#### HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

#### Principal's Message

The end of January means many things, but most certainly, we associate it with exam time at Hamiota Collegiate. Our grade twelve students have completed their provincial ELA and Math exams and the school exam schedule begins January 28. At HES things continue to roll along with our students making great strides in their learning. Mother Nature is also letting us know it is January with frigid temperasome tures!

If you come to visit Hamiota Collegiate, you will notice a few new faces. I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Jaylene Stone has been hired to fill Mrs. Cowling's maternity leave and we are excited to have her in the building. I would also like to welcome back Mrs. Leah Obach who will be returning to us after working for the school division for the past year and a half. With Mrs. Obach's return. I would like to thank Ms. Schettler for being such a dedicated staff member for the past year and a half at both the elementary school and at the collegiate. I wish her all of the best in her future endeavors.

I am also excited to announce that we have two exchange students joining us for a year starting in the second semester. Madoka Somiya and Ayaka Sano arrived in Hamiota from Japan and will be part of our school family for a year. They are staying with the Taborlupa's and the Miranda's so, if you see them around town please, show them some warm hospitality!

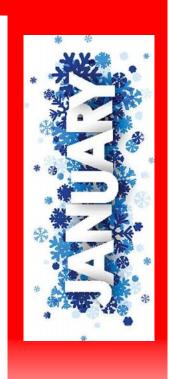
On the extracurricular front, the students have been very busy. Basketball is in full swing with the middle year's teams joining our varsity boys' girls' basketball and teams with a full schedule of play. January and February seem to be the months for curling at our schools as well. The grade 5 and 6 curling teams will travel to Miniota on February 6 to curl in a PWSD bonspiel and the grade 7 & 8 students will go to Strathclair on January 30 to curl. The varsity curling teams are gearing up for zone playdowns on February 6 in Hamiota. School Hockey High continues to roll along

with the boys' team sitting tied for first in the WHSHL with a 16-2 record. On Friday, February 8th, the high school hockey team is organizing a cancer fundraiser game called, Huskies Fight Cancer. All proceeds from the game will be donated to the Cancer Care Unit of the Hamiota & District Health Center.

It is hard to believe that February signals halfway point in vear. 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. A reminder that there is no school on February 4, as the collegiate staff gets prepared for the start of the second semester and the elementary staff participates in some professional development.

Senior high report cards will be sent home on February 8 and should you have any questions, please contact the school.

Bruce Coulter
Principal



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### KINDERGARTEN NEWS from Ms. Surovy

It's hard to believe that we are already almost halfway through the school year! We have had a busy January, getting back into routine after Christmas break. Beginning next week, our Kindergarten students will be coming to school full time! I know that many of our students are just as excited as I am for full time Kindergarten, as we have been counting down during our Calendar time to see "how many days we have until we get to come to Kindergarten every day!"

We have now learned 17 letters of the alphabet! Each week we learn about a new letter, practicing how to print the letter and identifying the sound that it makes. This month we learned about letters X, W, Y, and Z. Once we begin full time Kindergarten we will also begin exploring our Literacy Centres twice a week, and as we complete all of the letters in our Alpha-Bags we will transition into our Home Reading Program. We have also been busy writing in our journals and in the coming weeks we will begin studying our Kindergarten sight words.

In math, we have been having lots of fun working through our math centre activities. We have continued to work on counting, subitizing, recognizing and tracing numerals, and creating patterns. We have also started working on representing numerals in several different ways and creating different sets to represent numbers. These are skills that we will continue to work on in the coming months.

Beginning in December, our class has also been learning all about the Zones of Regulation, a program that helps students learn about self-regulation and emotional control. We have had lots of fun exploring the four zones of regulation and learning about some of the characters from Disney's "Inside Out" in the process! This month we have also focused on learning about courage. Students have enjoyed learning about and practicing the different ways we can demonstrate courage and identifying characters that use courage during our story time. Next month we will be focusing on honesty as our character trait of the month.

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

Wednesdays—Kindergarten Library Day

February 4—No School (Administration Day)

February 5—Full Time Kindergarten

February 14—Valentine's Day

February 18—No School (Louis Riel Day)

February 22—No School (Divisional PD Day)





<sup>\*\*</sup>Please check BEAR Books for notes and information that may be sent home this month!

