

Hamiota Schools Newsletter



Principal's Message for May 2017

As the month of May comes to an end it is hard to believe we are moving into the final month of the school year. So many good things have happened over the course of the year and May was no different. May is known for many things and in the world of education in Park West, it is month of planning. On May 9 the staff of both schools were joined by representatives of the Education Stakeholders Committee, the Parent Advisory Council, the Student Council, the Park West School Division Board of Trustees and Villages United Early Learning Center for an evening of reflection and planning. We spent some time reviewing last years' school plan and looked toward the future. I truly appreciate the input and feedback from all involved. The staff continued planning on Friday May 12 and we have a jump start on the 2017-18 school year.

Some highlights from our schools this past month include Varsity Badminton provincials where 8 of our athletes participated and did very well. Congratulations to Destiny Allan and Sydney Murray for placing fourth in the province. The grade 11 class spent two days training and receiving certification in First Aid and CPR. Middle years' soccer has been at the forefront of sports this month and both the boys and girl's teams have done very well. The Park West School Division hosted a career fair on May 11 which was attended by our grade 9 – 11 students. In the afternoon, the students saw an excellent presentation from Rob Nash, who engages young people through the power of music and storytelling to inspire hope and encourage positive life choices. Both varsity ball teams, the boy's baseball and the girl's fast pitch teams had successful seasons, unfortunately losing out in the zone final. Friday, May 19 was an extremely busy day at Hamiota Elementary. Soccer teams from Shoal Lake and Miniota joined teams from HES to participate in a soccer jamboree. The weather and the competition were fantastic. Three students from HCI participated in the Manitoba High School Business Case Competition in Brandon on May 18 and 19 and they all did very well, putting their learning into action. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grade 8 class, the student council and a number of staff members who worked with the local Lions Club to do some highway clean-up. Our community certainly benefits from such helpful young people. Finally, I would also like to thank the Hamiota Walk for Hope Committee for organizing and running a successful Bake Sale and BBQ that raised over \$800 to be put towards our Hamiota's Walk for Hope.

Looking ahead to June we are quite possibly entering our busiest time of the year. Before you know it Hamiota Collegiate will be saying good bye to its 2017 Graduating Class on June 28. The Grade 6-11 awards will take place on June 27 and the HES Farewell Assembly takes place on June 29. June 15 is the annual sports banquet at HCI and this year's guest speaker is HCI alumni, Sheena Blanchard (Hamilton). The sports banquet is open to community members and we encourage all to attend (contact the school to purchase tickets). What a great way to show support for our students. Don't forget about the Walk for Hope Fund-raiser we are organizing for June 9 at HCI. We would love to have as many teams as possible participate in this event. A reminder that all funds raised will stay in our community to help support the cancer care unit at our local hospital.

Sincerely,
Bruce Coulter
Principal

**Please see page 18 for important
upcoming dates at Hamiota Schools.**

Kindergarten News from Mrs. McNabb & Mrs. Allan

The Kindergarten Class celebrated **100** days! May 10 marked the **100th** school day for the kinder students and they celebrated by doing various “**100**” activities which included:

- writing **100** words
- doing **100** exercises
- writing about what they would/wouldn't want **100** of
- singing **100** Day songs
- writing the missing numbers to **100**
- counting by 10's to **100**
- painting **100** gumballs
- creating patterns/designs with **100** pattern blocks and cubes



May has been very busy as our class hosted a visit with the 2017 Fall

Kinders, along with Jen, Nan, Martha and MacKenzie. Everyone was treated to a story read by Mrs. McNabb and then the children were paired up to tour all of the different

learning, play and creative areas in the classroom. An ice-cream treat was enjoyed by all and the fun visit ended with recess time with the entire school! Thank you for the visit “new kinders”!

The class is looking forward to attending Mini-University at BU on June 8, Fun Day on June 16 and The Farewell Assembly on June 29.

Grade One News from Mrs. Obach

The grade 1 class has been reading and writing procedural texts. We have read instructions for caring for a hamster, making ice cream, making a little raft, planting seeds and adopting kittens. Here is our shared writing.

