

Hamiota Schools Newsletter

Principal's Message

September
2016



Welcome to our first edition of the school newsletter for the 2016-2017 school year. The doors of Hamiota Elementary School and Hamiota Collegiate are once again open to exuberant and energetic students who are eager to grow and learn, with the guidance of our committed staff and you, the parents and guardians. We welcome new staff members to our school this year: Ms. Catherine Stebeleski (Grade 6), Ms. Erica Snyder (Senior Science and Math), and Mr. Ryan Coughlan (K-6 PE). Our greatest appreciation is extended to our custodians for doing a wonderful job in getting our building ready for our staff and students. With teacher preparations and summer cleaning we are ready for a very productive year ahead.

Again this year, school will begin at 8:30 am and end at 3:15 pm at the elementary. Please ensure that your child arrives no earlier than 8:30 am as that is the earliest time supervision will be in place in the morning. The schedule at Hamiota Collegiate is a new one, with the school moving to a five period day. The opening school bell will be 8:30 am, with classes beginning at 8:57 am. School dismisses at 3:13 pm at the collegiate.

As each school year begins, enrollment is completed and the number of students attending each school is calculated. There are 129 students registered at HES, while 146 have registered at HCI. The schools are once again offering a variety of diverse curricular options, but are also offering a number of different extracurricular

opportunities. The school year is not even a month old and we have already had a well-attended open house at the elementary school and hosted our first blood donor clinic. Soccer, volleyball and golf are underway for both the high school and middle years. The annual Terry Fox Walk is scheduled to take place on Friday September 30 at 11:00 am, with the elementary students being joined by students from the collegiate.

As always, we believe that communication between home and school is essential in order for parents to stay informed of their children's progress, as well as events and functions that are occurring at school. We hope that you will regularly visit the school websites and follow us on twitter. A monthly newsletter will be emailed or sent home on a regular basis as well. Please be sure to read this information as its purpose is to keep you informed and up-to-date.

We are sure to have a rewarding and enjoyable year ahead. We want school to be the best part of your child's day and a place where children feel happy and engaged, and where parents feel welcome and involved. I will be in classrooms and around the school, so please feel free to introduce yourself. I look forward to collaborating with this great community as we work together to make sure every student has a great year here at Hamiota Schools! Please call us at the school throughout the year with any questions, concerns or good news to share.

-Bruce Coulter

Principal

For More Information check out our websites:

HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE

www.hamiotacollegiate.ca

HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY

<http://www.hamiotacollegiate.ca/Elmsite/Elmsite2.html>

KINDERGARTEN NEWS by Mrs. McNabb

Kindergarten News

September is always an exciting month for our youngest, first time students. The newest group of kindergartens are adjusting very well to school life and learning their new school routine very quickly.

There are 18 very bright and eager kindergarten students this year - 9 girls and 9 boys.

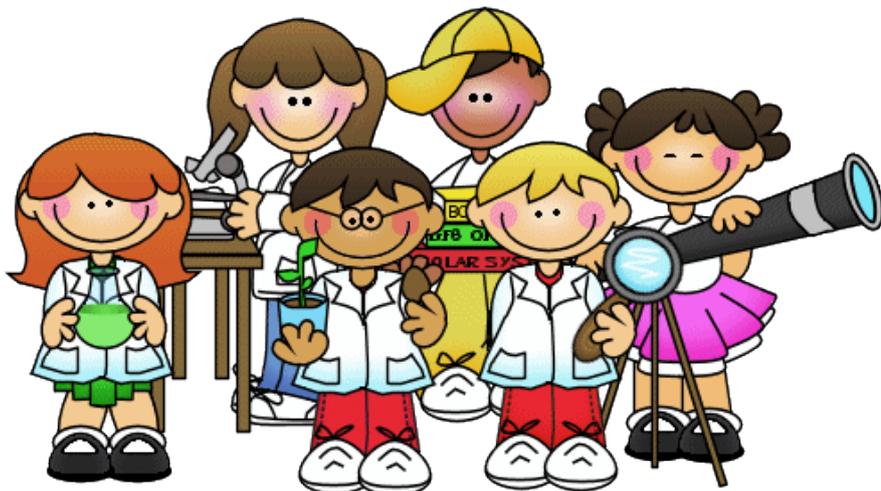
We are spending time getting to know each other and discovering what makes us special in our own unique ways....