#### GRADE ONE NEWS from Mrs. Nowosad

Wow, it is so hard to believe that it is the last week of January. We have been working really hard in grade 1 and I'm very happy with the progress all of my students are making.

In Language Arts, we have been working diligently in our guided reading groups. It's amazing to see the growth that students make with their reading in just a few short months in grade one. Students are becoming much more confident at using a variety of different strategies to help them-

of making the text make sense when they are reading. We are working to develop more details in our writing, and becoming more confident in using our dictionaries when we are unsure how to spell a word. Our last writing activity involved using our imaginations to decide what we would do if we could plan our own snow day activities. There would be lots of movies watched, hot chocolate made and games played.

Now we are wishing for a snow day!!

In Math, we continue to work on different addition strategies. We are getting really good at our Friends of 10 facts as well as adding one or two to a given num-

ber. We are working on solving and creating word problems. We have been practicing making numbers with base 10 blocks. We have started to make good use of our vertical, non permanent learning surfaces in math. It has been fun to able to use these while working with a partner.

In Science, we have been practicing the days of the week, months of the year and seasons.

We have learned which holidays fall in each months as well as listened to some fun songs on you tube.

Thank you to Brielle and her mom for bringing in two baby goats and a lamb for

a visit last week. They were very cute and such a

neat opportunity for us all.

Baby Harlyn and her mom made another visit to our room last week. It was amazing to see how much she has grown since we saw her last (in November).

Students were very excited to see that she can now roll over all by herself. We are definitely looking forward to her next visit.

Lots of fun activities happening soon - 100th Day of School and Valentines party are both just around the corner!







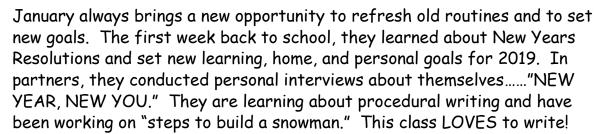


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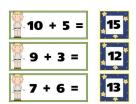
# GRADE 2 NEWS from Mrs. McNabb & Mrs. Gregory







We have been working on fairy tales. Each reading group has been practicing a traditional tale to act out as a readers theatre. During our shared reading time, we read a humorous tale of Goldie Locks and The Three Bears.....a twist on the familiar version we all know and love. Our 5 finger retelling strategy is helping us to practice our retelling skills. The students are comparing and contrasting these 2 stories using a Venn diagram and have created individual story maps. These are all important comprehension skills that help us to become stronger readers, as good readers have to understand what they are reading.



In math the grade 2 students have been working on using efficient strategies to add and subtract numbers up to 18. They have been also been learning about how the order of adding three or four numbers does not change the sum as well as how a certain order can make adding the numbers easier. The students have been showing various numbers in many different ways including ten frames, tallies, money and number sentences to name a few. They have worked on ordering and comparing numbers up to one hundred. They have also been working on place value skills and discovering different ways to show a given number using tens and ones.



In science the grade 2 class has been working on the different states of matter. They used Fruit Loops to show how the atoms in solids, liquids, and gases are different. They completed an experiment to discover if given items floated or sank. The students also made boats out of tinfoil and completed an experiment to see if their tinfoil boats, a Styrofoam tray or a strainer would hold more pennies. The results showed that the Styrofoam trays easily held all the pennies but many were surprised at how many pennies the tinfoil boats were able to hold. They also constructed boats out of clay, tested them and redesigned them until they floated and held weight. We also had a boat building challenge where the students were asked to build a boat out of any materials they brought from home. They also tested them to see if they would float and hold weight. We had many creative boats and they all successfully floated and held some pennies. Our boats are on display in the hallway, so check them out if you are in the school!





#### GRADE THREE NEWS FROM Mrs. Dixon

Welcome to 2019! It's been a busy start to the new year. We've been learning about icebergs and that led to lots of reading and conversations about the sinking of the Titanic. Our

class has been very interested in this tragic story and we've become quite the experts on



the facts of the Titanic!