How to do your morning jobs

1. Set out your planner.

2. Set out your chair.

3. Get your pencil case out.

4. Write your words in your planner.

5. Make sure you have your out door shoes on.

6. Go outside.

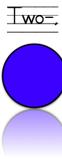
Grade Two News from Mrs. Gregory

May has been another busy month in the grade 2 classroom. We have worked hard and completed many of our Little House centers. We have done some research comparing what life was like long ago compared to today. After reading some books to obtain information, we chose three topics and wrote information on each. We compiled our stories into a flap book. We also learned what our community looked like over a hundred years ago by watching a power point called "A Stroll Down Main Street." We were amazed at how many business our town had over a hundred years ago. It was also interesting to see that some of the buildings that were built over a hundred years ago are still standing and being used today. We will conclude our study on the past by having a pioneer day on June 1st.



In spelling we have completed our words of the week. We continue to learn some of the lower case letters in hand writing.

In math we have been working on a unit on geometry. We have learned about 2 and 3-D objects and have been discovering how many edges, vertices and faces some objects have. Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers up to 100 is another skill we have been practicing.



Three-Dimensional Shapes



Our Roots of Empathy theme this month was "Who Am I?" When Lennox came to visit, we were thrilled to see how well she was walking on her own. We are looking forward to our last visit with her in June.



Everyone had a great time at the soccer jamboree. We would like to thank Mr. Coughlan for all his work in organizing the day.

With only one month left in the school year, we are looking forward to Fun Day and our annual Field Trip.

Grade Three News from Mrs. Dixon

Time is rolling along! May has been another busy month with a variety of events and learning opportunities! We've been doing a number of writing projects which include character descriptions, concrete poems and writing biographies about our senior buddies. Our home reading program this month is called, "Home Run Reading." We are working as a class to score a home run around the classroom. So far, we've scored one homer and we are well on our way to scoring a second one. Well done, Grade 3!



In Math, we are learning how multiplication and division are closely related. It's interesting to see how many ways we can find "equal groups" in our classroom and in our daily lives. Another Math project we are trying for the first time actually relates to a story we read in L.A. The story told how a group of Grade 3 students decided to use their math skills to help beautify a park in their community. So...we have decided to use our math and counting skills to help a local project – the Hamiota Aquatic Centre! We are continuing with the PENNIES FOR THE POOL initiative! If you have any pennies or spare change you'd like to donate, we'll gladly accept, count, and donate to the ongoing pool liner/pool supplies projects! Look for posters around town explaining the details. We're excited to see just how much money can be raised!



We had our last Lilac visit and what a great time was had by all. We participated in the annual balloon launch and enjoyed the picture presentation of the entire year. This year seemed to be especially busy and active, as we were a group of visitors. Some great conversations were had and many connections were made. Thanks so much to Veronica Menzies, Jan Skayman, Maria Dineslecsu, parents and grandparent helpers – the program wouldn't happen without you! Already looking forward to next year!



We've completed our trip to India in Social Studies and will now be awaiting a flight to another country soon. In the meantime, we are getting our hands dirty by learning about different soils in our environment in Science. It's interesting to look closely at what makes up various soils we use.



Our class enjoyed the Soccer Jamboree recently. There was some great competition and the Hamiota 4 team lost a closely fought battle in the finals against Shoal Lake 1. The game went into overtime and an amazing Shoal Lake goal capped the win! Thanks to Mr. Coughlan for his many hours of work in organizing this fun event for us!

One more month and this year will be in the books. Enjoy the last leg, everyone!

Grade Four N News from Mrs. Nowosad

We decided to do something a little different this time. I decided to ask them a fun question and here are their responses!

“If you could be principal for the day, what are the first three things (not including having no school) you would do?”

Sarah: I would have electronics all day long. There would be no homework. I would bring a giant trampoline, put it on the roof and only I would be able to jump on it!

Charlie: I would make full day recess. Your class would be pulled out of recess for an hour of gym. We would be able to have nerf guns for nerf wars.

Tara: If I was principal we would have a whole day with no math. I could make the recess time longer. I would make it so the students had no spelling tests.

Alexis: If I was principal we would have one full day of gym. We would also have a candy party. Students would play board games all day.

Camryn: We would have art class instead of doing math. Each recess would be an hour long. There would be no homework for the whole day, even if you don't finish your work in class.

Connor: If I was the principal I would let the kids bring their own phones. Each student could have free wifi for their phones too. I would give the students the password so they can download games to their phones.

