

## Hamiota Schools

#### Principal's Message

The end of the year is upon us and we are getting closer to the end of another great year at Hamiota Schools. While we are approaching the end there are still a few very important things coming up in June.

At the elementary school we are busy finishing up our school year. Field trips have taken us around southwestern Manitoba from the Reptile Gardens to our own swimming pool. Fun day is going to be on June 15 and this promises to be another great time run by Mrs. Routledge and the grade fives from Hamiota and Kenton. Mr. Mollard has also been busy with our school with the noon hour soccer program. Thank you Mr. Mollard. Mrs. Dixon planned an exciting jump rope day for the grade 3-5's that even had the staff involved. Finally our end of year awards ceremony is coming up on June 28th at 10:30. Please try and attend.

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Special thanks to Jill Kerr and Jimena Montenegro who helped with this newsletter

The high school has wrapped up the sports season with badminton, fastball, baseball, middle years soccer and track. We had participants make provincials in track and field and badminton. We also had Taylor Madsen make the baseball league's all-star team. Thanks to all the players and coaches for these teams. We completed a strong band concert on June 5th. While there were some early technical difficulties the concert was once again fantastic. Thanks to Mr. Dowden and the band parent's executive for all the work you do for our band programs. Student Council elections were also held in late May and I was very impressed with the speeches by all candidates. The Student Council ran a very successful ALS walk on June 10th. Finally exam week is coming up next week for all our senior years. I wish all our students the best of luck with the exams.

We had our planning day on May 11 with staff, students and members of the PAC and stakeholders. It was a very successful morning in planning the future of



Hamiota Collegiate and I was again impressed with our students input. On a staffing note we are losing some of our staff to other opportunities. At the time of me writing this Megan Strachan has moved on to a job in Riverton, Chris Czarnecki has taken a principal job in Brandon, and Tana Huberdeau is on maternity leave. While we will be getting Tana back I wish Chris and Megan nothing but success in their new jobs. Miss Becky Young has been hired as our new Physical Education teacher and Mr. Chris Obach will be social studies and Mrs. Rachel Proven ELA/guidance. Also Mrs. Charlene Allan has accepted the term resource position. Welcome to all new and new to positions staff.

Finally with graduation upon us on June 26th I want to wish all our graduates the best of success once they leave HCI. The only advice I ever offer is that you only have one life so you might as well try and make the best of it. Think of others and yourself in your decisions and enjoy life. Well that is about as philosophical as I get so from HES and HCI I want to wish everyone a great summer and see you in the fall.

Sincerely; Jon Zilkey Page 2 Hamiota Schools

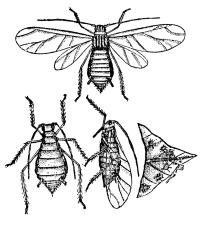
#### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

WOW! This year has "flown" by so quickly! It has been a fantastic year in kindergarten. I have had the opportunity to work with an amazing group of children. It has been a positive experience watching this group of kids "grow" and learn - they are super excited and prepared for Gr.1! I will miss them very much. We would like to say thank-you to all the other staff members that have helped us on our journey of learning this year. Most of all, we want to say a BIG thanks to our parents for all your support with many activities such as alpha-bags, home reading, and helping with special events and field trips. You have all been awesome!



In the classroom, we have been exploring concepts centered around the theme of bugs and plants. We studied an informa-

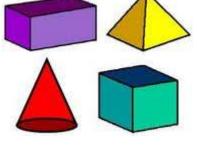
tive book called Hair Heads where we discussed the growth of plants and planted our own grass seed in cups. Our grass (hair) is growing and we designed our cups to be faces. The kids did a fantastic job - our



hairheads look great with their "grassy" hairdos. Of course we have daily gardeners that care for our plants. In math we are learning about 3-D objects and everyday we have 3-D Object Show and Tell where the kids

have to bring a 3-D object from home and describe it using clues about their item. Then the class has to guess what object is hiding in the mystery bag. Everyday we have been reading with our grade 2 buddies. Our buddies have been very supportive while we are practicing our reading skills.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, we are hoping for warm weather to venture out on our end of the year field trip. So far,



this day will include a trip to our local fire



station. Good thing that we just met Firefighter Fred (Ff) from Letterland! He prefers to fight fires with foam! Then we will end our day with a trip to the pool. Of course the countdown is on.....how many days until summer holidays begin? As of right now, there are 7

kinder days to go! Have a fun and safe summer everyone!

# KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP JUNE 20TH

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GRADE ONE FIELD TRIP
TO BRANDON
JUNE 27TH

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#### GRADE TWO NEWS

It's hard to believe another year is coming to a close. Where has the year gone?

In language arts the Grade 2 class has been working on a pioneer theme. We concluded our theme with a pioneer day on May 31st. Some of our activities included writing with a feather pen and ink, weaving, making candles and making a silhouette picture of ourselves. We had a box social at lunch

time. In the afternoon we made but-

ter by shaking cream in a jar. We also made water carriers.

In math we have been working on geometry. We are

also learning strategies to subtract two digit numbers to 100.

The Grade 2's have also been working hard on their reading, spelling and math assessments. They are looking forward to some well deserved relaxing activities such as Fun Day and our Field Trip to Clear Lake. For our field trip we are planning on watching a live theatre show about water at the Visitor Centre and then playing on the bounce house obstacle

course at Sportsman's Park.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grade 2 class for all their hard work this year. Another big thank you goes to all the parents for their help and support throughout the year.



As another school year draws to a close the Grade 2 class would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and happy holiday



GRADE TWO
FIELD TRIP
CLEAR LAKE
JUNE 21

#### GRADE THREE NEWS

Here it is...the end of another school year! It's been a busy one in Grade 3, as we are an energetic group! We enjoyed our last Lilac visit with our buddies in May. To show our appreciation for their friendship, we wrote poems for them and placed the poems and a picture in a frame. We really enjoyed the balloon launch and the year end photo story, too. Thanks to Mrs. Dana Routledge, Mrs. Jan Skayman and our parent volunteers for another successful year. It's wonderful to make new friends!



#### GRADE THREE NEWS (CONTINUED)

It's been a "rollin' and tumblin'" time in our room lately, as we've been tumbling rocks for about three weeks. We're now on our last stage and hope to see some smooth, shiny stones when we're finished. It's



very interesting to see the different shapes, patterns and designs from a plain, old rock. Thanks very much to Charlotte Little and her family for lending us their rock tumbler. It's been a fun learning experience!

In L.A., we're still working in our reading groups and we thoroughly

one-half enjoy the materials that we read together....designing our own cars; reading about dream catchers, then making one; learning about diabetes; and looking inside an airplane are just a few of the things we've been doing recently.



In Math, we've been learning about fractions and measurement. We enjoyed designing our own "fraction flags" in Art.

We're now working on our last home reading program for the year. We're preparing for the Summer Olympics by having a swim race! Students are divided into swim teams and as they read, their racers glide through the water to the other end of the pool!

A number of Grade 3's participated in the Jump Rope Assembly we recently had. Jumping rope is great for fitness and coordination skills. Well

done, kids!

We still have some good times to look forward to...Fun Day on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and our Field Trip to Brandon on June 20<sup>th</sup>.



Our class would like to extend a very special and heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Skayman for all that she does for us! On the odd day, when she has other commitments, the first words from the students are, "WHERE IS MRS. SKAYMAN TODAY?" We want you to know how much you are appreciated, Mrs. Skayman!

The year has zoomed by, but no one is complaining that holidays are just around the corner, either! The Grade 3 class would like to wish everyone a safe, happy summer break! See you in the fall!

GRADE 3 & 4
FIELD TRIP
BRANDON—JUNE 20

Farewell Assembly
June 28—10:30 a.m.

#### GRADE FOUR NEWS

The days are speeding by often a n d I wonder..."WHERE HAVE THE DAYS GONE?" It seems like only yesterday that I was welcoming a fresh, new batch of learners into my Grade 4 classroom. Now, we are busy preparing for the end of the school year with reviews. final projects. school visitors and field trips.

The students had a visit from a local EMS crew who presented on Bike Safety

and the importance of helwearing mets. The hilight of the visit was when one ofthe ladies strapped

miniature size helmet onto a raw egg. She then threw the egg up in the air only to come down for a crash landing....and guess what? The egg was safe and sound and not a crack! Another visitor to our room was Cheddar the cat! Cheddar came direct from the Murray farm! Emily was delighted share her friendly and adorable AND hairy pet to her class friends. Cheddar had a good snoop around our room, even stopping under Mrs. Routledge's desk for a

little look around, before continuing on to each of the students' desks. We would like to thank Mr. Murray for bringing Cheddar to our classroom for a lovely visit, and for bringing the roller to get all the orange hair off our clothes. On June. 4th, Cort

Dogniez came for a visit to the Grade 4 classroom. Cort is the Park West School Division Aboriginal Consultant. He had many interesting facts and a ton of information to share with us about Canada's Far North and the Inuit culture, which is a unit of study we completed this year in Social

Studies. He completed his visit with a lively game of Jeopardy, based on information from our unit. It was nice to see the students

engaged in such a fun and competitive game!

