

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to the school year! We hope you had a great summer and are ready to get back at it. There are some new things and some of our usual things to talk about as we get our school year underway.

Our school goals for this year are assessment, school culture, and numeracy and literacy. Assessment means we are looking and reviewing how we are marking our students to make it the most relevant and accurate. School culture is self-explanatory. We feel at Hamiota Schools we have great schools with great students but we do feel we can be better and part of that is our culture at schools. We want our students to get the most out of our school academically but also socially developing those important skills they will need and we want to create an environment that is welcoming to all. Finally numeracy and literacy is specifically geared for our grade k-5. Our goal is to have 90% of our students at level for their grade. If you have any questions on these goals please don't hesitate to give me a call.



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At HES we welcome a new secretary Mrs. Gage, a new PE teacher Miss Lopes, and new educational assistant Mr. Klassen. Welcome to HES all of you! HES has had a great start and we hope everyone enjoyed the open house on September 23. We have had our book fair and soon our Terry Fox walk will also be in the books. Watch soon for our buddy bench that we will have installed this year.

HCI has had a great start also. I would like to welcome Mrs. Mitchell to our staff as our new French/Art teacher. Also welcome back to Mrs. Birch who was away on maternity leave. Our student council did a great job with the opening barbecue and represented themselves well at the stakeholder's meeting. The sports teams are already organized for middle years and high school sports and running. Band and Choir are underway and speaking musically our grade K-8's will watch the Westman Youth Choir in October at HES. We were lucky enough to have the lady Bobcats come do an intra-squad game for us on September 22 including two former HCI students Shayna Mathison and Keegan Robinson.

I ask that all parents if you have questions about your son's or daughter's schooling please encourage your child to ask and don't be afraid to contact your teacher or myself with any questions also. We will not be perfect this year, and will make mistakes, as will our students, but I do promise you folks that we will do our best for our students and your children. Until next time, take care.

Sincerely,
Jon Zilkey
Principal

KINDERGARTEN NEWS—MRS. MC NABB'S CLASS



Kindergarten is off to a "soaring" start! We are superheroes learning how to use our kindergarten superpowers. Superheroes use walking feet inside the school, hands for helping, hearts for caring and quiet voices in the classroom. A pompom is placed in our superhero jar when we use a superpower! When the jar is full, we earn a reward. Our first prize for filling the superhero jar was an extra long recess on a beautiful day. Now we are working as a team to fill up the jar for a second time.

Do you know Chester the Raccoon? On the first day of school we met Chester in his very popular book, "The Kissing Hand," by Audrey Penn. It's about a raccoon who has difficulty leaving his mother for his first day of school. This story led to an interesting discussion about our feelings on the first day of school. Some of us were happy or excited, while some of us felt nervous, sad, or scared. Chester had a surprise for us! He left his paw prints around our school, wanting us to search for different rooms in our school. Throughout this scavenger hunt, we met many new and friendly faces in our school. The best part was when we



found Chester's special treat....heart shaped cookies with pink icing! Yum!

We have 23 kids in our class this year. We are learning how to be "sorting detectives" and sorted our class in many ways. Our sorting rules were: sitting and standing kids, long hair and short hair, and boys and girls. We have 14 boys and 9 girls. Our class is also excited to welcome Mr. Nathan Penner to our school. Mr. Penner is an EA in kindergarten along with Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Workman, and Mrs. D. We love them all!

Thanks to all our moms, dads, and grandparents who came to visit us at our open house. The kids were very proud to show off their kindergarten classroom.....especially their favorite play centers. Our next big event will be the Terry Fox Walk on Oct. 2nd. We are inviting our families to come join us on this meaningful walk to help raise awareness and money for cancer. Terry Fox was an amazing and fearless superhero! He teaches us to never give up and to always have courage when we feel tired or are faced with a difficult challenge. Thanks for being a great superhero Terry Fox!



GRADE ONE NEWS—MRS. OBACH'S CLASS

Grade 1 News

All of the Grade 1
kids are learning
to be PAX leaders.
PAX is about
beING nice, KIND,
and hEPPY!

In math we are
LEARNING to MAKE
AND Translate
patterns. For Daily 5
we DO READING AND
WORD SMART!