Wyat: I would make recess longer, 20 minutes longer. I would get new soccer nets for the playground. We would get a basketball court outside in the playground. If I was principal I would get new sand toys, like dump trucks.

Kylynn: If I was a principal for a day I would let students bring their electronics. The students would have to wear school uniforms, but not the teachers. I would put vending machines in each hallway, filled with chocolate, granola bars, goldfish, welches and chips.

Landon: If I was the principal for the day I would let people play with their electronic devices at recess time. Maybe I could make recesses longer, like half an hour. I would get better soccer nets for playing soccer on the playground.

Carter: I would make another soccer jamboree event. There would be no French class for the whole day. We would have a water balloon fight, teachers against students.

Hailen: If I were the principal I would go to the pool for half the day, with the students. For the other half we would have recess. After lunch we would go for ice cream at Mc Andrew's.

Seth: Well, I would let kids have bubble gum in the school. There would be a lot of bubbles going on. I would say no math for the whole day. There would be free coke for all the students and the teachers.

Drayson: I would let the students have free time all day long. I would also allow nerf guns to have nerf gun wars. It would be nice to build a mini golf course and a hockey rink in the playground.

Grade Four R News from Mrs. Routledge

Could it really be the end of May already? Hard to believe! The days are flying by and we have been busy working toward completing our year end units and assessments. The weather has been great and the kids have been enjoying the warm, sunny, days outside.

The Grade 4's participated in the soccer jamboree on Friday, May 19th and a fun day was had by all. Teams from Miniota and Shoal Lake came down and participated as well and it was a great experience for the students to play games with students from other communities. A BIG THANK-YOU to our Phys. Ed teacher, Mr. Coughlan, for organizing this fun-filled event.



In ELA, we are participating in Book Clubs. Our theme is “earth rescue” and focuses on the conservation and protection of our earth. Students are reading daily in their clubs. Our next Book Club theme is going to be “Kids Can Do It” which focuses on kids coming together to be good community citizens.

Fractions and decimals continue to be our focus in math. We are still reviewing our multiplication facts weekly.

Fraction ↔ Decimal		
Fraction	Conversion	Decimal
$\frac{1}{8}$	$1 \div 8$	0.125
Decimal	Conversion	Fraction
0.4	$\frac{4}{10} = \frac{4 \div 2}{10 \div 2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$

Reminders: Weekly CNP's will be completed at school until the end of June.

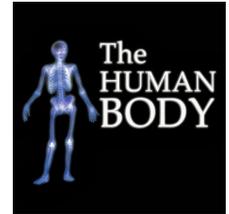
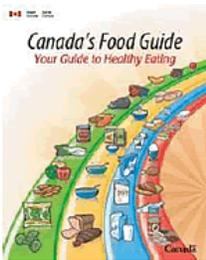
Grade Five News from Mrs. D. Routledge

It's hard to believe we're coming into our final month of school; and if it's anything like other years, it's going to fly by in a whirlwind!



rhombus

We have been busy with geometry in math, and some of us are finding the vocabulary difficult to get sorted out...rhombus, square, quadrilateral, trapezoid, perpendicular, parallel...!! In language arts we are working on a novel called Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, and as always continue to work on our writing. We are studying the human body in science, and have had Mrs. Lawn come in and speak to us about the changes that will be happening in our body. Thank you Mrs. Lawn! We've also looked at Canada's Food Guide and talked about nutrients and the digestive system! That was interesting!



Besides the school "stuff", there are lots of extra events coming up; from a field trip to track to a peer mentor wind-up and our orientation to the high school. Hopefully parents still have a copy of the note outlining each of these events!

Enjoy the final weeks everyone!



To **Hamiota Feedlot** for supplying the food for our hot lunch bbq on May 26. All the proceeds made are going to be donated to the Hamiota Pool Liner Fund.



News from the Business Classes

HCI Business Students Go On An Adventure!

This year we had 3 grade 10 students step out of the box for an adventure into the business world. Taylor Good, Chantelle Chappell, and Emily Usick attended the first ever Manitoba High School case competition. We travelled to Brandon University, complete with staying in the dorms, for a night. We attended a banquet at ACC, Culinary Arts, where the student felt the food was awesome.

