

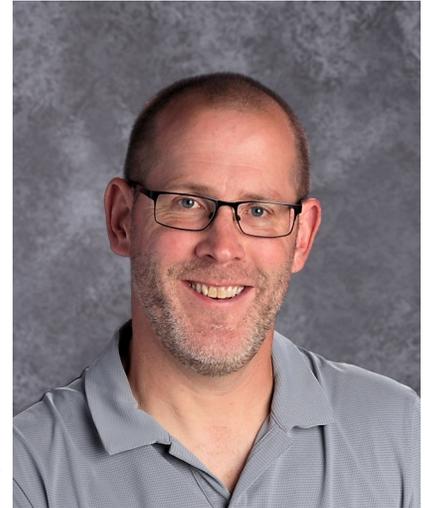
HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Park West School Division

September 2018

Principal's Message

Welcome back! Hamiota Schools are excited to get the 2018-19 school year going. After a beautiful summer everyone is ready for an exciting year. Our theme for the year is "COMMIT TO CHARACTER". Staff and students are going to make character development a focus this school year. We all recognize the importance of learning the three R's but we also recognize the importance of good character. Each month this school year we will be focussing on a new character trait and for the month of September that trait is *Caring*.



The hallways of both schools are very busy with HES student numbers sitting at 128 while we have 154 students registered at HCI. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and their families to Hamiota and to Hamiota Schools. I would also like to welcome our new staff members to our schools; Ms. Hayley Surovy (Kindergarten), Mr. Kevin Salmi (Band at HCI and music at HES), Ms. Jillian Hawkins (senior math), Mrs. JoAnn Drul (Educational Assistant), Ms. Shelley Kirk (Educational Assistant), and Ms. Michelle Susinski (Educational Assistant). My greatest appreciation is extended to Mr. Smith and Mr. Matiation for doing a wonderful job in getting our buildings ready for our staff and students. With teacher preparations and summer cleaning all out of the way, we are ready for a very productive year ahead.

A new school year often means some changes. If you visit our schools during the day from 9:00 to 3:30 pm you will notice that all exterior doors are locked with the exception of the front door. In order to add some security to our building the division has requested we lock exterior doors during the day. Parents and visitors visiting the school are also required to come to the front office and sign in upon entering the buildings.

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 a welcome back barbeque hosted by the student council at HCI. Volleyball, golf, and cross country are underway for both the high school and middle years. The annual Terry Fox Walk is taking place on Friday October 5 at 11:00 am, with the elementary students being joined by students from the collegiate. Please join us on the walk if you are able.

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. Many teachers have also started using an app called Class Dojo which has proven to be a very effective communication tool. Ask your child about it!

The 2018-19 school year is shaping up to be a terrific one. I look forward to collaborating with the community as we work together to make sure every student has a great year at Hamiota Schools! Please call us at the school throughout the year with any questions, concerns or good news to share.

-Bruce Coulter, Principal

Kindergarten News from Ms. Surovy

Wow...our first month of school has sure flown by quickly! It's hard to believe we are already almost into October. We have certainly been busy in our Kindergarten classroom. This year, we have 23 students in Kindergarten. We have been practicing our class routines and procedures, getting to know one another, and having lots of fun in the process! I wanted to thank all of the parents in our class for their support during our first month—I can already tell its going to be a great year!



This month we have started learning the letters of our alphabet. We will be learning about a new letter each week. Our focus will be on learning the sound that each letter makes and learning how to print each letter (focusing on uppercase letters). We have also been practicing our fine motor skills by using BINGO daubers, learning how to hold our scissors and our pencils, and sorting small objects using clothespins and our fingers.

In math, we have just started learning the procedures for our math centres. We have also had some fun in math learning about the calendar and by taking apart a sunflower and counting and sorting our rainbow seeds. In the coming weeks we will be focusing on counting, subitizing, and recognizing numerals.

This month we focused on caring in Kindergarten. We read “The Bad Seed” by Jory John and we have been working on treating our supplies, school, and each other with kindness. Next month, we will focus on understanding and demonstrating respect.



