

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone for the new school year. I hope everyone had a great summer and is enjoying for the most part our really nice weather this fall. As usual, there are lots of things to share with you, so let's start by welcoming new staff. I would like to welcome Ms. Hammond and Ms. Lopes to our HCI staff. Ms. Hammond is teaching our high school ELA and is our new guidance teacher. Ms. Lopes is our new physical education teacher for the year. Welcome ladies. I would also like to welcome EA Bob Lints who has worked with us in the past but is now in a more permanent role. At HES I would like to welcome Ms. Armstrong to our grade 4 classroom and Mrs. Workman who is our new EA. Again welcome ladies.

In HES news, we have started the year with the biggest number of students I can remember with a 131 student total. This means sometimes some cramped space but we seem to be doing fine with it. The book fair was a great way to begin the year.. The Open House on Sept 25th was very successful and we tried something different this year with a come and go barbecue and a chance to pop in and talk to your child's teacher. We hope you enjoyed our new format.

In HCI news, we had a welcome back barbeque on the first Friday with free hot dogs for our students provided by student council. During that day the high school also went and watched the Outlaw football team in Shoal lake defeat Virden and then we did the ALS challenge at our school. I am very proud that both staffs were willing to take part in the challenge along with our student council. We have had a Band meeting and I encourage anyone interested in helping out with band to please let Mrs. Kirkland know. With PAC, we completed the high school play structure and basketball court and I can tell you the students are loving it. We have had numerous students out on the structure on our breaks. Lots of things as usual are going on with our athletic teams with golf complete, and soccer and volleyball in full swing. Park West's extracurricular policy is on our website under athletics.



I just want to mention a few things that have been either sent home or told to your son or daughter. We reminded our students at HCI of our cell phone policy at our opening assembly and we ask that students do not use their cell phones in school unless for educational purposes as directed by their teacher. We do allow students to use them outside and we allow some opportunities for games in the library. We have also outlined consequences with our students for this policy and please discuss with them what they are. If you have any questions about this policy give me a call.

Some new programs for the students include the grade 8 vocational program for foods and woods in Birtle, and our pilot project on 1-1 surfaces for all our grade 9 students. We have students in IITV this year and will have some go into Health care aide and construction in the second semester. We also have many grade 12's in the CTS programs.

I wish all our students a great start to their year and I hope that they make it a great one. I talked to the students about our school culture and how it is their responsibility to make sure this continues to be a great place to be. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 842-2803. Check out our twitter @hamiotaschools. Take care.

Sincerely, Jon Zilkey, Principal

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Kindergarten News

This year's group of 20 Kinder Kids are doing great adjusting to life as a school kid! Learning our daily routine, school rules, and making new friends occupies a lot of our time in September. Thanks to our Gr.5 peer mentors for all your help at recess and at lunchtime. Your happy smiles and extra kindness have helped us to feel very welcome in this new place. Our special E.A. is Mrs. Workman. She helps us in our classroom every morning. We appreciate the extra pair of hands! Thanks also to Jenna Stewart, a parent volunteer, who has been coming in to assist with math groups.



We begin each week with a graph-in. We are learning that graphs give us important information. We have graphed how many boys and girls there are in our class (13 girls and 7 boys)! How do we come to school each day? Most of us come by bus. How many letters are in your name? Our friends with the most letters in their names, have 8 letters, the

least number of letters in a name is 3.

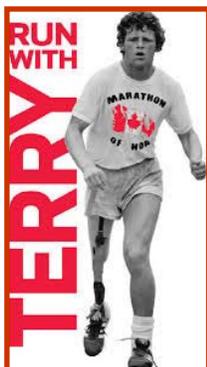


It's fascinating to learn our letters by travelling to Letterland. So far we have met Firefighter Fred (Ff) and Clever Cat (Cc). Of course we play games that help us to practice all the letter names and sounds too. Our new favourite game is



fishing where we use a fishing rod to catch fish with letters on them! Playdough work is an awesome and fun way to strengthen our fine motor skills. We build our names with playdough, and practice forming our letters and numbers. Remember

to always start your letters from the top!! Show and Tell is a very important part of our day. We have had baby kittens, tail-wagging dogs, favourite toys, rocks and nests. It's a great way for these kids to have opportunities to speak passionately about their loves and interests.....a life-long skill! We are looking forward to participating in our first Terry Fox Walk. To us, Terry Fox is a true hero. What's a hero? Someone who does their very best to make our world a better place. Come out and walk with us! Cross your fingers for a sunny day!