What is a Case Competition?

A case competition is an event where teams of three receive a case study (a scenario or specific set of circumstances) that is to be completed in a limited period of time. Teams must identify the most prominent issues presented in the case study and develop a customized strategy to solve these issues and achieve the stated goals. Winning teams must work together in the most efficient way to present a cohesive recommendation that includes creativity, specific detail, and technical background knowledge. At the end of the time period, competitors present their recommendation to a board of accomplished judges. Competitors are judged on their ability to identify the key issues, present creative solutions, and communicate effectively.

Case competitions were initially created for business students at the graduate and undergraduate levels, but have recently exploded onto the high school scene.

It is important to remember that while case competitions have a formal competitive element, there is so much more to the overall experience for both students and teachers. Students are able to network with like-minded business-centric peers, and business educators will find no more valuable form of professional development. When industry, educators from all levels, and the bright young leaders of tomorrow get together to expand their business knowledge – the future is the real winner!

Check out some quick highlight videos from past high school case competitions at <https://mhsc.ca/what-is-a-case-competition>.



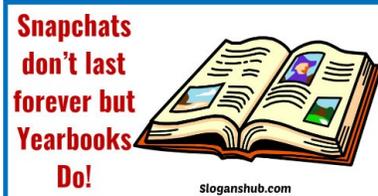
L-R: Taylor, Emily, Chantelle

2016-2017 YEARBOOKS ON SALE

Thurs., June 1 in the Lobby

\$35.00 (\$37.00 Personalized)

(some 2015-16 yearbooks available)



News from the Business Classes

Senior Visits

In past number of years, the technology savvy students from Mr. Crampain's grade 10 business class have been teaching the seniors about technology. Every Wednesday for the months of May and June the students have assisted the seniors with topics such as facebook, email, windows 10, pictures or even general tablet or computers to list a few. The students would like to remind everyone to not accept help with computers over the phone, many of these calls are fraud situations. Microsoft does not call people to tell them they have a trouble with your computer.

As shown below is a few students working with the seniors to assist in a variety of ways. (top: Mr. Hugh Rogers with Brooke Schellenberg, Karen Toth, Daisy Martinez and Yesenia Klassen; bottom: Mrs. Ethel Armstrong with Kassidy Heapy and Sheena Johnson)



Grade 10s - Start Your Own Business Class

The last half of the semester is under way with the grade 10 class beginning their business in Start Your Own Business class. The excited eager beavers in this class have been working hard to plan their business in order to get them off the ground. The business groups start by learning the theory to a business including finance, marketing and other business background. Now what better way to learn the full value of running your own business than going into business for yourself, with the assistance of the Junior Achievement organization of Canada? The Start Your Own Business class will now be taking the rest of this semester to run one of the four businesses contained within our class, good luck businesses!

Kaleido-Soap

Our group - Karen Toth, Daisy Martinez, Yesenia Klassen, Leah Wilson, Tamara Fleury, and Brooke Schellenberg – have decided to create soaps and body scrubs. We decided to do this because we want to bring non-toxic and homemade hygienic products to our community at affordable prices. Our soaps will come in a variety of scents and textures including, but not limited to: jelly soaps, vanilla, tropical mango, flowers, and cinnamon. Our top priority is our customers and that our products will be safe for them to use. Once we liquidate our company, we hope to have made enough profit in order to donate some to the Hamiota Cancer Care Unit to aid the fight against skin cancer.

Fro-Yo To Go

Our Start Your Business has decided to create frozen yogurt. Our group consists of Emily Usick, Sheena Johnson, Chantelle Chappell, Taylor Good and Kassidy Heapy. Our frozen yogurt flavours are Berry Blast, Pina Colada, Raspberry and Cherry Berry. We will be selling the frozen yogurt on June 5th, 7th and 9th at lunch and the cost will be \$5.

News from the Business Classes

Grade 10s - Start Your Own Business Class (continued)

Oddies Inc.

