



HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 2017

Principal's Message

I have always liked the start of something new. I liked when a new season started in hockey, when a new semester started at school, or when I started driving a new vehicle. The start of the new year, 2017 is no different. I am excited about what the next 6 months will bring us.

January has been a little shorter month but a lot has happened. Our grade 12 students have been very busy writing their provincial ELA and math exams. I am so proud of the work; both the students and the staff have put in to prepare for those exams. The end of January will see the remaining grade 6-12 students write their exams. Please check the schedule on the school website for the dates of each exam. At the elementary school staff and students have once again found their groove and are making great strides in their learning. It is such a joy to see all of the great things that are happening at both schools.

On January 13 our middle year's basketball players attended two Brandon University basketball games during the afternoon. The students not only enjoyed two terrific games, but undoubtedly they picked up a few pointers watching this elite level basketball. On January 24, two Brandon Wheat Kings visited HES to read with our students. The kids sat so attentively and asked many good questions of these fine young men. Thanks to Mrs. Johns for organizing. Mrs. Dixon's grade three class is once

again visiting with seniors on a monthly basis and it has been a rewarding experience for both groups. In terms of extracurricular sports, basketball and curling are the sports of the season. At HES, the grades 5's are learning the game of curling thanks to the volunteer efforts of Randy Lints. A grade 5 and grade 6 team participated in a divisional bonspiel in Strathclair on the 25th of January. The middle years boys and girls basketball teams are now in full swing. Make sure to stop by the collegiate to catch some exciting basketball action! Our varsity girls are continuing with their season, preparing for provincials which we will host on March 16-18.

A reminder that there is no school on February 6, as the collegiate staff gets prepared for the start of the second semester and the elementary staff participates in some professional development. It is hard to believe that February signals the halfway point in the year. I encourage everyone to make the most of the remainder of the year. We, as staff are very fortunate to have such terrific students and a supportive community. Likewise the students are lucky to have such dedicated and caring adults in their lives. I am excited and looking forward to what lies ahead.

Bruce Coulter
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

- Jan. 27 Hat Day HCI
Hot Lunch HES
- Exam Week HCI
Jan. 30—Feb. 3
- Blood Donor Clinic
HES—Jan 31
- First Drama Practice for
the Little Mermaid—
Sunday, Feb. 5
- PD Day — Feb. 6
- Birdtail River Fine Arts
Festival –Art
Deadline—Feb. 10
- Varsity Girls Basketball
Tournament-Feb. 10-11
- HES Valentine Parties
Feb. 14
- Grade 7/8 Curling in
Binscarth, Feb. 15
- HES Pancake Hot
Lunch—Feb. 17
- Feb. 20—Louis Riel Day
—no school
- 'A' Girls Basketball
Provincials in Hamiota,
Mar. 16-18



KINDERGARTEN NEWS from Mrs. McNabb

Happy New Year!

Kinders were very refreshed and ready to begin school after holidays. Our new book was "The Mitten" by Jan Brett, a Ukranian folk tale that we enjoyed acting out and retelling in our own words. In art, we made beautiful stained glass mit-



tens that are hanging in our classroom windows. In math, we used mittens and gloves to create tricky patterns. Packing extra mittens in our backpacks is a must as this snowy weather, along with our new snow hills, result in some very wet mittens after recess. We are sure having fun sledding with each other during our recess breaks.

We are excited about learning how to become independent readers. Every week, we practice new sight words by reading them in books and writing them on our white boards. A new home reading program is beginning very soon, where we will be bringing home books to practice our reading skills. Thanks families for taking time to listen to us read!



Full time Kindergarten starts on Feb. 7th! We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Allan into our classroom everyday! In the mornings, Mrs. McNabb will teach us about social studies, reading, writing and all things literacy. Mrs. Allan will be our afternoon teacher, teaching us math, science, and creating fun playtime centers for us!