Grade 1 News

Welcome back everyone! It's hard to believe September is almost over already. It has been great getting to know this new group of kids. They are a great group with lots of enthusiasm and ideas.

We have been working hard at setting up routines and getting to know what is expected in grade 1. One big change from kindergarten is not having a bathroom in our classroom!! We are fortunate to have both Mrs. Dinelescu and Mrs. Workman in our room to help out with various items during the day. We love having them and all the help they give us.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!!! This was a fun video to watch to start the year! We sang along as we watched all the letters of the alphabet climb the coconut tree! We giggled as the letters became too heavy for the tree and all fell back down. Students created their own coconut tree, with the letters of their name climbing up the tree.



We are very excited to be part of the Roots of Empathy program this year. We are learning a variety of ways to recognize what people are feeling (ie: facial expressions, laughing, crying, etc.), and ways to help make people feel comfortable. Mrs. Allan comes to our class three times each month to implement this program. Once a month, we get some very special visitors with Mrs. Allan. Baby Dayton (not quite 5 months old),

and her mom Laura come to our class. We make predictions before she comes about things we think Baby Dayton can do now, or things she can't do yet. We had our first visit with Baby Dayton and her mom last week, and we all agree she is totally adorable!! We are really excited to see her next month and notice all the changes in her!!



In ELA we have started working each week with Words Their Way for spelling as well as our weekly sight words. Students practice both of these each day through various center activities. We have just begun guided reading groups and center activities, and students are really trying hard!

In math we are practicing recognizing numbers, before and after and ordering numbers from smallest to largest. We will be starting our math groups this week, where students can work on concepts that apply to their learning needs.

Home reading is going well and I really appreciate all the help from families in doing this each night.

There have been many exciting things happening including our Open House and BBQ. It was great to see so many of you on such a beautiful evening.

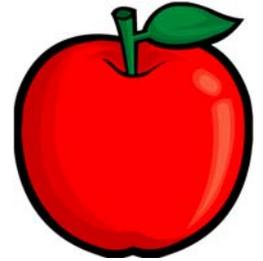


Grade 2 News

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful warm weather we have been having.

This year the grade 2 class has 13 students, seven girls and six boys. We are pleased to welcome a new student, Jesse McLennan to our class. Jesse comes to us from Winnipeg. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Dinulescu helping in our class for 45 minutes each day. We also welcome back our faithful volunteer, Mrs. Doupe.

Our first mini-theme has been on apples. We have been reading many stories and doing art activities related to apples. In language arts we have been getting back into our reading, writing and spelling programs. We have written a poem called *Introducing Me*, made a banner called *All About Me* and written a story about Johnny Appleseed. We have been sorting many words with the long "o" sounds.



In math we have been working on repeating patterns. We have been learning about the elements, core and attributes of different patterns. We have been playing math games to practise our doubles, friendly numbers and addition. We also completed an activity called *Math About Me!*



In science we have been learning about the different groups of animals and how they grow and change. We have made posters about mammals and fish. We watched videos to learn all about mammals, fish and insects. It has been very interesting to watch our mealworms and the changes they go through in their life cycle. We have observed the larva and pupa stages and were thrilled to see the adult beetles.

It was great to see so many out to the family BBQ and Open House. There were many enthusiastic students proudly showing off their new classroom.

Our Johnny Appleseed Day was September 26th, Johnny Appleseed's birthday. There were wonderful costumes and everyone enjoyed trying all the apple foods at our Apple Fest!

It's hard to believe that the first month of school has come and gone so quickly. We are looking forward to the Terry Fox Walk on October 3rd. With the arrival of October our thoughts naturally turn to the special days of Thanksgiving and Halloween. They will be here before we know it!

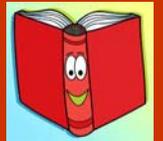


Grade 2 News

We are back in the same classroom with the same teacher, but we're in Grade 2. We are having lots of fun! Time flies when you're having fun and we can't believe September is almost done.