Oddities Inc. strives to provide the humble worker with quality service with physical labor and a wide market and variety of services to provide. How wide you ask? Wider than any other local physical labor service available in the region. And what does this mean to you? It means we offer more services than any other imitating businesses. It means we work for you, not for the man. Our top researchers here at Oddities Inc. can confirm that our business is bound to succeed and satisfy the needs of any and every potential customer. Our top employees consist of: Brady "Danbam" Daniel, Reece "Rikki" Breneman, Hayden "Hadeen" Campaign, and Brett "Hightower" Hemrica. We are each investing \$30 into our company. We have not yet invested any money to date, that stage will come soon in the process. As stated before, we expect our business to be financially successful in our endeavors.

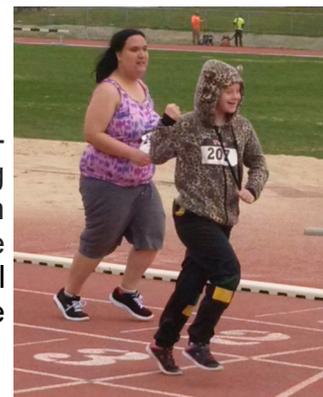
A Fine Shine Washing Company

Our business is named A Fine Shine Washing Company. We are a business that offers washing services for anything and everything. We clean exteriors and interiors of cars, trucks, tractors, machinery and windows. We will offer better services for better prices than our competitors. We pride ourselves in customer relationships and customer service. We made our service different by adding in farm equipment to help out local farmers as much as possible. We did some research and we realized that farmers aren't getting their tractors and machinery cleaned very often, so we decided that we would offer that in our business. We will drive out to farms to wash your machinery. The members that we have in our company are: Brody Robinson, Brady Lake, Liam Caldwell, and Brendan Lawn. We have a good window washer in Brady, and Brody, Liam and Brendan are all farmers, so they know what should be washed and what shouldn't be washed on the farm. We hope that you will support A Fine Shine Washing Company by buying our service.

HCI Sports

Mikayla Grabowski Excels at Regional Competition

Grade 9 student, Mikayla Grabowski recently took part in a Regional Special Olympic event. Mikayla did extremely well finishing 1st in her 100m and 200m events, 3rd in the shot put and 4th in standing long jump. After all the results from Regional events are calculated, athletes will be selected to attend the 2017 Special Olympics Manitoba Provincial Summer Games to be held on June 16 to 18 in Brandon. Good Luck Mikayla!



HCI Sports

Middle Years Soccer by Miss Stebeleski



Back: Coach Miss Stebeleski, Ella Gurr, Juliana Martinez, Reanna Gage, Riley McTavish, Tess McTavish, Charlotte Little, Jade Crampton

Front: Rudy Bond, Trinity Lints, Cydney Boryskavich, McKenna Laberge, Je Anne Villela, Telyna Lake

Missing: Mikaela Devers



Back: Coach Miss Stebeleski, Logan McTavish, Rhylen DeBin, Caleb Rindlisbacher, Nash Gurr, Ryan Donohoe, Rylan Gage, John Lelond

Front: Jacob Clark, Isaac Boivin, Colt Brooks, Will McConnell, Cole Gunnarson, Sylas Elk

This Soccer season was a great success for the Hamiota Middle Years Students. Catherine Stebeleski coached both the boys and girl's teams. Everyone had a great season and went to the Finals in Rosburn. The girls lost in the B side finals and the boys won in the B side finals. I had so much fun coaching both teams and seeing all the fabulous soccer skills. We hope to wrap up the soccer season with a soccer wind up in the near future. I look forward to seeing all the students progress in soccer and keep up the awesome sport.

Senior Badminton

The Badminton season wrapped up for the season at the beginning of the month. At Zones in Hamiota on April 28th we had 8 athletes earn the right to attend provincials in Brandon May 5th and 6th. Jessica Hunter, Mason Gurr as well as Carly Shamray and Brayden Heapy advanced in mixed. While Destiny Allan, Sydney Murray and Daisy Martinez and Cassidy Heapy advanced in girls doubles. The athletes all played hard in Brandon but at the end of the day only Sydney and Destiny advanced to playoffs with a perfect 7-0 record in the round robin. The girls continued their winning ways on Saturday morning winning their first two matches putting them into the Semis. They were in tough, playing a strong Fort Richmond team. The girls competed well but fell to the eventual champions leaving them to play for the bronze. The girls played well but lost a close match in two sets and finished the provincials in fourth place. They should be very proud for their excellent showing.



