concert in Brandon on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Choir members are selected from Grade 9—11 students in spring at auditions.



Leah



Christyna



Michaela

Riley the Cat—by Leah Gunnarson, Christyna Caldwell & Machaela Tannas

When we first discovered Riley he was living on top of an old cardboard box in the Tannas yard, looking like he was needing some TLC. We tried to grab him, but he was too spooked and he ran. We waited for several hours, but there was no sign of him. Later the next evening Leah and Machaela heard him under the deck at the Tannas house. Leah bravely crawled under the spider infested deck, and cornered him, quickly grabbing him by his scruff, and putting him in the safety of a kennel. We all carried Riley down to Leah's home with the help of Machaela's sister. When we got to her house we kept him in the garage and gave him lots of food and water. Later on in the week we took him to the vet to get him fixed up. Riley is now living in Leah's house until we find a good home for him.

We are doing a **bake sale** to raise money to pay for Riley's continuing vet bills on **November 5th, 2016 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Hamiota Hall** in conjunction with the craft sale. **You are welcome to come!**



Riley enjoying his life at the Gunnarson's

**The Midwest Arts Council would like to thank the following HCI students who helped with the Hallowe'en Arts and Crafts Day on October 25: Michelle Bell, Ashley Morden, Ashlyn Kirk, Jacinta Doupe, Chantelle Chappell, Emily Lints, Savanna Lynn, Kyle Johns, and Yesenia Klassen. You did a great job!!!**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT HAMIOTA SCHOOLS

- October 28
  - Hamiota Elementary Halloween Parties
  - HES Hot Lunch, Macaroni & Cheese
  - Cornerstone Church will be going door-to-door to collect food for the local food bank
- October 28/29 - Hamiota Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament
- October 31
  - Costume Day at HCI—Start of HCI Spirit Week
  - Middle Years Afternoon Activities
- November 6 - Fowl Supper at HCI
- November 10 - Remembrance Day Program - HCI—10:30 a.m.
- November 11 - Remembrance Day (no classes)
- November 17 - Report Cards go home HCI
- November 18 - Report Cards go home HES
- November 21 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 24 - Hot Lunch at HES, Chicken Fingers/Salad
- November 24-26- JV Boys Volleyball Provincials at HCI