GRADE TWO NEWS—MRS. GREGORY'S CLASS

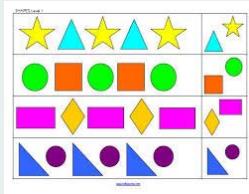
Welcome back to a new school year! The Grade 2's have done a great job settling in to new routines and getting back into the swing of school life once again.

This year the grade 2 class has 20 students. We are pleased to welcome two new students to our class, Alexis Sumner and Ethan Schellenberg. Alexis and Ethan live in Kenton and went to school in Virden last year. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Dinulescu helping in our class for much of the day. We also welcome back our faithful volunteer, Mrs. Doupe, who helps students in many different ways.



In language arts we have been getting back into our reading, writing and spelling programs. We have also been brushing up on our high frequency words. One of our first writing activities was a poem called Introducing Me.

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. We also completed an activity called Math About Me!



Our first science unit is about animals and how they grow and change. We watched a video and read about mammals. Then we were able to make a poster depicting the different characteristics mammals have.

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

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 2nd. 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 THREE NEWS—MRS. DIXON'S CLASS

Welcome back, everyone! We enjoyed a beautiful summer and are following it up with a great fall! Our class this year is made up of 15 eager students, one awesome volunteer, Mrs. Skayman, one great E.A., Mrs. Workman, and the teacher, Mrs. Dixon. It's going to be a fantastic year!



Our annual home reading program for this month is to read Terry Fox across Canada. We've

reached that goal at this point, and are now trying to read him back the other direction. We look forward to celebrating with the other Grade 3 class when the goals are reached!

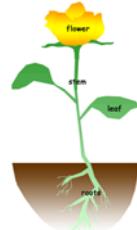
Both classes are working together to prepare a Terry Fox video to share with the school before we head out on the Terry Fox Walk on October 2nd. You might be hearing our voices on the video, as well as seeing our faces!

We are settling into our L.A. routines

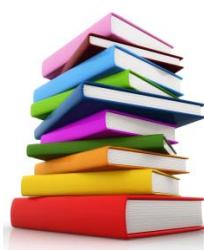
nicely and will soon be working in groups smoothly during our guided reading time. We are an independent bunch!

In Math, we're working with 2 and 3 digit numbers, as well as reviewing adding strategies for basic number facts. We've also started our weekly Math homework, and so it begins for the year!

We are learning about plant parts and their functions in Science and have had some interesting seed guesses. Lane Nykolation brought in a seed product that none of us could guess! (Mrs. Dixon included!) If you see Lane, ask him about DDG and what it stands for!



It was great to see such a super turnout at our Open House Barbeque! Thanks for your continued support of our school.



The year has started off quickly, and we know it will gain even more speed as the year unfolds!

GRADE THREE NEWS—MRS. NOWOSAD'S CLASS

Welcome back to another school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and were able to spend lots of time with your families. We are excited to have 15 students in our room. We welcome a new face to our school and classroom— Ella Verneist. We are really enjoying getting to know her.

We have been busy getting back into routines and settling down to work. We started the year off with some “Get to Know Me” surveys. It has been fun for me to learn about the likes and interests of my students.

We jumped right in and have written a couple stories so far. One was about our Best (something) Ever. Our second writing piece was to describe our Favourite Place. I was excited to share my favourite place as an example!



Our home reading program started off on the first day of school. We are doing a Terry Fox Challenge where we help Terry walk across Canada. For every minutes we read, he moves 2 km. We have to work together as a class to make this challenge happen. If we are suc-

cessful, we will join with Mrs. Dixon's grade 3 class to celebrate.

We have also been reading about Terry Fox as a class. We have decided he is a true Canadian hero.

In math we finished a small Mystery Math Unit. In this unit, some aliens had invaded a school. We needed to use our math sense to solve the clues to where they were hiding.

Great job solving the mystery! We will be working with numbers up to 1000 this year, and have begun various activities in this area. Soon we will begin working on Patterns as well.



GRADE 4 NEWS-MRS. ROUTLEDGE'S CLASS

Welcome back to a new school year, Grade 4 students and families! It has certainly been a lovely start to the year with this beautiful fall weather. The month of September has really gone by fast, and we have already been very busy in Grade 4.....getting into new routines, getting to know one another, establishing daily schedules, and diving right in to new and exciting Grade 4 jobs!