Park West School Division
Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Parents are required to present their child's

- ☒ Birth Certificate
- ☒ Medical Number
- ☒ Immunization Record

Kindergarten

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Children who will be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2017 are eligible for Kindergarten

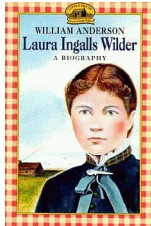
Register between January 30th and February 10th, 2017

Registration Packages are Available at your Local School

School	Phone #	School	Phone #
Binscarth	204-842-2802	Monarch Colony	204-842-2100
Birtle Elementary	204-842-3463	Rosburn Elementary	204-842-2804
Decker Colony	204-764-2225	Shoal Lake School	204-842-2822
Hamiota Elementary	204-842-2823	Strathclair School	204-842-2801
Inglis School	204-842-2806	Waywayseecappo	204-859-2811
Major Pratt School	204-842-2812	Park West School Division Office	204-842-2100
Miniota School	204-842-2826		

GRADE ONE NEWS from Mrs. Obach

In math, we are working on addition. We are learning our doubles facts and practising solving and creating math story problems.



In ELA, we continue to do lots of reading, writing and word study. We are focusing on retell texts right now, which explain an event or person's life. Our class especially enjoys reading stories about the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

In social studies, we are learning about needs and wants. We learned that we only actually need air, food, water and shelter to stay alive, but there are many other things we want to have!

We continue to work on being PAX leaders, which means we better ourselves and we better the world. We are doing our best to be respectful listeners, kind friends and hard workers!



GRADE TWO NEWS from Mrs. Gregory

Everyone returned from Christmas holidays rested and excited to see their friends again! It was nice to get back into routine and continue with our learning. In language arts we have been doing a mini theme on penguins. We have been reading and writing many interesting facts about penguins. We have been practising our spelling words by doing a variety of sorts including blind sorts, blind writing sorts as well as speed sorts.



In math we have been working on place value skills as well as representing numbers in different ways. We have also been ordering and comparing numbers. We continue to work hard on our Dreambox math program on our iPads.



In Social Studies we continue to learn about our community. We patterned the Important Book by writing about a specific business or service in Hamiota.

We are enjoying our buddy reading with the Grade 4 N. class at DEAR time. They listen to us read our sight words and our books.

GRADE TWO NEWS from Mrs. Gregory (continued)

Our Roots of Empathy theme for this month was emotions. We discussed being happy, sad, angry and scared. We were thrilled to have Baby Lennox visit us again and we couldn't believe how much she had grown. Some changes we noticed were how many more sounds she could make, how she could roll over and how hard she was trying to crawl.

There was great excitement when a couple of big hills showed up on our playground. Sledding and playing on the hills is making recesses so much more fun!



It is hard to believe that January is winding down and with February fast approaching we are all looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Mrs. Gregory's Grade Two class has been enjoying the Roots of Empathy Program this year. Along with mom April Ashcroft and baby Lennox, students have been learning about infant development, temperament and themselves. We have covered the topics of "Meeting the Baby", "Crying", "Caring and Planning for Baby" and "Emotions". The Grade Twos have shared their feelings on many topics and were able to relate well to the idea of babies getting teeth by sharing stories about losing teeth themselves. We have talked about ways to keep babies safe and that everyone, no matter their age or where they live, experiences the same feelings. We have drawn pictures and read stories to highlight our learning in these themes. The Grade Twos always look forward to their special visits with Baby Lennox and are excited to see how she has grown and changed since the last visit.



The Grade Two Class with Baby Lennox and her mom in September

In October



In January



GRADE THREE NEWS from Mrs. Dixon

Happy New Year to everyone! After a cold snap during the first week, we are back into the swing of things in our classroom. We really en-



joyed reading a shared book about icebergs and we wrote some interesting list poems about them. This led to a discussion about the sinking of the Titanic and so we've been reading the non-fiction story and have been learned some surprising and some rather sad facts about that fateful evening.

In Math, we've been working with estimating and adding two and three digit numbers and are now working with subtraction strategies. We are seeing that the two operations are closely related.

We are learning about our great country in Social Studies and will be spending time studying our basic human rights and how our lives compare to those in other countries.



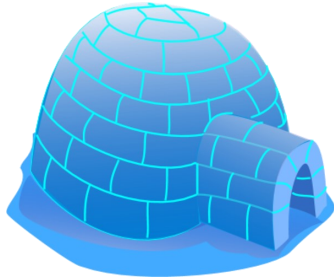
We had a great visit with our Lilac buddies once again this month! We filled in a checklist comparing winters now to long ago. We found out that a "school van" was not a Dodge mini-van that dropped kids off at school! It was pulled by horses and had a stove in the middle. Sometimes, kids would toast their bread on the stove as an after school snack on the way home. We also played BINGO and that always inspires the competitive spirit in the room!