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

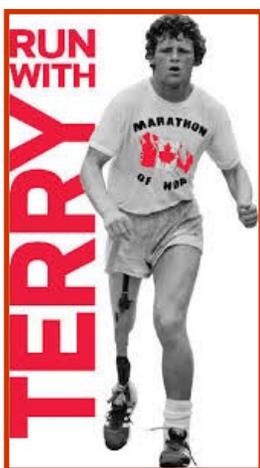
Birthdays:

- September 6—Sam
- September 7—Bryden
- October 15—Charlie Rye

Important Dates & Reminders:

- September 30—Orange Shirt Day
Please wear orange on October 1 in honour of Orange Shirt Day.
- October 5—Terry Fox Walk
- October 31—Halloween

Please continue communicating with me through our BEAR Books and our classroom on the Remind app and remember, as our weather turns colder, please make sure to send appropriate clothing for outdoor recesses.



Grade 1 News from Mrs. Nowosad

Welcome back! I am excited to be back to school with my new group of Grade 1's. I am lucky to have such a lively and fun group. We are starting to feel more settled in, getting used to new routines and activities. We are excited to have brand new desks in our room this year. These allow us to group students together easily, partner groups or individual seating (which many kids LOVE).

We are busy practicing to print our upper and lower case letters, sight words, spelling words and some simple sentences. I am super proud of how well this group is doing already. It has been fun to partner practice our words, build our words with letter tiles and even practice them on the iPads. We are working to fill our individual book boxes with good fit books for independent practice.



In Math, we have been working on recognizing numbers, representing numbers in different ways and have begun our unit on patterning. Building patterns with manipulatives all around the classroom has been a hit!

We are also working on learning about ourselves, and what makes us the same or different from our classmates, or people around us. It is great to be special and unique.

Our school theme for this month is Caring. We have read some books on kindness and created a class poster on different ways to be kind. We have had some great discussions on this topic as well.



Our class is excited to be part of the Roots of Empathy program this year. Mrs. Huberdeau from HCI implements this program with our students each month.



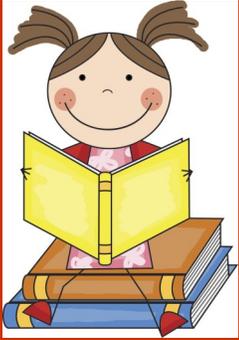
We are lucky to have

Mrs. Kaylie Whelpton and her daughter, Harlyn be with us this year. The kids already love the visits with Baby Harlyn and her mom!



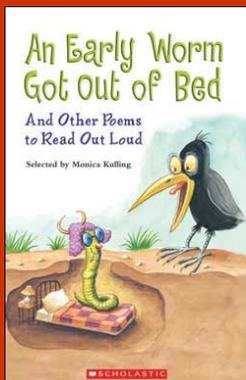
With this wet, mucky weather, please remember to send some extra clothes with your child in case they get wet at recess. I am a bit sad to say, they could use some mitts and toques for these chillier days as well.

Grade 2 News from Mrs. Gregory & Mrs. McNabb



We are off to a positive start in Grade 2! This year we have 19 eager and happy learners and 2 teachers! In the mornings, Mrs. Gregory teaches math and science. Every afternoon, Mrs. McNabb teaches ELA and social studies. We are fortunate to have some wonderful EAs too - Mrs. D, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Blair!

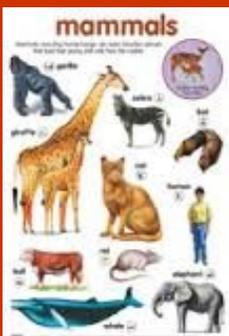
We are reading to self everyday, building up our reading stamina. When we read with stamina, we practice reading for an increasingly long period of time without getting tired or giving up. Along with our home reading, daily reading practice gives us opportunities to practice our reading strategies, practice reading fluently and adding expression to our reading voice. Thanks to our Gr. 2 parents for supporting our Home Reading at home. We all have busy evening schedules, so thanks for making your child's reading a priority! During shared reading, we read a poem called "An Early Worm Got Out of Bed," by Jack Prelutsky.



We have been learning about the writing process and published great pieces about "ME" to display at our open house. In social studies, we have been discussing caring and sharing rules that make our classroom and school environment a safe and happy place to be. As a class, we brainstormed rules that were the most important to us and then had fun acting them out in partners. The next step, is to create posters to remind others how cool it is to be kind! As part of our whole school character education initiative, we look forward to completing a kindness bingo as a class team!