Here are some things that make us special in kindergarten:

- My family loves me and I love my family
- I am kind
- I am good at making new friends
- I like to play soccer
- I like to play with my friends
- I am good at coloring and art
- I like to combine
- I am good at playing video games
- I like to help others

Learning how to share, follow directions, and to be kind and helpful friends are important characteristics that we will focus on as we begin our school journey.

Thank-you to all our staff and students for always taking the time to help our newest and youngest students feel welcome in our school.



Grade One News by Mrs. Obach

The grade 1s have been working hard and the days are flying by in grade 1! They are learning PAX, which is all about peace, productivity and happiness. We try to be great PAX Leaders and do lots of good things in our classroom and school. In math, we have focused on patterning. The grade 1s are learning to create, extend and translate patterns. In ELA, the grade 1s are working on developing stamina and independence for Daily 5 activities including reading to self, writing and word study. We are also reading lots of books together and we are working on writing our first book as a class! In Science, the grade 1s are exploring the five senses of hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting and feeling. You can stay up to date with what's going on in our classroom by following us on Twitter @mrsobachsclass and checking out the class blog mrsobachsclass.blogspot.com



The **Terry Fox Run** is an annual non-competitive charity event held in numerous regions around the world in commemoration of Canadian Cancer activist Terry Fox, and his Marathon of Hope and to raise money for cancer research.



The event was founded in 1981 by Isadore Sharp who contacted Terry in hospital by telegram and expressed his wishes to hold an annual run in Terry's name to raise funds for cancer research. Sharp himself had lost a son to cancer in 1979. The event is held every year in the fall. Since its inception, it has raised via the 'Terry Fox Foundation' close to \$500 million dollars. The run itself is informal which means that the distance often varies, usually between 5 and 15 kilometres; participation is considered to be more important than completing the set distance. There are also runs set up by schools of every level, often with shorter distances than the "official" ones. THE TERRY FOX RUN AT HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY BEGINS AT 11:A.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Grade Two News by Mrs. Gregory

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 very fortunate to have Mrs. Smith helping in our class this month for part of the morning. 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 sorted animals into six different groups. We read a book about mammals and made a poster depicting the different characteristics mammals have. We had fun drawing a frog that belongs to the amphibian group.

We are lucky to be participating in the Roots of Empathy Program instructed by Mrs. Huberdeau. This program focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reduced levels of bullying and aggression. It was very exciting to meet baby Lennox and her mom, Mrs. April Ashcroft who will be coming to see us each month. We can hardly wait for our next visit with Lennox!

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 September 30th. 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 by Mrs. Dixon

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We have 22 eager Grade 3 students, as well as Mrs. Dinelescu, Mrs. Skayman and Mrs. Dixon. We'd like to extend a hearty welcome to our newest Grade 3 team member, Hunter Hamilton!

We've started the year by building and writing "Me Foldables." These books told a little about our interests, our summers and other cool things about us. We enjoyed sharing them with our families during Open House. In L.A., we are learning how to work independently in small groups on reading and writing, in preparation for guided reading centres.

In Math, we're practicing our counting skills to 1000 and are discovering how Math is all about patterns...if we can work with small numbers, it's easy to work with large numbers! We're working on place value and other number sense concepts. Many of us in this class have commented that we love Math!

We're studying parts of plants and their jobs in Science. It's been fun to grow roots and watch celery stems change colour. More exciting experiments are on the way!



Our class has been reading Terry Fox across Canada, in preparation for the Terry Fox Walk this Friday, September 30th. We are excellent team members and it's impressive to see how everyone has been doing his/her part to reach our class goal. Bravo, Grade 3! We're looking forward to sharing our Terry Fox video with HES and HCI students prior to our walk!