Sydney



Mason



Kassidy



Carly



Destiny



Jessica



Daisy



Brayden

Thanks to all athletes who worked hard to improve their skills this year and to the parents who dedicated their time to drive athletes to tournaments. - Mr. Smith and Mr. Coulter

HCI SPORTS

Baseball

The Hamiota Collegiate varsity boy's baseball team started team practices the week following Spring Break. With the cooperation of the sports complex we used the hockey ice surface and the high school gymnasium to practice when the rain and cold weather prevalent outside. We played our first exhibition game against Souris on April 30th; please see below for our season record. Our team consisted of 15 players from Grade 9 to 12s.



Back: Cole Rutchka, Brody Robinson, James Maddess, Noah Geekie, Brayden Heapy, Ryden Lanouette, Layne Norrie, Ben Murray, Austin Tataryn, Mr. Crampain (Coach)

Front: Cole Allan, Alexander Maddess, Hayden Crampain, Kristi Morris, Cale Murray, Jamie Waddell, Owen Murray

Missing: Coaches Chris Obach and Ryan Coughlan

Brayden Heapy and James Maddess (Grade 12) were our grade 12 players this season. Ben Murray, Noah Geekie (Strathclair), Kristi Morris (Strathclair), Ryden Lanouette (Shoal Lake), were our grade 11 players. Hayden Crampain, Brody Robinson, Cole Rutchka (Shoal Lake), Austin Tataryn were our grade 10 players. Cole Allan, Cale Murray, Jamie Waddell, Layne Norrie, Owen Murray (Shoal Lake), and Alexander Maddess (Shoal Lake) round out our roster with grade 9 players.

League Schedule

Date	Opponent	Score	Record
April 30	Souris	10-0	1-0
April 30	Birtle	22-8	2-0
May 4	Major Pratt	12-2	2-1
May 7	Vincent Massey	9-0	3-1
May 7	Neelin	11-5	4-1
May 9	Crocus Plains	19-4	5-1
May 10	Dauphin	5-4	6-1

Zone Playoffs

May 13	Birtle	8-7	6-2
May 13	Major Pratt	13-5	6-3

League Playoffs

We placed 2th in our league division, which gave us entry in the final four tournaments on June 7th in Brandon. We managed to edge out a 5-4 victory in our last high school league game this season.

Wild Card Playoff

The team will play a wild-card game in Glenboro against Garden Valley (Winkler) on Monday, May 29 at 5:00 p.m. If they defeat Winkler they will go on to provincials.

This season we have 2 graduating players, Brayden Heapy and James Maddess. We wish these players good luck in their future endeavours and hope they remain ball players. We hope to see all other players return next year for another season of baseball!

HCI Sports

Fastball

The HCI fastball team had another successful season this year. Our team was composed of students from HCI along with one student from Shoal Lake School. We competed in 3 mini-tournaments playing games against Birtle and Russell. We finished the regular season with 3 wins, 3 losses, and many great laughs! This put us in second place which meant we were to face Russell in the Zone 10 final. Despite coming up short to Russell we still had many things to be proud of – including a triple play!!



Back (L-R): Erica Snyder (Coach), Charlene Allan (Manager), Jana McTavish, Kara Kent, Emma Coulter, Caitlin McTavish, Ashlyn Kirk, Jason McTavish (Coach). Front (L-R): Emma Dmteryko, Dolalea McKay (Shoal Lake), Carly Shamray, Destiny Allan, MacKenzie Sims. Missing: Sydney Murray, Chantelle Chappell

Congratulations on a great season girls – your coaches are proud of you!

HCI Annual Sports Banquet
June 15/17
 Guest Speaker:
 Sheena Blanchard

 Roast Beef Dinner
 Adults: \$15.00
 Under 18: \$5.00
 Deadline to order: June 5

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Come and celebrate the achievements of our HCI athletes!

