

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This time of year is often a blur, with so much going on. It is important for all of us to slow down and enjoy the season. December is often highlighted by our middle years drama and the elementary school Christmas Concert and this year was no different.

On Tuesday December 12, the collegiate gymnasium transformed itself into a theatre with some entertainment during the afternoon matinee and the evening performance. Congratulations to Emma McConnell, the grade 9 drama class and to the middle years students involved in drama. The music, skits and drama production were very well done. Special thanks to all to the staff who helped prepare for the show. The attention switched from the collegiate to Hamiota Elementary on Thursday, December 14. Their annual Christmas concert was once again a huge success. All of the classes, kindergarten to grade five did an excellent job! Thanks to the community and parents for supporting both productions.

Hamiota Collegiate would like to welcome Barb Dowsett to our team. Mrs. Dowsett has been hired to lead our band program and we are very fortunate to have her working in our school. Mrs. Dowsett ran the band program in Minnedosa for 25 years prior to retiring. We are very happy she decided to get back in the game!

Extracurricular activities have not slowed down through the month of December. Volleyball season wrapped up with our JV Boys Volleyball Team and Varsity Boys Volleyball teams making it to provincials. The varsity boys brought home the runner up banner and silver medals for their efforts. Special congratulations to Brody Robinson, Holden Norrie, and Cole Allan for being selected as all-stars at their respective provincials. Mason Gurr was honored by Volleyball Manitoba and was selected as a graduating all-star and Bobbi Hunter was given honorable mention. Coach, Sheldon Gurr, was named coach of the year! Way to go all. Varsity Girls basketball has already started and high school hockey continues. The new year will see our students continue playing hockey, basketball and curling will begin.

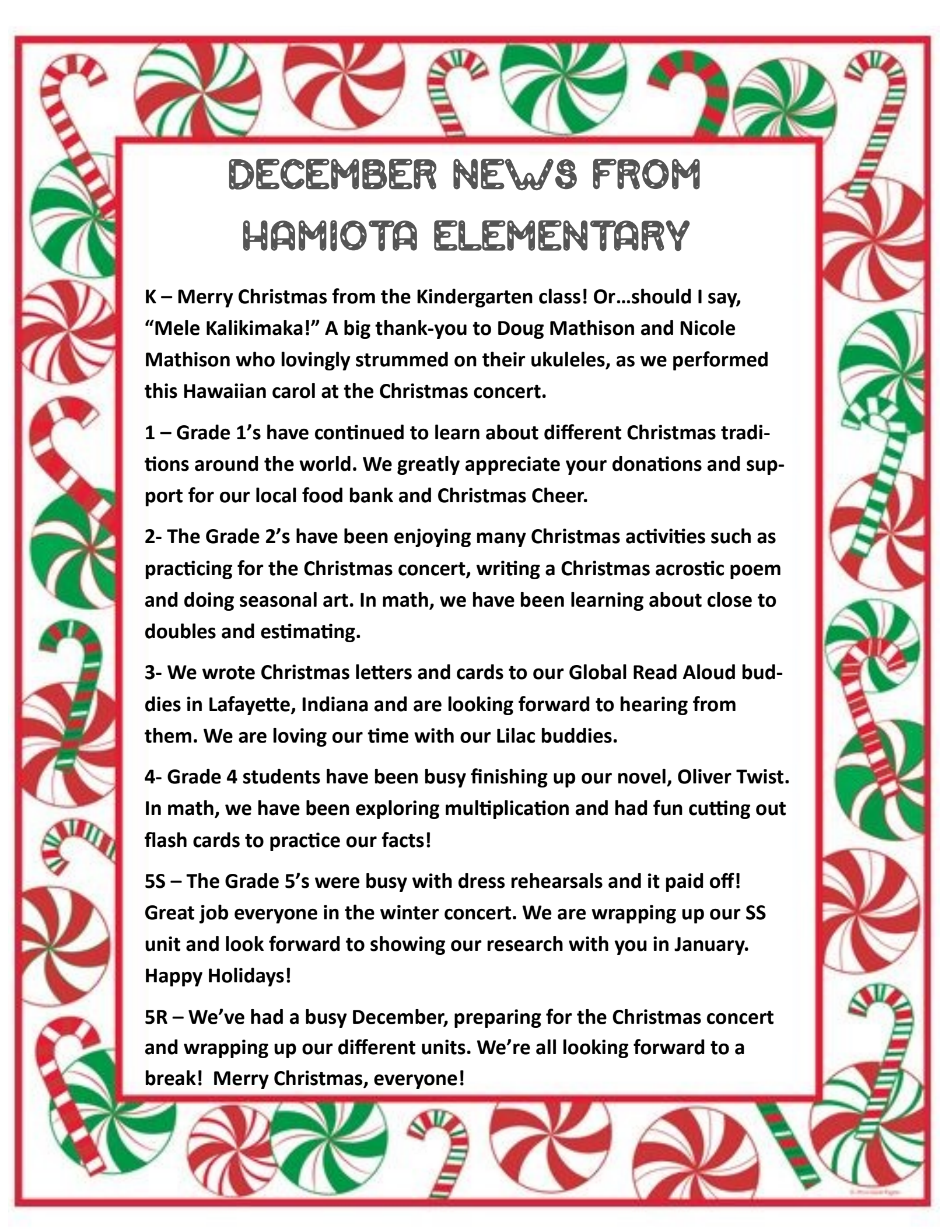
December 22 is not only the final day of classes before the break but it is also the final day of work for Mrs. Skayman at Hamiota Collegiate. Mrs. Skayman has decided to enter the next phase of her life and join the retirement club! We are extremely sad to see her go but at the same time are happy for her. Jeannine has been such a valuable member of the school team and we will miss her dearly. Personally I want to thank her for all of her help as I transitioned from a teacher to an administrator.