We are doing a lot of Math! In Grade 2 we are learning about odd and even numbers. We have been skip counting forwards and backwards by 25, 55 and 105.

Our class is working on reading, writing and word study. We are publishing our own books. You can see them on our blog <http://mrsobachsclass.blogspot.ca/> We are also writing paragraphs.



Grade 3 News

The year has started off quickly and the new crop of Grade 3's is settling into routines nicely! We have 15 eager faces coming through the doors each morning, along with one fantastic volunteer, Mrs. Skayman and one old teacher, Mrs. Dixon. We'd like to welcome our new student, Kylie Lodge to our classroom. Welcome aboard, Kylie!

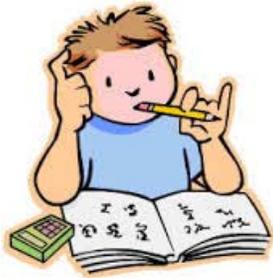


In L.A., we're busy learning the routines of independent reading, writing and working with words and language, as these are all part of our L.A. groups. This group are willing and able to get going!



In Math, we're working with place sense. We're learning brains in gear in the

value and general number that brain teasers really get our mornings...math is everywhere!

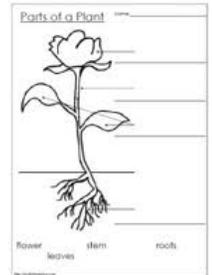


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We're looking forward to participating in the HES Terry Fox Walk on October 3rd, as well as planning a celebration for achieving our reading goal.

In Science, we're studying the parts of plants and their importance for plant growth. Some of us were surprised to find out that roots could grow on a piece of paper towel! Seed guesses have been fun to do, too! Check out our "leafy" characters if you're passing by our bulletin boards. There are some very cute creations!



Our class enjoyed the Open House BBQ this week and we're certainly enjoying this summer-like weather. What a great start to Fall!

Hamiota Elementary's 10th Annual Terry Fox Walk will take place on Friday, Oct.3rd at 10:45 a.m. Please feel free to join us or cheer us on as we walk by! Stay for a hot dog lunch. All donations will be passed along to the Terry Fox Foundation. It's such a worthy cause for all!

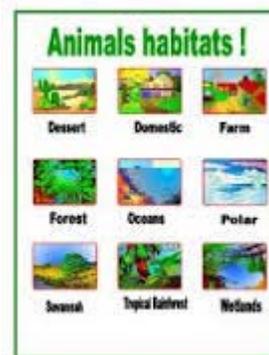


Grade 4A News

Welcome back to school! I am sure everyone had a great summer filled with many exciting events. Grade 4 sure looks a lot different this year with two classes but everyone is getting into the swing of things.

In Math, our first unit is all about whole numbers up to 10,000. We are practicing our skills daily through questions, hands on math activities, and reinforcing our knowledge with computer games.

We are alternating science and social studies units this year to make the best use of our time. Animal habitats make up our first unit. We started out by exploring what animals and plants need to survive. Our class learned that animals have adaptations to help them live in their habitat. Students researched to find a variety of adaptations. To enjoy the nice weather we took our learning outside to find out about the predator-prey relationship.



Friday afternoons are full of creativity as we do art. Our first project was learning how to draw faces. The before and after pictures were incredible! For the theme of fall we got a little bit messy and painted a fall scene with our fingers. The pictures turned out great.

Grade 4R News

Welcome back to another great year in Grade 4! What could be better than starting off the year with beautiful weather? I am so excited to be back and so looking forward to getting to know all the new Grade 4 students...all 30 of them!

To start off the class news, I want to welcome our new student Caden Needham, to our class! Caden was a student here at HES a few years ago and is back with us now! Welcome Caden!

We have been busy, busy these first few weeks in Grade 4 ELA. As usual, the students started off the year with the student newspaper, "All About Me!". The newspaper features a piece on an important event in the child's life, a paragraph about a special hero, and all kinds of interesting information about the students! Colourful pictures finish off the work. These were on display in our classroom the evening of Open House. We hope you were able to come and see what cool kids they are!