This group has been very interested in our Reading Hockey Tournament this month! We've had some high scoring games so far. Awesome job, Grade 3!



GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. Nowosad

January has been another busy month! It is nice to get back into the swing of things and get lots of work completed.



reading/editing skills.

We continue to work through our guided reading groups, working on fluency and comprehension. We are doing lots of writing. This month we have been writing about A Perfect Winter Day, Winter Acrostic Poems, Life in an Igloo, and Which Famous Person We Would Love to be Photographed with and why! Some pretty interesting choices for that one. We have also started working on homonyms, and continue to work on proof-



In math, we have been working in guided math groups. We continue to practice strategies for multiplication. Currently we are practicing how using doubles can help us to solve trickier multiplication facts. Students are enjoying opportunities to practice math skills using Dreambox as well. Word problems are also a continued focus. It's been fun to get together with the other grade 4 class to play some math games!

Social studies has us busy learning about the provinces and territories, labelling/locating them on a map, and learning about their capital cities. We are also studying the geographical regions of Canada. We still have a few questions to find answers to, such as: Why do we have provinces and territories, not just all provinces? Also, why did they split the Northwest Territories into two territories, creating Nunavut.



We really, really enjoyed having two of the Brandon Wheat Kings come to our school to read to us and answer the many questions our students had. Kale Clague and Reid Duke did a fantastic job answering all the questions, and emphasizing the importance of school!!

Thank you to Mrs. Johns for organizing this great day!



The snow hills have been a lot of fun for all of our students. Just a reminder with this warm weather, extra mitts and socks are a good idea!



GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. Routledge

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and joyous holiday season with their loved ones. The students have had such a successful month and have come back with their hard-working boots on! The classroom has been busy, busy, while getting back into the swing of things.

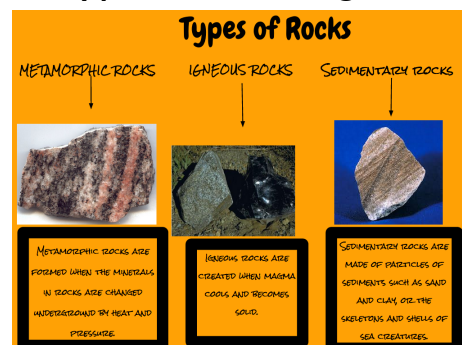
Guided Reading has been in full force since we came back from our wonderful Christmas break. Currently we are dabbling in some science fiction about futuristic planets, a humorous tale about a stomach on the run, Canadian Owls, and a time travelling pair of friends! Each week our groups meet to discuss the books we are reading. We are currently working on our new vocabulary words as well as some interesting reader responses about our books.



In math we continue to work on learning the strategies to help us multiply. We are also trying really hard to memorize our times tables up to 9x9. Flash cards were sent home this week for the students to practice with at home.

Dividing has also popped up in Grade 4 because multiplying and dividing go hand in hand!

In Science right now, we are learning all about the 3 types of rocks; igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rock. We have read TONS of information about how each type of rock is formed. This week, we were real scientists who made “real” metamorphic rock! Come on in to the school and view our metamorphic experiments in the hallway.



GRADE FIVE NEWS from Mrs. D. Routledge

Wow! Where did January go?! It's hard to believe another month has gone by, and we're now on the downhill ride.

It has been a busy teaching month with very few distractions from other areas, which always makes January one of my favourite months!

In math we've been working on measurement, and learning the difference between perimeter and area. Sometimes that can be pretty confusing! We'll also be taking a look at volume and capacity. If any-



one has any newspapers please send them to the school. We're hoping to build a cubic metre!

In LA we've been doing some guided reading, but also working on our writing. We've been talking about adjectives, adverbs, and "Wow" words, and trying to implement them into our writing.

We wrapped up our social studies unit on Canada's First Peoples, and have begun a science unit called "Properties of And Changes in Substances". So far, we are loving this unit with all the experiments we get to do!

This month we have also completed our curling lessons with Mr. Lints. In fact, four students, Teegan, Lilly, Shirley, and Kylin, went to Strathclair to participate in the grade 5/6 curling bonspiel. They had a great day! Thank-you again to Mr. Lints for spending time with us to teach us this great sport!