MILK....has never BEEN so exciting! The Grade 4 class is in charge of all milk sales here at HES. Each week, a new group of students is in charge of working the milk table for Grades 3-5 as well as delivering milk to the K-2 classes. This is an exciting job which requires your child to be independent and responsible. It is a great way for the students to build confidence while interacting with other grades at HES. So far we have had a great start!



MATH – We have started our first math unit...Whole Numbers to 10 000. The students are hard at work exploring 4 digit numbers...learning different ways of representing these numbers, comparing and ordering numbers, and sorting numbers. Soon we will be exploring addition/subtraction with 4 digit numbers and using a variety of mental math strategies to solve word problems!

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ELA – In ELA, we have been getting to know each other better using daily writing! We had fun designing our very own paper t-shirts with pictures and messages that tell about us...and then writing a paragraph to explain all of our words and symbols and why they are important to us! While writing our paragraphs, we learned all about what makes a good paragraph. Our “All About Me” Newspapers were fun to create and a HIT at Open House. They can be seen outside our classroom hanging on the wall.

S.S – Our first unit in Social Studies is The Geography of Canada. So far, we have leaned the cardinal directions, the names and locations of the world continents, and where Canada is in relation to the other continents. Soon, we will be exploring the regions of Canada and the provinces, territories, and capital cities.



Don't Forget...



HOME READING – Students should be bringing their home reading bag home every Monday. I would like the students to read each evening, Monday-Thursday, for at least 20mins, and then record in the agendas.

CNP's – Cross Number Puzzles come home every Monday and are due the last day of each week or on Fridays .

GRADE FIVE NEWS—MISS ARMSTRONG'S CLASS

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year with such nice fall weather! Once again we have settled down into our school day routines and are getting used to waking up early. We have started off the year in math learning about whole numbers all the way up to one million! It has been exciting to think about one million in different ways and how big of a number it is.



In ELA we have been working hard on an “All About Me” unit. We have been sharing items that are important to us and that show our interests. It was great to see all of the creative things that were brought in. Our latest accomplishment is a writing piece detailing our personal opinions on three difficult choices. To prepare for writing this piece we first had to choose one or the other on difficult list of items. For example, would you rather be the best player on a team that always loses or be the worst player on a team that always wins? There were some very difficult choices made!

This year we have started off with a social studies unit on the First Peoples. We are learning about the different theories of how people came to inhabit North America and what life was like for these first people. Our next unit will be a science unit on forces and simple machines.



GRADE FIVE NEWS—MRS. ROUTLEDGE'S CLASS

Welcome back, everyone! Another year has begun, and we've been very busy training each other! Mrs. Routledge is trying to train the class to do things the way she wants, and the class is busy training Mrs. Routledge to do the things they need! We've had a great start to the year, and are pleased to welcome another student to our class. His name is Kobe Schellenberg, and he moved to Kenton from Virden!



We have started LA this year with doing some writing activities about "Me", and we have also been working on the Typin's Cool program. In math we have been working with numbers up to a million, and are finding it hard to imagine something



that big! We have also begun the year with a science unit called "Simple Machines". So far we have worked with levers and inclined planes.

Although we don't have a formal home reading program, everyone is encouraged to read whenever they can and record it in their agendas. Parents are encouraged to initial these entries. Each book completed will earn a bead to put on their necklace!



We have also been training patrollers on the highway this month. We are going to try to have them off the highway after school before the buses leave the high school to avoid much of the traffic.

Important upcoming dates at Hamiota Elementary

Friday, October 2 - Terry Fox Walk 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 12 - Thanksgiving no classes

Monday, October 19 - Westman Youth Choir Concert - 2:00 p.m.

Friday, October 23 - no classes

Friday, October 30 - Hot Lunch

Halloween Party

Important upcoming dates at Hamiota Collegiate

Monday, Oct. 5, 5:15 p.m.-French Travel Club Parents Meeting

Wed & Thurs., Oct. 14 & 15—Grade 8 Band Camp at Camp Wannakumbac

Monday, October 19 - Westman Youth Choir Concert - 2:00 p.m.