HCI Annual Sports Banquet

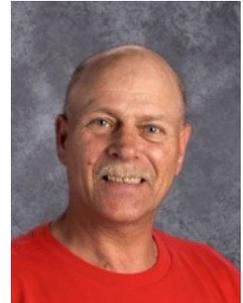
Again this year HCI will be honouring all the students who took part in High School Sports at the Annual Sports Banquet on June 15th. There will be a full course roast beef dinner. All athletes are invited to attend free of charge. This year's guest speaker will be Sheena Blanchard. Sheena, an HCI alumnus, is the daughter of Ryan and Lorna Hamilton. While at HCI she played basketball and volleyball and was a member of a variety of club, regional, and provincial teams. She then went on to play volleyball at Valley City State University while completing a degree in both Psychology and Music. She then continued her education in Minot to become a School Psychologist. Sheena has recently moved back to Hamiota with her husband, Brodie, and two daughters. **Please get your tickets by calling the school at 204-842-2803 by June 5.**

Respect for All by the Grade 8 Class

Mrs. Louise Langevin visited the grade 8 language arts class several times to teach the students how to write a feature article for a magazine. The students wanted to write an article about Mr. Matiation to show how much they appreciate him. The students worked on writing strong leads, putting in quotes and organizing their ideas into paragraphs. Each student wrote their own article about Mr. Matiation. Then Mrs. Facey took bits and pieces of the student's work to create a final piece. Here is the final product.

A school custodian seems to always be overlooked in books, movies and television shows. But, at Hamiota Collegiate Institute the students, staff and parents have discovered there is more than meets the eye with their custodian.

Four years ago, an individual named Mr. Brad Matiation joined the HCI staff and throughout these years he has become a positive role model for all the people he meets.



Brad's personality welcomes everyone who enters the school.

Students and staff can always hear him humming a tune cheerfully while he sweeps up and down the halls, wipes off tables, vacuums carpets, and even when he is taking out the trash.

People also notice Brad's friendly and caring attitude when they have a conversation with him.

"He always asks us about our lives and what we did on the weekend," comments Kareena a grade eight student at HCI.

"You can honestly just laugh with him," adds Telyna, another student from grade 8. "He is always so genuine and happy; it is a contagious attitude. He listens to you, giving input and never judging. He just brightens up my mood. He is always asking about how our day is going and cracking jokes or telling stories. It is a real joy for him to be in our school."

When it comes to events happening in our school, Mr. Matiation can be seen preparing the school, making the guests in the building feel welcome, cheering on and supporting the teams, all while continuing to keep the school looking top-notch.

"This year our school hosted JV Boys Volleyball Provincials and Varsity Girls Basketball Provincials. Brad was there to wax and sweep the floor. He spoke to the teams and asked where they were from and he kept updated on how they were making out with their games, and he even extended his kindness to the guests and parents, who were watching by making sure everything was going well," comments Hailey Chappell, a grade eight sports fan.

"Brady Dziver, a grade eight student at HCI, also explains, "Mr. Matiation can be seen cheering us (middle years sports teams) on and this makes us feel supported."

Respect for All (continued)

“Mr. Matiation’s connection with the students goes beyond just supporting them,” explains Mrs. Facey, a teacher at HCI. “He also teaches them life lessons about treating everyone kindly; not judging others, and taking time to truly listen to what others have to say. If I had to use one phrase to tie it all together, I would say our cheerful custodian is teaching the students to have respect for all things, which includes not only people, but property too.”

Emma McConnell of the grade 8 class says, “We weren’t always the neatest class,” referring to the state of their classroom after lunch, “however, our class really pulled up our socks when we started to recognize the mutual respect needed. If Mr. Matiation was treating us with such great respect, then what were we doing in return?”

One day in language arts class the grade eight students discussed the idea of writing an article about this wonderful person who means so much to them. They wanted to let him know how much they appreciate him, but the students soon realized that they know very little about the person who knew them so well. Aside from know his personality and his strong work ethic, the student learned that they needed a way to find out more. It was time to do some investigating!

Mr. Matiation was born on November 7 in Shoal Lake, Manitoba. He has an older brother and a younger sister.

Brad has always been one to keep busy. In fact, he dislikes just sitting around. “He is a jack-of-all-trades,” his wife Cindy shares. He has built houses, cottages and camps at Rainy Lake, Ontario, worked at Pinewood Sports and Marina doing maintenance in Fort Frances, ON, and now in addition to his custodial job, he does odd jobs in Shoal Lake and enjoys working on his house in the country. He also likes working on cars and when not working takes time to enjoy a curling game or two.

Brad did not plan to become a custodian, but when he was offered the job, he took the opportunity. The staff and students are glad he did.