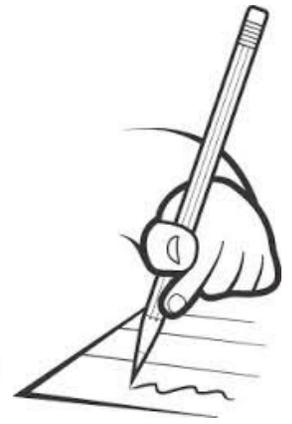
The students also completed a writing piece about their favorite part of themselves. Each student wrote a paragraph about their favorite part and why it is their favorite part of them. The writing is featured on our class writing wall!

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Grade 4R (continued)

Guided Reading is in full swing as well! The students are working on their very first book and have been extra enthusiastic in reading groups, which is EXCELLENT! We have been discussing the elements of a story; characters, setting, the problem, events, etc. The students are working on a variety of genres, including a rap, a script, non-fiction and fiction stories.

Handwriting is at the top of our "To Do" list also! You can expect your child to bring home a handwriting scribbler at least twice a week for the first few months. We will be focusing on the correct formation of cursive letters as well as connecting letters properly to their neighbours.



Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and look forward to a wonderful year!

Grade 5 News

Wow! It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of our first month. Everyone has certainly been working hard to get into the routine of a new school year!

In math we are working on a unit about whole numbers up to a million. The challenge we have is: Can we collect one million pop can tabs this year? The class is convinced we can, and have already started to bring some in.



In language arts we have been working on a "Me" unit and are presently writing paragraphs about ourselves. We have already listed things we love, things we are an authority on, and things we wonder about. We have also presented some of our prized possessions to the class and explained why we had chosen those items.

Simple Machines



Lever



Inclined Plane



Wedge



Pulley



Wheel and Axle



Screw

We are studying simple machines in science, and have discussed levers, wheels and axles, gears, and inclined planes. We are doing some hands-on activities to see how they make our lives easier!

In French this year, our play is called "Comment Y Aller?" (How do I get there?). We have already started to memorize the lines and will soon be working on the written component.

GRADE 6

	<u>The best thing about summer</u>	<u>What I like about being at Hamiota Collegiate</u>
Trey Breneman	I went to Washington.	I like the collegiate because we can do more stuff.
Hailey Chappell	My favourite part of the summer was going to Kimberly, BC.	My favourite thing about the high school is changing classes
Cole Clark	I did camping and fishing and I went to the states.	I like that you can choose if you want to go outside.
Colin Crampain	I went to Winnipeg.	You can bring your ipods.
Brady Dziver	My favourite thing I did this summer was going to Toronto with my grandma.	My favourite part of the collegiate is we have more privileges.
Zachi Espayos	The best thing I did this summer was I went to Clear Lake.	My favourite thing here in HCI is that we can play different sports.
Nash Gurr	The best trip I had was when I went to Winnipeg and went to Sky-Zone.	I like this school because there is more stuff to do.
Leighton Hardinge	This summer I went camping with My favourite uncle at Bear Trap Lake and did I have the time of my life!	
Rylan Kent	I did dirt biking all day almost every day.	I like the long lunch.
Mercedes Lake	My favourite thing I did over the summer was swimming & camping.	I like switching classes and the swing outside.
Telyna Lake	My favourite thing was seeing my Dad and I love him so much.	I like to bother my older siblings.
Shanna Lelond	In the summer I went to Circle Square Ranch camp. You get to ride horses, do archery, rock wall climb, swim and sleep in a covered wagon or teepee.	My favourite thing about this school is that there is more stuff to do at recess and stuff.
Charlotte Little	My favourite thing I did this summer was going skating in Virden or going to my cabin at Salt Lake.	My favourite thing about HCI is the fact you can do more stuff. We can do sports, we don't have to go outside, and we can do drama.
Mikayla Lodge	My favourite part of my summer was when I went camping with my Grandma and papa.	I like to play on the playground and switch classes.
Emma McConnell	I had a great summer! My favourite thing I did was with my cousins. We went to Banff and went on the Gondola and went hiking in the mountains. After that my family and I went to the tunnels in Moose Jaw. My favourite one was with Al Capone. It was awesome!	I really like HCI because you have different teachers and there are more activities you can do.
Rory McNabb	I was at the lake mostly biking, fishing and boating.	My favourite thing at this school is recess.
Tess McTavish	My favourite part of my summer was going to Camp Wannacumbac.	My favourite thing at the collegiate is all the opportunities to do sports and parties.
Kareena Sims	The best thing I did was go camping.	I like all the different sports

BIRTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS FALL SPEECH FESTIVAL



The speech arts portion of the festival will be held this year in Miniota from November 4-5, with the Final Concert on November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

This section of the festival includes classroom speech choirs, memorized solo, duet or small group poems, as well as poetry, prose or Bible readings.