(Middle Years Students will attend concert at HES)

Sunday, Nov. 1—Fowl Supper

Tuesday, Nov. 10—Remembrance Day Program at HCI (all students K-12)

shelfies

All the students in Mrs. Facey's Grade 7 & 8 classes took "Shelfies" this month, holding a shelf with some of their favourite books to encourage other students to try reading some of the books they enjoyed. The 'Shelfies' are posted in the main lobby and in the library. Pictured below left to right are Leighton Hardinge, Cale Murray, Annalisa Hume and Shanna Lelond.



NEW TEACHERS AT HES AND HCI!!



My name is Sarah Lopes and I am currently the physical education teacher at Hamiota Elementary. This is my second year teaching within the Hamiota community and I look forward to many more to come!

I have a strong passion for physical activity and living a healthy lifestyle. I was a multi-sport athlete in my high school career, basketball being my favourite, which eventually lead me to play with the Brandon University Bobcats for five years. Following those seasons, I became the assistant coach of the Lady Cats for three years.

My physical education philosophy is very simple: Be Safe, Be Nice, and Try Your Best! I strongly believe that all of my students have different skills, talents and capabilities. It is my mission to provide them with a wide variety of activities, games and knowledge to help promote lifelong healthy lifestyle practices. .

Come by the gym and say hello, my door is always open!

Sarah Lopes

Bonjour!

My name is Melissa Mitchell and I'm very excited to be a part of the HCI team! I have taken over from Mme Hodgson and am currently teaching French (grades 6-12), visual arts (grades 6-8) and career development (grade 10).

I grew up in St. Lazare, pursued my studies at Brandon University and have always taught French (as an additional language) or in French (as a first language). I really enjoy teaching French as you are able to see (and literally hear) the growth students that are making! I live south of Arrow River with my husband Mike and 11 year old daughter Kasey. My hobbies and passions include horseback riding, energy medicine, traveling and watching my daughter play hockey.

I'm really looking forward to working with the students, to help them enrich their French language skills and expand their creativity while getting to know and work with you, the parents. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing everyone a successful and exciting school year,

Melissa Mitchell



WESTMAN YOUTH CHOIR MAKES CONCERT STOP IN HAMIOTA

The Westman Youth Choir has a long history with Hamiota Students. Since the choir began in 1979, there have been only 5 years that there were no HCI students involved. This year the choir features three Hamiota students: Grade 12 students, Jaimie Rose and Bailey Wilson and Grade 10 student Jacinta Doupe.

We are very fortunate to have the choir stop for a school concert on Monday, October 19 when all students in the Elementary School and Hamiota Middle Years will be able to see this wonderful choir perform.

The choir is selected from students in Grade 10-12 through auditions in the spring of each year. Selected students then attend two intensive weekend rehearsal camps and then tour. This year's tour is from October 17 to 20. Thank you to music teacher Mrs. Karyn Penner for helping to organize this stop in Hamiota.



Jacinta Doupe



Jaimie Rose



Bailey Wilson

ART SUPPLIES NEEDED!!

DONATED ITEMS WANTED:

Below is a list of items that would benefit our grade 6-8 visual arts program. If these items happen to be collecting dust and they're no longer of value to you, we would gladly take them off of your hands. Please contact Mme Mitchell if pick-up is needed.

- old blenders for making paper
- wooden end tables, night stands, etc.
- jars and bottles
- magazines
- frames and screens
- flowers, jewelry, feathers, rocks, etc.
- any type of paint
- tin foil and Saran rolls
- anything that can be used as props or costumes (for improv)
- other "junk"



I would like to extend a BIG THANK-YOU to Judy Kirk, Marcie Lewis, Linda Mitchell and Rae-Ann Kryshewski for the items that you have donated!



Varsity Boys Soccer

The 2015-16 Varsity Boys Soccer Team is made up of 19 young men from grades 9-12. This year's team is made up of 3 grade nine students, 7 from grade ten, 4 from grade eleven and 5 from grade twelve. The boys will compete in the Zone 10 league and with the hopes of advancing to a Provincial Championship in October.