In ELA, we just finished reading a short story by Kipling Rudyard called Rikki-Tikki-Tavi. What an adventure! Α mongoose fights to the very end to save his beloved family from a pair of deadly cobras... "Who knew a story so OLD could be so exciting"....was a comment overheard from one of my students! Now the students are researching an an-



imal from the story and putting all of their information into a neatly organized written report. O u r last spelling test will be next Monday, June. 19th. It will be our last re-

view test, with 100 words. Pretest will come home this week for studying on the week-end. Home reading continues to come home and will be until the last week of school. Please make sure your child is doing some reading every night during the week.

Time is our focus in math currently. We have learned the difference between an analog clock and a digital clock, with digital being the overall fa-

voured choice. Along with math review, students are completing corrections and brushing up on any misunderstandings.

Our class field trip will take place on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We are teaming up with the Mrs. Dixon and the Grade 3 class for an exciting trip to the Commonwealth Air Museum and a fun afternoon of swimming at the Sportsplex. Looking forward to a fun-filled day!

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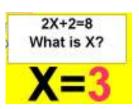
It is hard to believe another year is almost finished, but once again, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of my students! Every child brings unique abilities and talents to the Grade 4 classroom and THIS is what makes teaching more than a job. At the end of the year I always explain to my students how a classroom is like a family. We all care about one another and throughout our successes and challenges we come to



rely on each other for support and guidance. Even though it is hard to say goodbye to my "little family", I am so happy to have been a part of their personal stories. I wish all of my students and their families a fun, relaxing summer vacation. ENJOY!

#### GRADE FIVE NEWS

It's hard to believe the year is done! We have been very busy wrapping up our academics as well as partaking in many extracurricular activities. In math we have been doing some algebra, and learning to set up and solve algebraic equations. We still hope to do some work with transformations. We are just wrapping up our novels in LA, but are still quite involved with our fiction story writing. In science,



we continue to study the human body. We quite enjoy all the trivial facts we are learning that go along with it.



As far as the extra activities are concerned, much of the class went to Brandon to participate in a Music Day at the university with Mrs. Penner at the end of May. We also went to the symphony in Brandon. We had a puppet show come to our school that talked about kids with cancer. It was very cool! Hamiota offered a Farm Safety Day at the Fairgrounds and we learned a lot of safety tips with regards to: the sun, ATV's, hydro, fire, seatbelts, guns, food, and farm equipment.

We also went on our field trip to the Reptile Gardens

and to Albert's on the North Hill in Brandon where we rock wall climbed, mini-golfed, and played basketball. We have also spent quite a bit of time preparing for Track and Field, but unfortunately it got rained out. We still have Hamiota Elementary's Fun Day to organize, and a peer mentor windup planned for the 22nd when we will go for lunch and an afternoon of swimming at the pool. We're also heading to the high school on the 25th for our orientation afternoon. Of course, between all these events, we will be squeezing in as much school work as we can. Our last day of classes is the 28th, and then we're off to begin our holidays. We hope everyone enjoys their summer!

HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE FUN DAY!!!

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#### Girls Baseball

The High School Girls Baseball team had an exciting season with lots of practises and a few games. Both games were against Russell and they really enjoyed playing the game with their teammates.





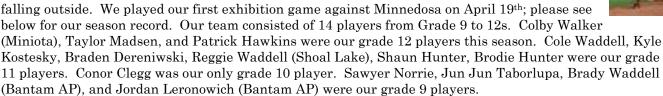
Coaches: Tessa, Carley Manager– Mrs. Hawkins

Back Row– Tessa, Carley, Jill, Jacinda, Mikaela, Quinn, Mrs. Hawkins.

Front Row– Brooke, Erin, Heather, Natsumi, Jillian

#### Boys Baseball

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 to practice when the rain was



#### League Schedule

Date	Opponent		Score		Record
April 24	Russell		7-6		1-0
May 1	Deloraine		11-0		2-0
May 2	Elkhorn		11-6		3-0
May 6	Neepawa		9-19		3-1
May 9	Vincent Massey	4-12		3-2	
Zone Playoffs					
May 13 Russell		5-16		3-3	
May 13 Russell		16-5		4-3	
May 17 Russell		2-8		4-4	
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League Playoffs

We placed 4<sup>th</sup> in our league division, which gave us a head to head playoff game against Elkhorn. We managed to edge out a 3-2 victory in our last high school game this season.