Readers' Theatre, story-telling and public speaking are also part of this festival.

Entry deadline is Friday, October 3.

If you need application forms or more information please contact Karen Mathison at HCI and Nancy Smith at HES.

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA by Jacquelyn Hawkins

I spent the week of September 14th to the 20th in Ottawa at Encounters with Canada. What an amazing experience meeting many students my age from all across Canada.

The week started off with a tour of the Parliament Buildings where I had the opportunity to sit in on a question period where I listened to Stephen Harper. Showing respect, I went along with the group to the cemetery where all the soldiers who fought in the wars were buried. I participated in many activities such as yoga, African dancing, dragon boating, ultimate frisbee, a boot camp, a haunted walk of Ottawa, bus tours, listened to guest speakers and the junkyard symphony and had the chance to eat a beaver tail which is a delicious pastry. The week ended with a fun dance that lasted right up until we loaded up to board the plane. This was definitely a trip I will never forget and encourage many students to go on.



Jacquelyn (far right) with new friends in Ottawa

Varsity Golf



L-R: Sydney Murray, Caitlin McTavish, Destiny Allan, Eveline Juce



L-R: Jake Coulter, Brady Waddell, Riley Madsen, Quade Wood

On September 15 the Varsity golf teams headed to Russell to compete for the Zone championship and the right to attend provincials. The weather cooperated and the teams competed but didn't come out on top. The girls finished 2nd and the guys were 3rd. It was a great experience for the young teams. Thanks to Jason Mc Tavish for driving!



OUTLAWS FOOTBALL by Cody Hunter

The Park West Outlaws started the season better than they every have before. They won their first game against the Virden Golden Bears in from of the students from all over the school division. This was a big win against arch rivals. The next week the Southwest Sabres came to town. The Sabres have never been beaten by the Outlaws, but all that changed this year. The Outlaws came through with their second win of the season. This leads to the most recent week. They played the Moosomin Generals on Tuesday and the Swan Valley Tigers on Friday at home. Both of these were top teams in their divisions respectively. They fought tough, but couldn't come through with the win.



Cody Hunter



Gage Martinook

They will play in Ste. Rose against East Parkland on Septemer 26 and the following week they play their final home regular season game against the Moosomin Generals. Hamiota Collegiate is represented by Gage Martinook, Cody Pope, Jason Ritchie, Sebastian Tolton and Cody Hunter. The Outlaws are currently second in the South Division and are looking forward to an exciting second half of the season.



Fans for the September 5th game in Shoal Lake.



Varsity Boys Soccer

The 2014-15 Varsity Boys Soccer Team is made up of 18 young men from grades 9-12. This year's team is made up of 6 grade nine students, 1 from grade ten, 5 from grade eleven and 6 from grade twelve. The boys will compete in the Zone 10 league and with the hopes of advancing to a Provincial Championship in October.

Varsity Girls Soccer

The Varsity Girls Soccer Team has also begun their season. Following is their league schedule:

Thursday Sept 18 Girls vs Shoal Lake (in Shoal Lake) **(Girls Lost 5-0)**

Tuesday Sept 23 Girls and Boys vs Birtle (in Birtle)

Thursday Sept 25 Girls and Boys vs Strathclair (in Hamiota)

Tuesday Sept 30 Girls vs Virden (in Hamiota)

Thursday Oct 2 Semi-Finals

Tuesday Oct 7 Finals



Middle Years Volleyball

Middle Years Volleyball has once again gotten off to a great start at the Collegiate. We have 3 girls' teams and 2 boys' teams. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and the mini-tournaments will start in early October. We are very fortunate to have dedicated staff and community volunteers who put in many hours to keep the program going. This year we have Mrs. Facey, Mme Hodgson and Ms. Jacquelyn Hawkins coaching the girls and Mr. Crampain and Mr. Sheldon Gurr coaching the boys. Keep watching the sign and the newsletter for updates on the dates of the mini-tournaments.