We're also reading and writing about some interesting stories of Canada's great sport - hockey! Our home

reading program has been the annual Grade 3 Reading Hockey Tournament and there is very close competition going on!

In Math, we're learning about polygons and 3 dimensional shapes. They are everywhere in our world!



During our January Lilac visit, we talked with our buddies about their winter memories and we made Venn diagrams comparing our experiences with theirs. Riding to school in

behind a horse and cutter seems to be one activity



that we know nothing about!

We've applied for our "Grade 3 passports," so will look forward to some world travels when they arrive. In the meantime, we'll keep warm in this great country of ours!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Feb 4 ~ PD - NO Classes

Feb 5 ~ Kindergarten starts full time

Feb 6 ~ Grade 5/6 Curling in Miniota

Feb 13 ~ Grade 3 Lilac visit

Feb 14 ~ HES Valentines Day actitivies

Feb 14 ~ HES Pancake hot lunch

Feb 15 ~ Grade 5 ski trip

Feb 18 ~ Louis Riel Day ~ NO classes

~ PD - NO Classes Feb 22

Mar 4 ~ Kickoff to Jump Rope for Heart

March 14 ~ HES Mac & Cheese hot lunch

March 20 ~ Grade 3 Lilac visit

March 21 ~ Jump Rope for Heart

donations due

March 25 - 29 ~ Spring Break



# GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. L. Routledge

Brrrrrrrr....bundle up because the Arctic winds are blowing down from the north. It may be cold outside, but we are working up a sweat in Grade 4! Our hallway is adorned with winter art galore so pop down and have a look next time you are in the school.



Guided Reading is back in full swing with our fictional selections ranging from tall tales to written "raps". Our writing journal selection this month was a narrative piece entitled, "If I were trapped in a snow globe…" The students used imagination and creativity to set the scene for stories involving adventure, fantasy, mythical creatures, magic and heroism.



In math, we are busy memorizing our multiplication facts! Our goal is to collect a "paper scoop" of ice-cream for each set of facts we learn. If we've learned all the facts by the end of March, we will have an ice-cream party to celebrate, with all the tasty toppings! Keep practicing those flashcards at home too! It really does help reinforce what we are doing at school. Coming soon....DIVISION!



We are wrapping up our science unit on rocks and minerals, with an exciting experiment! We are scientists demonstrating how to make METAMORPHIC rock....with plasticine! And what fun we had...squishing and squashing and flattening our rocks and minerals using extreme pressure(our body weight and a heavy book) and intense heat(our hands).



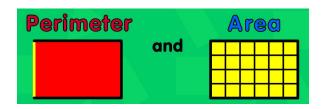
#### Notes:

I will be sending home a class list shortly for Valentines. Parents who can volunteer to help tie skates for our Valentine Party can send a note in the agenda or email me at school! Thank-you!

# GRADE FIVE NEWS from Mrs. D. Routledge

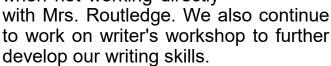
Wow! It's hard to believe January is almost behind us! It has been a busy month in the classroom, as we have worked our way through a variety of topics.

In math we are working on a measurement unit where we are learning about area, perimeter, volume, and capacity. Sometimes it's hard to remember which is which, and then trying to remember whether it's centimetres, square centimetres or cubic centimetres makes it even trickier! We have also built a cubic metre and were surprised by how big it was.



We have been working on guided reading in language arts, and as a whole

the class has read a variety of books in a variety of genres. As they read, they are guided through the process with a handout that is to be used when not working directly



We have also been studying Properties of And Changes in Matter in science. In this unit we have done many hands on experiments which showed both physical and chemical changes, as well as reversible and non-reversible changes. Of course, the ones that involve baking soda and vinegar are always the favourites!

In French we have been working in a variety of stations in small groups. One station is putting words in the cor-

rect order to create proper sentences from our play. Another activity is the game Memory where we match opposites. We also have a center where we record our-



selves reading our play. There is also a station where we read simple French stories and then write in English what they are about to show we understand what we read. There is also a station where we talk with Mrs. Routledge. She asks us questions (in French!) about our play, and then asks us other things she wants us to know like the days of the week, months of the year, the date, how to say we like something, or don't like something! And finally, there are a few stations where we work on the written component of our French play.