Mr. Matiation makes Hamiota Collegiate a brighter place with more than just floor wax. The students appreciate his sense of humour and cheerful personality and the feeling is mutual. When Cindy was asked about what her husband’s favourite part of his job is, there was no doubt in her mind. “The kids!”

Charlotte Little from grade eight explains it best, “Mr. Matiation is not just our custodian. He is a friend and someone to look up to. I couldn’t imagine our school without him.”

Mrs. Facey agrees with Charlotte and adds, “The staff appreciates everything Brad does – the difficult task of keeping the building clean, the extra help with odd jobs, the kind smile and caring words, but especially the daily reminder to respect all.”

Thanks Mr. Matiation!

Hamiota Walk For Hope

When: Friday June 9th, 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.

Who This is for: Everyone!

Where: Hamiota Collegiate

What is it: A condensed Relay for Life

Why: To raise money for the Hamiota Hospital (Cancer Unit)

Cost: \$5 registration fee (includes a healthy snack during the walk)

Additional Information:

- Registration Forms can be found on the HCI website www.hamiotacollegiate.ca or at the HCI office
- Register a team of up to 8 people and take turns walking throughout the 6 hours
- Entertainment throughout the walk (local singers, a bouncy castle, games and much more!)
- Snacks will be for sale during the walk

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the committee at: 1-204-842-2803

We hope you will join us as we "Finish the Fight"

Please register your teams and pay

\$5.00 fee by Thursday, June 1!!!!!!!

Luminaries

Luminaries are tags that can be purchased before our Hamiota Walk For Hope, or on the day of the walk. Your luminary tag will provide inspiration for participants as they walk around the track. Luminary forms can be found online at www.hamiotacollegiate.ca or you can pick up a form at the HCI office. We invite you to participate in our event by purchasing a luminary tag.

What are luminaries for?

Luminaries are meant to be purchased to honor a fighter, survivor or in memory of a loved one.

How much does a luminary cost?

Each luminary costs \$5

Example:

 Hamiota Walk For Hope	Honoring a Fighter...
Insert Message Here:	

 Hamiota Walk For Hope	Honoring a Survivor...
Insert Message Here:	

 Hamiota Walk For Hope	In Memory of...
Insert Message Here:	

Spring Band Concert

The Spring Band Concert was held on Thursday, May 25 featuring the Grade 6, 7, 8, and Senior Bands as well as the Jazz Band. There was a great crowd and the bands put on a great performance.

Students also said good bye to Miss Chelsey Novakowski who has accepted a full-time position in Stonewall for the next school year. We will miss her!



HCI Student Council News by Holden Norrie

With only a few more weeks left until school finishes, the student council has been hard at work planning spirit weeks, and a couple upcoming fun days for the students of HCI. A “breakfast” hot lunch is planned for next Friday at a cost of \$6.00. Orders must be in by Wednesday, May 30th. As well, a “Lip Sync Battle” has been organized for the students at noon to participate in. Students can enter either as a group or individual to compete against others. A pep rally was held for the varsity badminton team sending Mason Gurr, Jessica Hunter, Brayden Heapy, Carly Shamray, Destiny Allan, Sydney Murray, Cassidy Heapy, and Daisy Martinez to Brandon to compete in badminton provincials. Ending off the month of May highway cleanup took place with Mr. Hamilton from the Hamiota Lions Club involving the grade eight class alongside the student council. Garbage bags were filled and ditches were cleaned.



Upcoming Dates:

June 5:	Deadline to book Sports Banquet Tickets	HCI
June 7:	Manitoba Youth Job Centre Presentation	HCI
June 8:	Mini-University Presentation	HES
June 9:	Walk for Hope	HCI
June 13:	Middle Years Track at Shoal Lake	HCI
June 15:	HCI Sports Banquet, 6:30 p.m.	HCI
June 16:	Fun Day & BBQ at HES, Fun Afternoon at HCI	
June 19-23:	Final Exams	HCI
June 22:	Grade Five visit	HCI
June 27:	MY (10:00) and Gr. 9-11 Awards(11:00)	HCI
June 27:	HES School Swim in the Afternoon	HES
June 28:	Grad Ceremonies at 7:30 p.m.	HCI
June 29:	HES Farewell Assembly 10:30 a.m.	HES