LEGION CONTEST WINNERS

Each year the Canadian Legion holds a contest for students. Students can make posters or write poetry or an essay. This year's winners from the Kenton Legion Branch were as follows:

Grade 6	John Lelond	1 st in Junior Black & White Poster
	Juliana Martinez	2 nd in Junior Black & White Poster
Grade 7	Kaitlyn Campbell	2 nd in Intermediate Colour Poster
	Ryan Donohoe	1 st for Intermediate Essay
	David McConnell	2 nd for Intermediate Essay
Grade 8	Charlotte Little	1 st in Intermediate Colour Poster
	Zachi Espayos	1 st in Int. Black & White Poster
	Shanna Lelond	2 nd in Int. Black & White Poster
	Tess McTavish	1 st in Intermediate Poetry

Grade 11	Cameron Nolan	1 st in Senior Black & White Poster
Grade 12	Grady Routledge	1 st in Senior Essay

These were forwarded to the Legion Zone contest where the following placed

Gr. 7	Ryan Donohoe	1 st
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Gr. 12	Grady Routledge	3 rd
Gr. 8	Zachi Espayos	3 rd
Gr. 8	Tess McTavish	2 nd
Gr. 11	Cameron Nolan	2 nd

Ryan's essay has gone on to the next level of competition.



Zone Winners: Cameron, Zachi, Grady, Tess and Ryan

WHEAT KINGS VISIT HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY

Kale Clague and Reid Duke from the Brandon Wheat Kings came to HES on Tuesday, January 24 to spend some time reading with students and spreading the message that education is very important. Thanks to librarian Mrs. Johns for arranging this visit!

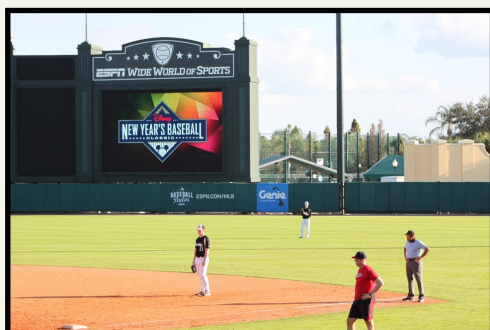


BASEBALL IN DECEMBER

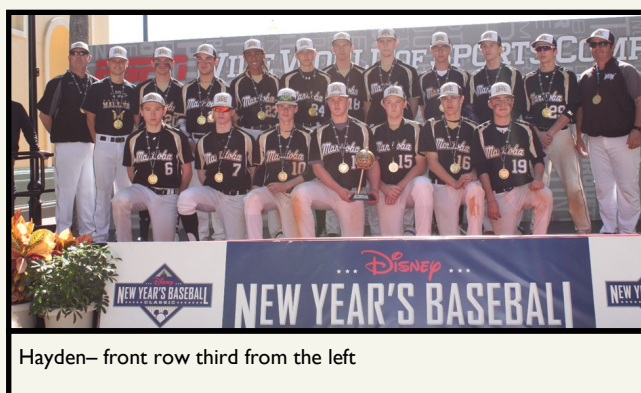
Grade 10 student, Hayden Crampain participated in the 2016 Disney New Years Baseball Classic in Orlando, Florida from December 28-31 as part of Team Manitoba Black. The 2 Manitoba teams were the only Canadian teams entered in the tournament. The teams, made up of 2000 and 2001 born athletes from all across the province, were competing in the U18 division. The sun shining every day plus warm 24-25 degree days equaled perfect baseball conditions, except for one day the high only reaching 16, which the ball players thought was fine but the fans – not so much!



Team Black started the tournament with 2 losses, 8-6 to the Cincinnati Champions Blue and 4-1 to Game Day USA Blue. The next two games earned them wins over the Oviedo Destroyers 10-9 and the Cincinnati Champions Red 2-1. This record put them into the Consolation final in which they defeated Game Day USA Red 10-0. Hayden filled the positions of right fielder, catcher and pinch runner as well as maintaining a high on base percentage. Lyndon Zimmer from Russell, Jared McCorrister and Maverick Morrow from Boissevain were also part of team Black. Team Manitoba Gold finished with a record of 2 wins and 3 losses, losing the bronze medal game.