Thanks to the many families who were able to attend our Open House BBQ. It's always a pleasure to visit with everyone.

We're looking forward to many fall activities within the classroom and the school. We're off to an awesome start!

Grade 4r Classroom News

September 27, 2016

Mrs. L. Routledge



Welcome Back!

It's been a busy start to the year in Grade 4R! The students are all settled in and rarin' to go!

We are trying to get back into the groove of having our agendas here every day, with our nightly home reading recorded and initialed by mom or dad. Our agendas will be very useful this year as we will include important notes as well as homework reminders when needed.

MATH - Our 1st unit is Whole Numbers to 10 000. We are representing large numbers in a

compare these numbers. We are engaged in small group, large group, and independent activities throughout the week in math.

S.S. - The Geography of Canada is our starting unit in social studies this term. We have been reading about the 6 regions in Canada and the characteristics that are specific to each region. We are excited about doing some mapping this week!

Spelling - Lesson 3 list words have come home in the agen-



Grade 4—Art

Meet the Grade 4R's - ELA Newspapers

In ELA, we began the year by introducing ourselves using the "All About Me— Newspapers". All of the important and interesting information about the Gr. 4R students is showcased in the news-

papers. You will learn who our heroes are, what our favorite foods are, our hopes and dreams, and one really important event that has happened in our lives.

The students included photos and illustrations, really showing off their creativity and artistic talents. This was a huge undertaking, requiring many classes of rough

OPEN HOUSE/CONTACT

Thank-you to all the parents and grandparents who visited our classroom at Open House! It was nice to meet everyone. Don't hesitate email or call me at school if you have any questions.

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REMINDERS:

CNP's—are due Friday of each week or the last school day of the week.

Spelling—Scribbler sentences and workbook lesson due Friday of each week or the last school day of the week.

Home Reading—Nightly from Mon-Thurs. At least 15-20 minutes of reading is highly beneficial to your child.

Grade Four News by Mrs. Nowasad

Welcome back students and parents! I am excited for another school year with lots of learning and fun.

We are excited that most of our new furniture has arrived for our Accentuated Learning Classroom. We have cool seating such as 4 new rocking chairs, 6 standing height chairs and a couple of hokki stools. We also have 3 new individual desks, 2 standing height desks and a touchdown station (teacher/small group station). We are still waiting for some table legs to convert two of our current tables into standing height. We also have a wiggle seat and therabands for the bottoms of some chairs. The students are really enjoying the different options and flexibility this environment offers.

In math we have been busy learning about place value working with larger numbers to 10 000. We are practicing reading and writing large numbers, writing in expanded form and identifying the value of digits etc. Students are enjoying playing games that let them build and read numbers to the hundred millions too! We have also started using "The Addition Station". This is an independent program which students work through at their own pace, practicing addition strategies – up to the 1000s. All students are really enjoying this so far.

In ELA, we have been working on developing more detailed sentences in our writing activity called, "The Long and the Short of it". Students have created posters of "Things I Can't Imagine Life Without". Very soon we will be starting a mini writing unit, "Literacy Through Photos". Students will have an opportunity to do a variety of writing using special photos from home, as well as photos they take at school.

In science we have just started our unit on Habitats and Communities.

I am looking forward to another busy but exciting year with my grade 4s! As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come see me or give me a call.