Besides all of this, we had the op-

portunity to go to Brandon to watch a BU girls basketball game as a reward for being peer mentors. Thanks Mr. C. for organizing this for us!





#### MUSICAL MUSINGS from Mr. Kevin Salmi

Happy 2019 Everyone!

Before I talk about what is happening in 2019, I have to compliment all the students on what a great Christmas Concert we put on back in December. The students and staff worked very hard to put on a great show for everyone and I think their hard work really paid off with an excellent show. A special shout out to Mrs. Routledge and the Grade 5 students for all the work they put into the acting part of the show and to Isabelle and Maria for their duet/solo during the one song. Way to go everyone it was a great show and I can't wait to work on next years!

So far in January we have been getting back into the "swing" of things in the music room. The Kinder's have been learning some non-verbal movement cues, the Grade 1's have been working on their coordination, the Grade 2's have been learning about different divisions of the beat, the Grade 3's have been experiencing music of different cultures and times, the Grade 4's have been working on playing instruments, and the Grade 5's have started their recorder unit.

Speaking of the recorder unit I wanted to let Grade 5 parents know that for the unit we will be heading over to HCI to have our classes. The room is the perfect environment to learn the recorder and I think it will be good exposure for the students to experience the school and procedures of the band room.

I am looking forward to the next month of activities and can't wait to hear all the students who are going to be performing at the Birdtail Fine Arts Festival. Good luck everyone!

# BIRDTAIL RIVER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL 2019 Spring Section



# Monday, Mar. 4 Piano Hamiota United Church

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m.
Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 5 Vocal Hamiota United Church

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m.
Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m.
Evening Session: 6:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, March 6 Dance Cornerstone Family Worship Center

Afternoon Session: 2:00 p.m. Evening Session 5:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 7

# Band & Instrumental Hamiota Collegiate

Morning Session: 9:15 a.m.
Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m.

FINAL CONCERT
HAMIOTA UNITED CHURCH
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 7:00 P.M.

Visual Art will be on display throughout the Festival.

Admission
Per Session \$ 3.00
Day Pass (all sessions) \$10.00
Final Concert \$ 3.00

#### BAND NOTES from Mr. Kevin Salmi

Happy 2019 Everyone! We have had a great start to the new year in the band room.

The Grade 6's have been improving on playing their first six notes of the Bb scale and have started on a piece of music called "Conquest" that they will play at the Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival and at the next band concert.

The Grade 7's have made many strides in improving their playing and have been really enthusiastic about learning the song "Peace" by Frank Ticheli. They must be liking it because they are asking to play it in class!

The Grade 8's have really improved as well and are working on two pieces right now "Ayre and Dance" and "Appalachian Overture". The students are becoming more confident in their playing and it is showing in the music they are producing and the attitude they are bringing to class.

I am also quite impressed with our Senior Bands as well. The jazz band is currently learning two jazz standards; "Cold Duck Time" and "My Little Suede Shoes". Jaycob got an electric guitar for Christmas that he has been bringing to rehearsals and it has really added a unique sound to our group. The Senior Concert Band has been working on three pieces; "March of the Irish Guard", "In Quiet Times", and "At A Turkish Market". I have been very impressed on how quickly the group has learned the notes and rhythms of the pieces and the progress they have made on improving on phrasing and dynamics when playing.

I'm excited to announce that all of HCl's bands will be performing at the Birdtail Fine Arts Festival on Thursday, March 7, at HCl. I will have a schedule coming out at a later date, but wanted to give everyone a heads up in case you were interested in attending.

Currently, the next band concert for HCI is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 26. However, there are a couple of conflicts on that day and I am looking at rescheduling the concert. I will let everyone know when I have found a new date.

A reminder to band parents, if you have not returned your band rental form or deposit that needs to come in right away.

As always if you have any questions you can look for the information on our blog www.hciband.blogspot.com or email me directly at <a href="mailto:ksalmi@pwsd.ca">ksalmi@pwsd.ca</a>.