In math, we have been working on repeating patterns. We have been learning about the elements, core, and attributes of different patterns. We have enjoyed drawing and extending patterns using 2 attributes. We have been brushing up on our addition and subtraction strategies and remembering how addition and subtraction are related by practicing fact families. Everyday we practice counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. We also completed a Math About Me Activity.

Our first science unit is about animals and how they grow and change. We sorted animal cards into six different groups. We read a book and watched a video about mammals and made a poster depicting the different characteristics mammals have. It is going to be a great year of fun and learning in Grade 2!



Grade 3 News from Mrs. Dixon

Welcome back to a busy, productive year! We're settling into the routines of Grade 3 and will continue to learn as we go! We are reading our way across Canada for Terry Fox; we've made it to Victoria, BC



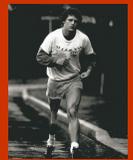
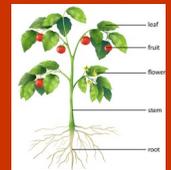
and are now turning Terry around and heading back east. This group is consistent in their nightly reading - well done, Grade 3s!

In Math, we are working with number sense in 2 and 3 digit numbers and we're discovering how Math is all about patterns - if you can work with small numbers, you can use the same strategies for larger ones!

In Science, we're learning about the important parts of the plant and we are enjoying completing experiments as well as guessing different kinds of seeds.

We've been researching and reading about Terry Fox and are looking forward to participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk with our high school friends, as well as community members - a great team building event for a worthy cause!

The first month is almost complete and the year will continue to breeze along as usual!



The Terry Fox Walk - October 5 - Hamiota Elementary School



Assembly 10:45—Elementary & High School Students Pair Up

Walk Begins at 11:00 a.m.—Hot Dog Barbeque to follow

Information has been sent home with Elementary Students.

All pledges and lunch donations will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation

Parents and community members are encouraged to join us!!!

Grade 4 News from Mrs. L. Routledge

Welcome back to a new year in Grade 4! Open House was a success and I enjoyed meeting the parents of my “Littles”. It was a busy night but I hope everyone was able to take a tour of our classroom as well as take in the student work displayed in our hallway. If you didn’t get a chance to see your child’s “All About Me!” newspaper, please don’t hesitate to stop in someday when picking up your child, to have a look.



The Grade 4’s have been hard at work reviewing the various ways we can represent large numbers. Our first unit this year focuses on numbers up to 10 000! Ask your child to show you the five ways we can represent numbers so far!

CNP’s - Just a reminder that CNP’s are handed out Monday of every week, and are due back in on Fridays!



We started off the year in Language Arts with a representing activity called, “All About Me” bags. The students brought home a small paper lunch bag and were asked to place four items in the bag that told a story about them. The students then shared their items with the class accompanied with a brief, but interesting explanation on why each item was chosen. How fun!

Our newspapers were A LOT of work and took some time, but they were worth it! The students completed written rough copies of various pieces of work and then edited with me for spelling, punctuation, capitals, and sentence structure. Our “handy dandy” word books will help us with spelling along the way this year.



In Art, we have completed beautiful tissue paper self-portraits as well as some unique fall trees. They are displayed in our hallway so come and have a peek!

Our first unit in social studies explores the geographic regions of our beautiful country, Canada. We are currently learning about each of the six regions of Canada.



Grade 5 News from Mrs. D. Routledge

Another exciting year has started in grade five! We have been busy getting to know each other as we welcome a new student, Xavier Salmi! Xavier has come to us from Benito, and we are certainly enjoying having him in our class. We also have students signing up for extracurricular activities like golf and a cross country run.

As far as the academics are concerned, we are presently working on a unit on whole numbers in math. We are trying to wrap our head around how big a million really is! We are also looking at ways to represent 6-digit numbers and how to estimate sums quickly and efficiently.



In language arts we are doing a "Me" unit as we get to know each other. We have talked about things we love, things we're expert at, and things we wonder about.

We have also begun a science unit on simple machines and are doing lots of hands on experiments with levers, inclined planes and so on.



It's been a busy start to the year, but things are going great!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

In 1973 six-year old Phyllis Webstad was gifted a brand new orange shirt from her grandmother and wore it to the residential (mission) school she attended in British Columbia. Upon her arrival, school officials removed and discarded the shirt and replaced it with a school uniform. This greatly impacted the mental and emotional well-being of Webstad and symbolized that "her feelings never mattered." September 30 was chosen as the date to commemorate all the children that attended residential schools as it was also the time of year that children had to leave their homes and communities to attend the schools. This annual campaign began in 2013 after Webstad shared this experience at a reunion with other survivors.