Upcoming Dates at HES:

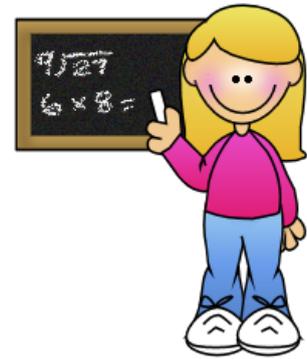
Sept 30 ~ Terry Fox walk at 11
Oct 10 ~ No School for Thanksgiving
Oct 21 ~ No School for Inservices
Oct 28 ~ Hot Lunch Macaroni & Cheese

Grade Five News

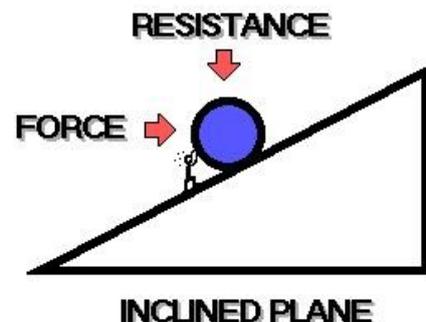
by Mrs. Routledge

Welcome back to another year! We have the first month almost wrapped up, and have begun to know each other's little quirks and habits.

We have been very busy getting started in all subject areas. In math we have been working on place value and a variety of estimating strategies. Our next unit will be multiplication, so it might be a good idea to start practicing those facts now! In the car, while doing the dishes, or pretty much anywhere you can squeeze a few facts in, would be greatly appreciated.



During our language arts time we have been working on the Typin' Time program and doing a bit of a "ME" unit. We have talked about the things we love, those things we are an expert on, and the best and worst times in our life. In science we have been working on a unit called Simple Machines, and have talked about and experimented with levers, inclined planes, wheels and axles and gears. We are enjoying the experiments, and are amazed at how much they can make our life easier!



It was nice to see everyone who was able to make it to the Open House. Feel free to also join us for the Terry Fox walk on Friday, September 30th. Happy Fall, everyone!

SENIOR GOLF



L-R: Jana McTavish, Destiny Allan, Sidney Murray, Caitlin McTavish



L-R: Coach Mr. Smith, Jamie Waddell, Quade Wood, Cole Allan, Coach Miss Snyder (missing Cale Murray)

The varsity golf teams travelled to Rossman Lake on Sept 14th. The weather was great for golfing. At the end of the day the boys team gained valuable experience and will challenge for a spot next year. The Girls team won the zones advancing to provincials in Winkler Sept 23rd. At Winkler the girls did an excellent job representing our school. They finished 6th out of seven teams. Great Job girls.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS BY MACKENZIE SIMS

Student Council has been very busy since the school year started. We began on the Tuesday before school started, with putting suckers in every locker with a little note wishing everyone a great school year! We also had a free back-to-school barbeque that consisted of 2 hotdogs, juice and an ice cream treat for all student and staff. Friday September 30th will be our first hat day of the school year, so pay \$2.00 and you get to wear your hat. All proceeds go to the Month of Dreams!

September 30th we will also be teaming up with the Elementary School and will do the Terry Fox Walk with them around town that morning. We are also getting prepared for the magazine campaign to begin soon. It has already been a busy couple of weeks at HCI and we are looking forward to what the rest of the school year has to offer!



The girls golf team tees off at the pep rally before provincials.



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season is in full swing. This year we have Middle Years Girls, Middle Years Boys, JV Girls, JV Boys and Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys teams. They JV and Varsity teams have already attended some tournaments.

Upcoming action:

September 30/October 1: JV Boys Home Tournament in Hamiota

September 30/October 1: Varsity Boys at Russell Tournament

October 6: Middle Years Boys and Girls Mini-Tournament in Hamiota



*Middle Years Girls practice
their skills*



SOCCER

The varsity boy's soccer team got the 2016-17 season underway with their first game against Birtle on September 27. The game ended in a 4-1 loss, but the boys showed improvement throughout the game. With only two teams in the zone, the season ends up being a very short one. The zone final is scheduled for October 4, with the winner scheduled to advance to provincials in Winkler, later in October. This year's team consists of 15 boys; 2 in grade 9, 3 in grade 10, 6 in grade 11, and 4 in grade 12.



There were not enough girls for a varsity team this year so Joelle Little is playing with Strathclair.

FOOTBALL

This year HCI has only one student playing with the Park West Outlaws—Grade 9 student Jamie Waddell. The Outlaws who have a number of rookie players this year have opened their season with 2 losses, but hope to improve as the season progresses.