# **SPORTS**

# Basketball

#### Middle Years Basketball Schedule:

#### Girls

Tuesday, January 29 @ Hamiota vs Birtle (Gr.8s and Gr. 6s)
Tuesday, February 19 @ Wayway (Gr. 7s and Gr. 6s)

Thursday, February 21 @ Wayway (Fr. 7s and Gr. 6s)

Thursday, February 21 @ Hamiota vs. Binscarth (Gr. 8s and Gr. 7s)

Tuesday, February 26 Playoffs - Location TBD

#### Boys

Tuesday, January 29 @ Hamiota vs Birtle (Gr. 6s)
Thursday, February 14 @ Hamiota vs Shoal Lake (Gr. 7s and Gr. 8s)

Tuesday, February 19 @ Wayway (Gr. 7s and Gr. 8s)

Thursday February 21 @ Hamiota vs Binscarth (Gr. 6s)

Thursday, February 28 - Playoffs - Location TBD

#### Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule:

February 6 @ HCI

February 13 @ Major Pratt

February 20 League Finals - Location TBD

#### Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule:

February 8-9 Home Tournament February 13 League Finals @ HCI

#### VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE

Hamiota Collegiate's Varsity Girls Basketball Team has had an excellent start to their season! The team has attended two tournaments: Glenboro Christmas Classic (December 14-15) and Souris Sabres Shootout (January 11-12). The team currently sits at the top of the standings for the Zone 10 Girls Basketball League with an undefeated record in league play and a season record of 5 wins and 5 losses. We will be hosting our Home Tournament on February 8-9 and our league finals on February 13. All games will be played at the HCl gym. We would love to see you come out and support your Huskies Varsity Girls Basketball Team at their home events this month!

#### HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

The High School Hockey team is having a great season, currently tied for first place in the Westman High School Hockey League. The Huskies have only 4 league games remaining:

Sun Feb 3	<b>DELORAINE</b> (13-5-0)	Hamiota, MB	2:30 PM CST
Tue Feb 5	<u>REMP</u> (5-13-0)	Hamiota, MB	7:00 PM CST
Fri Feb 8	RIVERS (10-8-0)	Hamiota, MB	8:30 PM CST
Sat Feb 9	@ <u>RIVERS</u> (10-8-0)	Rivers, MB, Canada	6:30 PM CST

The February 8 game will be a special event to raise funds for the Cancer Care Unit of the Hamiota & District Health Center. Extra fund-raising is being done with a Progressive 50-50 draw already underway, Player Jersey Auction on the HCI website <a href="www.hamiotacollegiate.ca">www.hamiotacollegiate.ca</a> and a raffle table at the game.



Playoffs to select two Provincial Qualifiers will begin on Friday, February 15. Hamiota will be a home team for one of two Friday games with the opposition teams to be determined by league placing. The winners of Friday games will play again on Saturday, February 16 and the winners of those games will attend A/AA Provincials in Cartwright on March 7-9. A wildcard game will be played on Sunday if necessary. League playoffs will follow starting the next week.

# Curling

#### Varsity:

HCI has 3 varsity curling teams this year. Miss Snyder is coaching the girls teams and Allan Lawn is coaching the boys team.

Girls team #1: Joelle Little, Kassidy Heapy, Taylor Good, Chantelle Chappell, Charlotte Little

Girls team #2: Kate-Leigh Heapy, Kaitlyn Campbell, Darrah Kent, Kyla Good

Boys team: Brendan Lawn, Liam Caldwell, Dawson Brooks, Ryan Sheane

HCI will be hosting zone playoffs at the Hamiota Curling Club on February 6th and 7th. Watch the website for the full schedule. The first draw will be Wednesday, February 6th at 2:30 pm with all 3 Hamiota teams competing.

Come out and cheer on your local curlers!

#### **Middle Years**:

The grade 8 team going to Strathclair with Mr. Darren Rozdeba & Mrs. Tana Huberdeau (Date to be determined) is:

Skip - Ty Nykoliation. Third - Whitney Rozdeba, Second - Riley McTavish, Lead - Connor Ramsey

There are no Hamiota Grade 7 teams this year.