Staff and students will be wearing their orange shirts on Friday, Sept. 28 (Oct. 1 for Kindergarten) to acknowledge this injustice and the suffering it has caused.

Musical Musings from Mr. Salmi

Hi everyone! If you have not had a chance to read my introduction in the Band Notes, my name is Kevin Salmi and I am the new Music Teacher at HES. We have had a great start to the year and I have enjoyed the enthusiasm for music making from the students. I had the chance to meet our Kindergarteners for the first class the other day and I must say that they are quite the good little singers. The Grade Ones have been displaying exceptional behaviour in class and I am so proud of them for their respect. The Grade Two's have shown a great enthusiasm for making music and singing fun songs. The Grade Three's have been a delight to work with as they have shown that they can both follow the classroom expectations and have fun making music at the same time. The Grade Four's have demonstrated that they are enthusiastic about singing and about making music with their friends. And finally, the Grade Five's have shown that they are looking forward to the year ahead and to learning about different styles of music and different instruments. I am so happy I get to work with these young people every Friday and I can't wait to hear the wonderful music we are going to make together. Parents if you ever have questions about Music class or need to get a hold of me, please don't hesitate to email me at ksalmi@pwsd.ca.



Have a safe and warm October everyone!

Mr. Salmi

Student Council News from Brett Hemrica

This month Hamiota Collegiate welcomed back plenty of students and was introduced to a wealth of new sixth graders. To start the school year off the student council threw a back-to-school BBQ for the entire school. Also with the start of the school year came the beginning of this year's volleyball and golf seasons. We also welcomed some new teachers to our school: Mr. Salmi, Mrs. Allan, and Ms. Hawkins. The month of September passed by rather swiftly. Here's to hoping the rest of the year continues this trend.

Upcoming shortly are the Magazine Campaign, Fowl Supper, Manitoba Student Leadership Conference and School Clothing. Friday will be our first hat day fundraiser with proceeds going to Dream Factory. This is a charitable organization dedicated to fulfilling dreams for kids who are battling life-threatening illnesses. Bring a toonie and wear your hat all day!

Welcome back everyone!

*The Student Council
Back-to-School Barbeque
Crew*



Band Notes from Mr. Salmi

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer and is slowly easing back into the school routine. My name is Kevin Salmi and I am the new Band Director at HCI and Music Teacher at HES. My family and I have been living in Hamiota for nearly two months now and we are really enjoying the people and the community. Cheers to everyone for being so hospitable and welcoming as we made the move from up North.

We have had an extremely busy month in the band room getting acquainted with our instruments and with the people we will be making music with. The Grade 6's have now got an instrument in their hand and are starting to learn about maintenance of the instrument, posture, breathing, hand position, and, most excitingly, have started making some beginning sounds. Keep up the good work 6's and remember if you don't use it you lose it! The Grade 7's have also been getting reacquainted with their instruments and have been learning some specific warm-up techniques as well as learning a few fun tunes they can play on their instrument. The Grade 8's have also been making good progress learning about the expectations in class and starting on some of the music they are going to play at their first concert.

In the Senior High we have been having regular Jazz Band rehearsals at lunch and have talked about the different styles of jazz and have started on learning our first blues tune together "Watermelon Man". So far the students have learned about the melody and have decided on a form we are going to use to keep the music grooving. I look forward to working on soloing with the students and to start learning a few more pieces in different styles. In the Senior Concert Band we have begun work on learning all of the notes on our instrument so that we can be able to recognize any unique fingerings in the written music. We have also been working hard on learning a version of O Canada which, hopefully, we will record and will be the school's version that is played in the morning. We have also been looking at a couple of pieces of music in preparation for our first concert.

Speaking of concerts, we are going to be holding three concerts this year and the first one is only two months away on November 27. Make sure you save the date. I also wanted to mention that all the other dates, and other information about the bands, is available on the HCI Band Blog at www.hciband.blogspot.com. The bands also have a twitter account at Hamiota_Band where you can keep updated on upcoming events in the band world.