School Garden Grows Produce for Local Food Bank



Last spring Mr. Obach's Grade 9 Social Studies class planted a garden to the south of the school. They grew a number of different vegetables with the aim to donate this produce to our local food bank.

Over the summer some of these students came to the school to weed the garden. This fall the students, now in Mr. Obach's Grade 10 Geography class harvested the vegetables from the garden and took them to the Food Bank.



Good job students!!!

Top: Will Chappell and Grady Routledge planting

Bottom: Vegetables from the garden



On Friday, September 5 members of the Student Council and Staff took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.



1-1 Project

With the help of Cargill who is sponsoring over 80% of this project, Hamiota Collegiate has purchased a Surface 2 for every grade 9 student to try a 1-1 project. The students get to take the Surfaces with them all the time including home time. We are going to examine the impact having this technology has on the student's learning by getting feedback at the end of the year to see the effects in all their classes.

The students are exploring all of the capabilities of their new tablets in Mr. Crampain's ICT 15F business class.

STUDENT COUNCIL HCI NEWS By: Sawyer Norrie

As the school year has begun, so has the work of the Student Council. This year we have:



Alex Lints President	Brooke Tolton Vice-President	Lane Routledge Secretary	Kaylee Daniel Treasurer	Cody Hunter Social Rep	Jacquelyn Hawkins Sports Rep	Jenny Harrison Canteen Rep
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Monika Abdel Mesih Yearbook Rep.	Sawyer Norrie Gr. 12 Room Rep	Randy Kirk Gr. 11 Room Rep	Emma Coulter Gr. 10 Room Rep	Ashlyn Kirk Gr. 9 Room Rep
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So far the Student Council has been handling beginning of the year tasks such as collecting fees and handing out jerseys.

The sports at HCI are now fully underway with both the Varsity Boys and

Girls soccer teams starting their seasons. The boys have a large lineup this year with 18 players on the team while the girls have a smaller team this year.

The Varsity Boys and Girls volleyball seasons have also begun with both teams attending tournaments. The middle years volleyball teams have also begun practicing with tournaments coming up soon. This year the Middle Years Student Council consists of 10 students:



Emily Usick President	Eve Routledge Vice President	Chantelle Chappell Social Rep	Sierra McTavish Sports Rep	Montana Jackson Secretary	Brady Lake Gr. 8 Rep	Phoenix Jackson Gr. 7 Rep	Emma McConnell Gr. 6 Rep	Tess McTavish Gr. 6 Rep	Hailey Chappell Gr. 6 Rep
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The band program at HCI is fully underway with the Grade 7's learning new instruments and the senior band learning new pieces. The Grade 8's will be attending band camp this year at Camp Wannakumbac from October 15-16.

The Grade 6's will also be participating in a new program this year called the Roots of Empathy program. This program allows the Grade 6 class to learn about infant development through a wonderful teacher, Mrs. Birch's baby Elle.

That's all for this month.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

The Grades Six and One classes at Hamiota Collegiate and Hamiota Elementary have been invited to participate in a program called Roots of Empathy (ROE). This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, baby Elle and her mother, Mrs. Becky Birch, will visit Ms. Lopes' Grade 6 classroom. Similarly, baby Dayton and Mrs. Laura Cowling will visit with Mrs. Nowosad and her students in Grade 1. Trained ROE instructors (Mrs. Huberdeau and Mrs. Allan, respectively) will gather the children in the classroom around a green blanket and together they watch the baby grow.

The children predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the 'developmental milestones' of the first year: "She can roll over!" "She got her first tooth!" "She can sit up!" "She can crawl!"

The ROE instructor also coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling: "Is the baby happy or sad?" "How can you tell?" And we use this discussion as a lever for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel: "Do you smile when you're happy?" "How can you tell if your friend is happy?" Being able to understand how other people are feeling is called *empathy*. The ROE instructor also visits the classroom before and after each Family Visit to prepare and reinforce the teachings using a specialized lesson plan for each visit.

For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children have been learning respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy Baby.

We're excited that we are offering Roots of Empathy in our schools, and we hope that you are, too. If you have any questions or would like more information, please let us know!



From the Top: Baby Elle, The Grade 6 Class, Baby Dayton, The Grade 1 Class

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