The grade 5 & 6 teams going with Mr. Ryan Couglan to Miniota on Wednesday, February 6 is:

Grade 6: Lane Nykoliation, Chael Rozdeba, Alex Boryskavich, Tara Knight

Grade 5: To be determined

To say good-bye to Miss Schettler, her grade 6 class planned a surprise party for her. They enjoyed cookies made by Rogue, cupcakes made by Addison and iced tea from Tara. They also gave Miss Schettler a book of memories they had made. Miss Shettler will be missed by students and staff and we wish her all the best!





# Farewell Miss Schettler



#### HANNAH TAYLOR by Kobe Schellenberg, Jade Crampton & JeAnne Villela

We and our fellow classmates have started a unit on exploring our passions. Some of the grade eight students have been researching about people who have made a difference in the world, for example, Hannah Taylor. We have also researched about our passions that have made a difference in the world.

Hannah Taylor was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. When she was five years old, she was with her mom driving in a back alley. As they were driving by, she saw a man eating out of a dumpster. She started asking questions that her mom couldn't answer. Her mom told her that some people are not as fortunate as their family. For almost a year, she thought of the man that she had seen. She just couldn't let go of the image. One night her mom told her, "Hannah, maybe if you do something about it, your heart won't be so sad."

The next day, she talked to her grade one teacher, and they had a lunch meeting to see what they could do to help. She first started by making ladybug jars out of baby food jars. She used black and red paint, a black pipe cleaner, and a note that said, "Help the homeless." She also went to visit soup kitchens with her family, and she made friends with a lot of people. She likes to treat the homeless like they are family. She started "The Ladybug Foundation" in 2004. She named it the Ladybug Foundation because ladybugs symbolize luck. She keeps inspiring more people to make

a change.



On January 22, 2019, some of the grade eights had a video call with Hannah Taylor. Before calling her, they created questions to ask her. Each of the students took turns asking her questions. The students learned a lot

from her and the answers she provided for them. One of the questions that the class asked was, "What important skills do you have that helped you through your life experiences?" She answered,

"Being empathetic." Being empathetic is probably one of the most important skill that you should have when it comes to having a foundation like Hannah's. She said that even though there will be people that will doubt you, you have to keep going. We read on the Ladybug Foundation website that she speaks to large numbers of people about her cause. Even though she speaks to large numbers of people, she said that it's beyond her comfort zone. She does it because she wants to get her message to as many people as possible.

Our class is glad that she created the Ladybug Foundation to help the homeless. We are also thankful that she took time out of her busy day to



speak with us and answer our questions. We are excited to continue exploring our passions and learning more about the people that have made a difference in the world.

On Thursday, February 7, we are hoping that the students at HCl wear red and black to bring awareness about homelessness. We are also asking for a donation toward the Ladybug Foundation by either buying a cup of hot chocolate for \$2.00 at 12:30 pm, or just making a donation to the ladybug jar.

#### HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!!!

We are pleased to announce that once again Hamiota Collegiate will be presenting a spring musical. The cast is in place and practices begin this Sunday. Mrs. Diane Brown will again be directing, Janna Tannas will return as choreographer, and Mr. Salmi will act as musical director.

Our stellar cast includes:

Gabriella: Emma McConnell

Troy: Hayden Crampain

Sharpay: Chantelle Chappell

Ryan: Tess McTavish

Taylor: Jana McTavish

Martha: Christyna Caldwell

Chad: David McConnell

Zeke: Rhylen DeBin

Kelsi: Machaela Tannas

Ripper: Alexa Bernier

Jack Scott: Josh Wright

Darbus: Miss Jillian Hawkins

April 11-14, 2019

**Ensemble:** 

Sheena Johnson

Hailey Chappell

Kareena Sims

Ashlynn Harris-Fast

Kolby Alexander

Jade Crampton

**Shirley Johnson** 

Surrey Smith

Sarah Chappell

Alexis Dale

Roanna Davison

Seth Hamilton

Addison Johns

Kylynn Kasto

Kayleigh Knight

**Madison Mann** 

Tristin McTavish

Rogue Toth