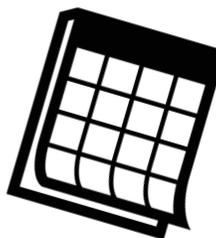
A final few reminders for parents that rental agreement forms will be going home with your child soon and if you could please return them as soon as possible. Also the first fundraiser, through San Vito coffee house, will be going out soon. Please try and sell, sell, sell, as we are raising money for upcoming trips as well as trying to get some new instruments. Every little bit helps! For those of you reading this who are not involved in band please see any band student, or myself, to order coffee or tea for the cool nights ahead.

I hope everyone has a great start to the fall and stays warm with family and friends.

Mr. Salmi

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct 2 ~ Highway Cleanup (HCI)
- Oct 3 ~ MY Cross Country
- Oct 5 ~ Terry Fox Walk @ 11:00 a.m.
- Oct 8 ~ NO Classes ~ Thanksgiving
- Oct 12 ~ Terry Fox Pledges Due
- Oct 15 ~ PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. HCI Library
- Oct 19 ~ NO Classes ~ PD
- Oct 31 ~ Halloween Parties



BIRTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS FALL SPEECH FESTIVAL

The speech arts portion of the festival will be held this year in Hamiota Nov. 6 & 7 with the Final Conert on Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamiota United Church.



CHARACTER DAY—SEPTEMBER 26

Commit to Character



As noted in Mr. Coulter’s report, Character Development is a focus at Hamiota Schools this year. September 26 was set aside as Character Day.

Elementary Student held a Kindness Scavenger Hunt. At Hamiota Collegiate, a video was made, with each student sharing the name of a person they admire and why.

OUTLAWS FOOTBALL

This year Hamiota Collegiate have two students playing with the Park West Outlaws Football team, Jamie Waddell and Layne Norrie, both in Grade 11. The team has had a rough start to the season with 3 losses, but is improving in each game.

The remainder of the schedule is:

| | <u>Home Games</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Away Games</u> |
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| Sept. 28 | Dauphin | 5:00 p.m. | |
| Oct. 4 | | 4:30 p.m. | Neepawa |
| Oct. 12 | Moosomin | 4:30 p.m. | |
| Oct. 18 | Swan Valley | 4:00 p.m. | |



Layne Norrie



Jamie Waddell

Varsity Golf



L-R: Brendan Lawn, Rylan Kent, Liam Caldwell, Brady Dziver, Coach Mr. Cory Smith

The Varsity boys team had tryouts on Sept 6th and 10th. After it was over the team was comprised of Liam Caldwell, Brady Dziver, Rylan Kent and Brendan Lawn. Unfortunately we had no girls team this year. The boys travelled to Clear Lake golf course on Sept 13th for the Zone 10 Final. It was a great day for golf. At the end of the round it was Russell advancing to the provincials in Hecla.



Great Job gentlemen!



V O L L E Y B A L L

Volleyball is in full swing at HCI. The Senior teams have been travelling to tournaments and the Middle Years teams (3 girls and 3 boys teams) have been practicing. The Senior Volleyball League has not been finalized yet.

Upcoming Senior Tournaments:

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| Sept. 28/29 | JV Girls | Viriden |
| | Varsity Boys | Roblin |
| Sept. 29 | Varsity Girls | Glenboro |
| Oct. 5 | Varsity Girls | Russell |
| Oct. 10 | JV Girls | Erickson |
| Oct. 12/13 | Varsity Girls | Hamiota |
| | Varsity Boys | Elton |
| Oct. 20 | JV Girls | Neepawa |
| Oct. 27 | JV Girls | Hamiota |
| Nov. 2/3 | JV Girls | Roblin |
| | Varsity Boys | Neelin |
| | JV Boys | Roblin |
| Nov. 9/10 | JV Boys | Hamiota |

Middle Years Mini-Tournaments:

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| Oct. 4 | Hamiota | All 3 girls teams |
| | | **All 3 boys teams |
| Oct. 9 | Strathclair | Grade 6 girls |
| | | 2 boys teams |
| Oct. 16 | Birtle | Grade 7 & 8 girls |
| | | All 3 boys teams |
| Oct. 25 | Miniota | Grade 6 girls |
| | | 1 boys team |
| Nov. 1 | Hamiota | All 3 girls teams |
| | | All 3 boys teams |
| Nov. 8 | Shoal Like | 2 boys teams |
| | | no girls teams |

**** Middle years Boys team members have not been finalized.**