I would personally like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we head into the holiday season, we all have much to be thankful for and my hope is that everyone can enjoy a little rest and relaxation with family and friends. School will resume on January 8 and I am excited about all of the new adventures that will take place in 2018.

Merry Christmas!

Bruce Coulter

Principal



DECEMBER NEWS FROM HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY

K – Merry Christmas from the Kindergarten class! Or...should I say, “Mele Kalikimaka!” A big thank-you to Doug Mathison and Nicole Mathison who lovingly strummed on their ukuleles, as we performed this Hawaiian carol at the Christmas concert.

1 – Grade 1’s have continued to learn about different Christmas traditions around the world. We greatly appreciate your donations and support for our local food bank and Christmas Cheer.

2- The Grade 2’s have been enjoying many Christmas activities such as practicing for the Christmas concert, writing a Christmas acrostic poem and doing seasonal art. In math, we have been learning about close to doubles and estimating.

3- We wrote Christmas letters and cards to our Global Read Aloud buddies in Lafayette, Indiana and are looking forward to hearing from them. We are loving our time with our Lilac buddies.

4- Grade 4 students have been busy finishing up our novel, Oliver Twist. In math, we have been exploring multiplication and had fun cutting out flash cards to practice our facts!

5S – The Grade 5’s were busy with dress rehearsals and it paid off! Great job everyone in the winter concert. We are wrapping up our SS unit and look forward to showing our research with you in January. Happy Holidays!

5R – We’ve had a busy December, preparing for the Christmas concert and wrapping up our different units. We’re all looking forward to a break! Merry Christmas, everyone!

Hamiota Elementary Christmas Concert

A Pirate Christmas



Grade 9 RIT Class Fundraising



Agnes Miller, Telyna Lake, Kareena Sims, Shanna Lelond & Mrs. Brown hand out cookie dough on Dec. 14.

The Grade 9 Reading is Thinking class was inspired to help build wells in Africa from reading the novel *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park during the Global Read Aloud program. Over \$200.00 was raised for the charity Water for South Sudan through the sale of frozen cookie dough.



The students not only planned and organized the fundraiser, but also purchased ingredients and mixed the cookie dough themselves! They researched recipes, tasted sample cookies, and designed baking instructions to send with the dough. The students learned many new skills and had loads of fun!

Thank you to everyone who supported the class through purchases and/or encouragement.

Thanks to all the parents who dropped off goodies for the staff at Hamiota Schools. It was much appreciated!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

**HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY
CHRISTMAS CLASSIC**

Huskies vs. Major Pratt Trojans

11:00 a.m. - HAMIOTA & DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX

Brody Robinson Athlete of the Week

The Powerland MHSAA Rural High School Athlete of the Week for Dec. 12 was Brody Robinson of the Hamiota Huskies hockey team.



This 6'3" right winger is averaging over three points a game and has 18 goals and 13 assists to lead the team in scoring. This past weekend he registered 8 goals and 3 assists in the teams two victories, leading the team to 9 wins and 1 loss on the season. He also just led his volleyball team to a silver medal at the Provincial "A" Volleyball Championships where he was named an All-Star. Coach Bruce Coulter states, "Brody's approach to games and practices is second to none. He is a very cerebral player with excellent play making skills which results in making the players around him better. Brody

has also shown tremendous leadership in the defensive side and is one of the team's leading penalty killers."

In grade 11, he maintains an 85% academic average, while also participating in soccer and volleyball.

Top 10 Point Leaders and Goalie Stats Huskies Hockey

#	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PPG	PPA	SH	PIM
10	<u>Brody Robinson</u>	10	17	14	31	1	0	0	18
12	<u>Cole Stainer</u>	12	9	10	19	0	0	0	10
5	<u>Ben Murray</u>	12	6	8	14	0	0	0	2
14	<u>Brady Daniel</u>	11	3	10	13	0	1	0	2
18	<u>Peyton Hawtin</u>	9	3	9	12	0	0	0	6
2	<u>Skyler Barnesky</u>	12	2	9	11	0	1	0	10
13	<u>Kayden Sutherland</u>	11	6	5	11	0	0	0	8
16	<u>Jamie Waddell</u>	10	5	6	11	0	0	0	0
11	<u>Devon Sanders</u>	11	7	3	10	1	0	0	6
15	<u>Connor Lewis</u>	10	3	5	8	0	1	0	12

#	Name	GP	MIN	W	L	SOL	GA	GAA	SO
1	<u>Liam Caldwell</u>	4	240:00	4	0	0	4	1.00	1
30	<u>Reece Breneman</u>	4	239:00	3	1	0	9	2.26	0
33	<u>Carter Charney</u>	5	246:00	3	0	1	7	1.71	1

VARSITY BOYS WIN SILVER!!!