The ultimate goal of this 2 year development program is to earn a spot on Team Manitoba to compete in the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg from July 28-August 13. Practices will continue 2-3 times a month until May at which time the final roster for the games will be selected.



Hayden— front row third from the left

High School Hockey

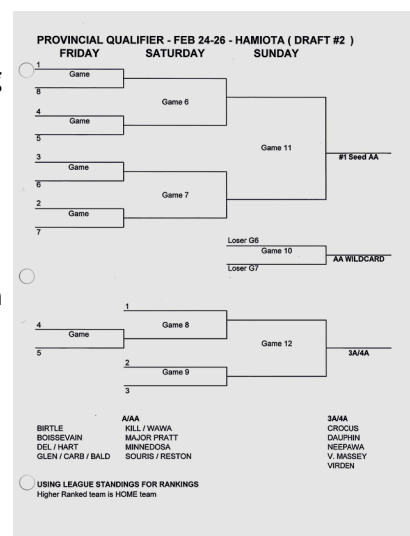
Hamiota Collegiate hockey players have once again been playing out of Birtle, known as the Falcons. This year players from Hamiota Collegiate include Ben Murray, Grady Routledge (AP), Hayden Crampain, Brady Daniel (AP), Brody Robinson, and Reece Breneman. The team consists of 5 high schools including Rossburn, Birtle, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, and Hamiota. As we have over the allotted 4 schools to make up a team we can not participate in the provincials.

Date	Result	Opponent
Wed Nov 2	L4-5	@ NEEPAWA
Fri Nov 4	L4-5	RAIDERS
Sun Nov 6	L1-2	@ DAUPHIN
Fri Nov 11	W6-1	CROCUS
Sat Nov 12	W1-0	NEEPAWA
Sun Nov 13	L2-3	@ VINCENT MASSEY
Thu Nov 24	W3-0	@ MINNEDOSA
Sat Dec 3	W7-4	BRONCOS
Sat Dec 17	L4-6	VIRDEN
Sun Dec 18	W5-2	@ CROCUS
Thu Dec 22	W6-3	MINNEDOSA
Fri Jan 6	W5-4	WILDCATS
Sun Jan 8	L2-3	@ SOURIS
Fri Jan 13	W8-0	SOURIS
Sat Jan 14	W4-2	@ DELORAINE
Fri Jan 20	W7-0	DELORAINE
Sat Jan 21	W8-2	VINCENT MASSEY
Fri Jan 27	-	DAUPHIN
Sun Jan 29	-	@ WILDCATS (7-7-0)
Fri Feb 3	-	@ TROJANS (9-5-0)
Sat Feb 4-	-	@ BRONCOS (11-3-0)
Tue Feb 7	-	TROJANS (9-5-0)
Fri Feb 10	-	@ RAIDERS (13-2-0)



Location	Time
Birtle	7:00 PM
Glenboro	2:00 PM
Russell	8:00 PM
Boissevain	8:00 PM
Birtle	8:00 PM
Wawanessa	7:30 PM

The Westman High School Hockey League, for the first time, is hosting a provincial qualifying weekend on February 24-26th. The league will use a single knock out tournament format instead of a playoff format around the league. With this new format Hamiota will be the host site of this tournament. This year the tournament will host 8 A/AA teams playing off for the right to attend provincials in Morris on March 9-11th 2017. And 5 AAA/AAAA teams playing off to attend the provincials in Portage La Prairie on March 10, 11, and 13th 2017. The qualifying weekend times and teams have not been set yet but the draw will be similar the one posted here.



BASKETBALL

Basketball is also in full swing at Hamiota Collegiate. The Middle Years Boys are being coached by Mr. Orland Usick this year and the Middle Years Girls by Mrs. Cally Brown.

The Varsity Girls are being coached by Ms. Sarah Lopes.

Unfortunately there were not enough boys for a Varsity team this year.



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

HCI GYM

FEBRUARY 10 & 11



The first Hamiota game is at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Middle Years Basketball Players Attend BU Games



On Friday, January 20, HCI Middle Years basketball players attended two Bobcat games at Brandon University. Schools were invited by the University, so there was a big crowd and lots of cheering. The games were exciting to watch and allowed students to see the level of play at University.