Back: Dale McTavish, Ryan Schweitzer, Will Chappell, Damon Bunn, Reece Breneman, Bobbi Hunter, Nick Hatfield, Sean Schweitzer, Holden Norrie, Ben Murray, Sebastian Tolton, Mr. Coulter (coach)

Middle: Grady Routledge, Mason Gurr, Brady Lake, William Norrie, Brendan Lawn, Joel Usick

Front: Gary Sheane

Varsity Girls Soccer

This year there were not enough girls to form a Varsity Soccer Team in Hamiota. Three HCI girls will be playing with Strathclair this year: Eveline Juce, Cassie Hunter and Joelle Little.

Middle Years Volleyball

This year there are 2 boys and 2 girls teams. Coaches are: Mrs. Facey and Mme Mitchell and the boys will be coached by Mr. Crampain and Mr. Sheldon Gurr. The teams have begun practicing and are looking forward to a great season of learning and improving their skills.



Varsity Girls Volleyball



The volleyball season is underway and the varsity girls volleyball team is looking to have another fun and successful year. The girls are competing in many tournaments throughout the season as well as league games and practices to round out the season. The varsity girls will host their home tournament on October 16th and 17th. The team includes: Emily Hunter, Ashley Jay, Destiny Allan, Hanna Tolton, Naomi Best, Caitlin McTavish, MacKenzie Sims, Sydney Murray, Kara Kent, Jessica Hunter and Carly Shamray.

Senior Golf

The varsity golf team travelled to Shoal Lake on Thursday Sept 17th. The weather was damp to start but turned for the better. When it was all said and done our boys placed third and our girls finished a very close 2nd with much deliberation. Congratulations golfers on an excellent showing. Thank you to Mr. Jason McTavish for travelling to Shoal Lake with the girls team.



Mr. Smith, Liam Caldwell, Randy Kirk,
Quade Wood, Dale McTavish



Ashley Jay, Sydney Murray, Mr. Smith,
Caitlin McTavish, Eveline Juce

Middle Years Golf



On Tuesday, Sept. 29, Mr. Obach accompanied students from Grade 7 & 8 to Shoal Lake for the Park West Tournament. It was a great day for golf and the students had fun and played well.

On Friday, Oct. 2 students from Grade 6 will travel to Miniota for the Grade 6 Tournament.

**FRENCH TRAVEL CLUB PARENT MEETING
MONDAY, OCT. 5—5:15 P.M.**



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS BY CASSIE HUNTER

The student council started the school year off right with a free back to school barbecue for the students at HCI. We are also starting hat days that will be on every last Friday of the month. Students bring a toonie and are able to wear their hat all day. As the last Friday in September was a PD day, the first hat day will be Friday, Oct. 2. Proceeds from each hat day will be donated to a different charity. This year there are 4 student council members going to be attending the Manitoba student leadership conference in Killarney on October 14 & 15. Larissa Clegg, Jaden Hemrica, Ashley Jay and Jaimie Rose will be attending. The student council is excited for another great and fun-filled year at HCI. The two largest fund-raisers for the council will be coming up shortly—the Magazine Campaign in October and the Fowl Supper on November 1.



Randy Kirk
President

Emily Hunter
Vice

Jaimie Rose
Secretary

Jaden Hemrica
Treasurer

Dale McTavish
Social Rep

Chelsea Lawn
Canteen Rep

Larissa Clegg
Yearbook Rep



Ashley Jay
Sports Rep

Cassie Hunter
Grade 12 Rep

Naomi Best
Gr. 11 Jr. VP

There will also be a Middle Years Leadership Group. This group will work with the Sr. Council on Spirit Weeks, assemblies, taking pictures, making the year end Middle Years Videos, the Middle Years Calendars and Intramural Points.

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8



Kate-Leigh
Heapy

Caleb
Rindlisbacher

Emerson
Zilkey



Emma
McConnell

Tess
McTavish



Dawson
Brooks

Emma
Dmyterko

Emily
Murray



Highway Cleanup will be on Friday, October 2. This will include the Student Council and the Grade 8 Class.

WELCOME BACK

BARBEQUE



SENIOR BOYS
SOCCER



BRANDON UNIVERSITY BOBCATS INTER-SQUAD GAME