Back: Mr. Gurr, Nash Gurr, Cole Allan, Cale Murray, Brady Daniel, Brody Robinson, Brett Hemrica, Ben Murray, Mason Gurr, Sebastian Tolton, Sean Schweitzer, Mr. Crampain

Front: Hayden Crampain, Brendan Lawn, Bobbi Hunter, Holden Norrie

What a year it has been on the volleyball scene at HCI. We ended the season on a high with both the JV and Varsity teams advancing to provincials. The JV team lost a close battle to Rosenort in the semi finals 16-14 in the 3rd set. The Varsity team were down several times to the Rosenort as well in the quarters, but managed to battle back and win the 3rd set. We went on to beat Treherne and advance to the final against Gladstone. After a hard fought battle we lost the 3rd set to end the season as provincial finalist, not a bad finish!



Mason Gurr, Mr. Sheldon Gurr, Bobbi Hunter

We had Mason Gurr, Sheldon Gurr, and Bobbi Hunter honored at the Graduating All-stars banquet in Winnipeg shortly after the provincial competition. Mason was selected as a Graduating All Star, Mr. Gurr as "A" Boys Volleyball Coach of the Year, and Bobbi as a Graduating All Star honourable mention. Mr. Gurr had the pleasure of coaching his son Mason in the Graduating All Star Game that included players from A, AA and AAA schools in Manitoba.

We all look forward to next season as some JVs advance to the varsity stage and some varsities advance to adult volleyball in various leagues. We wish all our graduates luck in any future endeavour.

Collegiate Student Council News

by Holden Norrie

At the start of the month a hot lunch was held as well as a "Gym Blast", giving our house teams another opportunity to earn points. This time the game was four corner dodgeball.

In the last week following Christmas Break, students are encouraged to wear denim on Monday, vintage clothing on Tuesday, formal attire on Wednesday, ugly sweaters on Thursday, and husky pride on Friday.

On Friday at 11:00 a.m., all HCI students and staff will travel down to the Sports Complex to cheer on the Huskies as they take on the Major Pratt Trojans from Russell. Students will be attending from Birtle, Shoal Lake, Strathclair and Russell.

Jacinta Doupe will be singing O Canada. There will also be a Teddy Bear toss with bears going to the Good Bear Foundation, a puck chuck and tricycle races.

Following the game, students will be returning to HCI for a movie and snacks.



Four Corner
Dodgeball



The lobby
looks festive
after
members of
the Student
Council
decorated.



GRADS CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR GRAD HOODIES

Hamiota Collegiate Christmas Concert



Emma McConnell



Gr. 9—Home Alone 2



Middle Years
North Pole
Exposure



COMING IN JANUARY

ICE—Internet Child Exploitation Unit Presentation comes to

Constable Gord Olson of the RCMP will be visiting Hamiota Collegiate on January 9, 2018 to give a presentation to our grade 6-8 and 9-12 students. Constable Olson works for the Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE Unit) of the RCMP. His presentation touches on a number of topics, with a major emphasis on “sexting”. He will lay out a scenario which exposes what sexting is, the impacts it has and he will present options to prevent the risks associated with sexting behaviors as well as how to reduce the harm of actions already undertaken.



The presentation will also look at the consequences of using social media and the emotional impact of using social media. This presentation is geared for students and is about 90 minutes in length. Students in grades 6-8 will see the presentation together as well as the grade 9-12 students. Constable Olson has also agreed to do a parent and community presentation in the evening. The parent and community presentation will take place at **Hamiota Collegiate at 7:00 pm.**

UPCOMING DATES:

Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Jan 5 High School Hockey in Hamiota vs. McCreary, 8:30 p.m.

Jan 7 High School Hockey Exhibition Game

Jan 8 Classes resume at HES and HCI

Jan 9 RCMP ICE Unit presentations at HCI

Jan 9-12 Provincial Gr. 12 ELA Exam

Jan 12 Grade 5 Curling

Jan 17 Grade 3 Lilac Visit

Jan 19 Grade 5 Curling

Jan 23 Provincial Gr. 12 Applied Math Exam

Jan 24 Middle Years Curling Bonspiel

Jan 24 Provincial Gr. 12 Essential Math Exam

Jan 25 Provincial Gr. 12 Pre-Calc Math Exam

Jan 26 Chicken Finger Hot Lunch at HES

Jan 29-Feb 5 Regular Exam Schedule