CURLING

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, two rinks attended the Park West Curling Grade 5 & 6 Bonspiel at Strathclair accompanied by Mr. Coughlan and Mrs. Nancy Smith. They had lots of fun and played well.

The Grade 7/8 Bonspiel will be held on February 15 in Binscarth.



Gr. 5: Kylin Robinson, Lilly McDonald, Teegan Hyndman and Shirley Johnson



Gr. 6: Rylan Gage, McKenna Laberge, Caleb McTavish and Danika Smith

The High School Play Off will be held in Shoal Lake on February 6 with the winners going to provincials in Dauphin the Feb 24 weekend. The HCI girls team is: Skip - Joelle Little, Third - Kassidy Heapy, Second - Taylor Good, Lead - Chantelle Chappell, Coach - Allan Lawn, The HCI boys team is: Skip - Quade Wood, Third - Brendan Lawn, Second - Liam Caldwell and Lead - Dawson Brooks

Student Council Update by MacKenzie Sims

Students at HCI have been very busy since they got back from Christmas break and we are getting ready to wrap up a semester and write exams. Student Council will be putting on a Hat Day on January 27th, 2016 with all the proceeds going to the Make a Wish Foundation. We are deciding on and organizing our fundraiser for the end of the year. We are having a Pink Day on February 22nd to support anti bullying. Some students have purchased a T-Shirts for that day and everyone is encouraged to wear pink on that day!



The new year is here and the drama group is excited to get going on this year's production. The Little Mermaid is a very popular story, that is familiar to almost everyone. The script follows very closely to the Disney movie and has the songs that you know and love. Mrs. Val Caldwell will again be directing and Mrs. Janna Tannas will again be choreographing the many dances scenes. Over 30 students have signed up to be onstage. **Practices will begin starting on Sunday, Feb. 5. Times will be announced.**

BIRDTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Vocal: March 7-8/17 Piano: March 7/17

Final Concert: March 10, 2017

Art Entries deadline is February 10—Cost is \$1.00 per entry.

Entry forms are available at both schools and entries can be handed in to the office at either school.

For more information contact Mrs. Mathison at the collegiate-kmathison@pwsd.ca or 204-842-2803

Grade 10 Career Development Life/Work Planning Speakers

As part of the course this year, Mrs. Mitchell has been inviting guest speakers in different career areas to come and speak about themselves and what they feel has been important to them in their lives and careers.

Success, starting on the inside!

On December 15th, the class was fortunate to have guest speaker Marcie Harrison, Reporter for Crossroads This Week, share with them methods about increasing self-confidence and the ability to choose the emotions you feel. Marcie shared valuable knowledge of how to stay positive and be yourself. Such wonderful wisdom will ensure life and work successes! Thanks Marcie!

"I learned that you don't have to be good at something, you just have to be enough for yourself."

– Brendan Lawn

"The main highlight of the presentation for me would be that I'm supposed to be who I am. That I'm here for a reason. It really struck a cord with me because I've never really thought about myself that way. Thank you for the presentation Ms. Harrison!" – Daisy Martinez

"In the presentation she did a very good job of engaging us as listeners. What I got out of it is not to just try and be happy when you're sad but to move up each emotional level one by one."

– Brett Hemrica

The importance of presentation skills

The class welcomed Logan McGonigal of Farmers Edge to share his experiences, knowledge and skills about public speaking January 19th. Logan gave the students valuable and practical tips to make public speaking a fun, exciting and positive experience. The following week, students were able to put these tips to good use giving interactive presentations to the class. Thanks for taking the time to give the students keys for successful communication Logan!

"His presentation was very informative. I could apply a lot of what he said in my everyday life. He made it interesting and engaging."

– Taylor Good

"My favorite part of Logan's presentation was the importance of self-teaching. I also liked his advice about practicing in front of a mirror."

– Sheena Johnson

"Logan was absolutely inspiring! When he was presenting to our class, he was confident, enthusiastic and intriguing. His presentation made me feel much more ready for an upcoming speech. One of the tips he gave us was to turn nervousness into excitement." – Yesenia Klassen

The grade 10 Career Development class is looking for individuals in the community who are willing to share their advice, wisdom and experiences with the class about anything related to life and career success. If you are willing or know of someone is, please contact Melissa Mitchell at mmitchell@pwsd.ca or by calling the school at 204 842 2803