NEW STAFF at Hamiota Schools

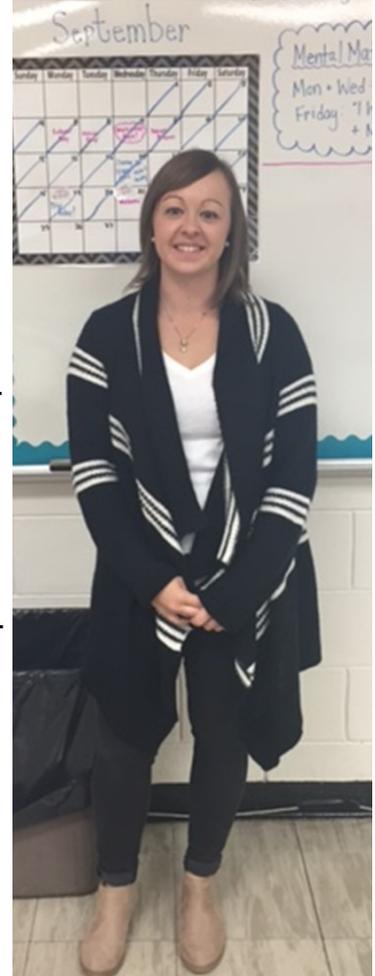
MISS SNYDER

Hello! My name is Erica Snyder and I am very excited to be taking over Mr. Coulter's teaching assignment at Hamiota Collegiate! I will be teaching Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Grades 10-12 Essentials Math.

I grew up in Melita where I took my K-12 schooling. After graduation, I moved to Winnipeg to attend the University of Manitoba. It was here that I found my love for Math and Science and completed my Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Biology and minoring in Math. At this point in time my parents decided to relocate from Melita to Brandon. I took this as the perfect opportunity to relocate as well. I completed my Bachelor of Education After Degree at Brandon University in the Senior Years program, graduating in May of 2016.

I currently live in Virden with my boyfriend, Foster. We enjoy golfing, curling, renovating our house (sometimes!), and spending time with friends and family.

I have really enjoyed my first month at Hamiota Collegiate. I am looking forward to continuing to work with students, staff, and parents at HCI and becoming more involved in all of the great activities HCI has to offer. It is a privilege to be involved with such a great community! Feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns...my door is always open!



HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE FOWL SUPPER

Sunday, Nov. 6th

Watch for your letter next week with details!



NEW STAFF at Hamiota Schools

MISS STEBELESKI

Hi. My name is Catherine Stebeleski I am one of the Grade Six homeroom teachers here at HCI. I teach Mathematics, ELA, and Art.

I grew up in Oakburn on a farm and graduated from Rossburn Collegiate. I went to University in Brandon where I took my Bachelor of Science with a Biology major and a Psychology and Mathematics minor. I then did my education degree at Brandon University.

I am also an Esthetician in Rossburn at GlamHair Studio with my sister on the weekends. I coached club soccer in Rossburn where I played soccer year round and still play on a women's league out of Brandon.

I look forward to everything this year has to offer and am very excited for this opportunity. Feel free to contact me at anytime!



MR. COUGHLAN

Hi, my name is Ryan Coughlan and I am the new Physical Education teacher at Hamiota Elementary School. I will be teaching the K to 5 Phys Ed program where I hope to bring in new and exciting activities and games.



I grew up living in Dauphin, Manitoba and graduated from the DRCS in 2011. After graduation I move on to Brandon University where I received a Bachelor of Physical Education Studies with a minor in Mathematics. I then went on to finish my Bachelor of Education at Brandon University. I am also still currently a part-time employee of Source for Sports in Brandon on the weekends. One of my passions outside of school is coaching. I have experience coaching hockey, baseball and football. I am currently helping coach the middle year's volleyball team and will be helping with the high-school baseball team.

I am looking forward to this new opportunity and I am excited to work in your community.

If you ever have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.