This season we have 3 graduating players, Taylor Madsen, Patrick Hawkins, and Colby Walker. We wish all these players good luck in their future endeavours and



Back Row– Mr. Obach, Braden, Shaun, Kyle, Cole, Patrick, Mr. Crampain.

Front Row-Colby, Sawyer, Edgardo, Conor, Reggie, Taylor. Missing-Jordon, Brady, Brodie, Mr. Knight, Mr. Kostesky

hope they remain ball players. We hope to see all other players return next year for another season of baseball!

#### Middle Years Soccer Wrap-Up

The Middle Years Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams ended their seasons on positive notes, both winning the PWSD "C" Championship Banner. The season started in April and included a number of practices and league games.

The boys' team consisted of players from grade 6-8 and included:

Grade 6: Ben Murray, Mason Gurr, Sean Schweitzer, Cameron Nolan, Justin Heaman, Sebastian Tolton, Holden Norrie, Bobby Hunter

Grade 7: Will Chappell, Grady Routledge, Damon Bunn, Quade Wood

Grade 8: Joel Kirk, Joel Usick, Ryan Schweitzer, Jason Ritchie, William Norrie, Mark Lawn, Brody Smith, Kyle Feschuk, Dale McTavish

The girls' team consisted of players from grade 5-8 and included:



Back: Aryana, Eveline, Mrs. Proven (Coach), Chelsea, Bailey, Ashley, Emily, Jaimie, Joelle, Cassie, Logan, Jacinta, Sydney, Savanna, Ashlyn

Front: Brenna, Emma, Kenzie, Jessica



Grade 5: Joelle Little, Emily Usick Grade 6; Jacinta Doupe, Jessica Hunter, Ashlyn Kirk, Brenna Kirk, Savanna Lynn, Sydney Murray, Logan Wilson Grade 7: Emma Coulter, Ashley Morden, Grade 8: Cassie Hunter, Eveline Juce,

Chelsea Lawn, Kenzie Robinson, Jaimie Rose, Aryana Shariati, Bailey Wilson



Back: Asst. Coach Nathon Hawkins, William, Mark, Kyle, Joel K., Joel U. Brody, Ryan, Dale, Asst. Coach Brady Waddell, Coach Mr. Coulter

Front: Sean, Bobby, Holden, Sebastian, Mason, Damon, Grady, Will, Quade, Ben, Cameron In Front: Jason





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#### Senior Track

The team was made up Brady Waddell, Cody Hunter, Jake Coulter, Nathon Hawkins, Schylar Martinook, Julie Campbell, Shelby Mollard, Kailan Robinson, Cole Waddell and Shaun Hunter. All of the athletes accomplished personal bests and their success at zones advanced all 10 member to the Provincials held in Selkirk June 7-9. Ms. Strachan would like to thank their team for their hard work and wish them all the best next season! We would also like to thank Mr. Mollard who accompanied the team to provincials.



Back Row- Shaun, Kailan, Cole, Ms. Strachan Front Row- Cody, Julie, Nathan, Brady, Jake, Shelby, Schylar.









#### Exchange Student- Natsumi Yoshida

This year, HCI had the opportunity of receiving an exchange student from Japan by the name of Natsumi Yoshida. She entered the Grade 11 class and was involved in many activities such as volleyball and baseball. Hosting her stay were Marilyn and Jeff Martinook and, along with her host sister and brother, Schylar and Gage. Her time in Canada was very enjoyable. She also had the opportunity to travel along with the Martinook's down to Cuba for holidays and to Jasper and Banff during the winter time for recreational skiing.



Hamiota Graduation and Senior Awards Tuesday, June 26—7:30 p.m.

#### Student Teacher





Megan Pokrant has been in our school working with Mr. Dowden in the music department and Mr. Obach in the social studies department. Megan is originally from Altona and is currently completing her second year of combined Music and Education at Brandon University. We have enjoyed having Megan in our school for the month of May.

#### High School Rodeo

The High School Rodeo finals were held in Hamiota on the weekend of June 8-10. Contestants from all over Manitoba came to Hamiota to compete in

a number of events.
HCI's only competitor this year was Shelby Medd who took part in barrel racing and roping.



#### Grade 5 & 6 at Farm Safety Day—June 1



Grade 7 Outdoor
Education Trip will be on June 20-22. Students will take part in Canoeing, kayaking, geocaching, and compete in the Louis Riel Race. Please return the form as soon as possible!

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#### Student Council Elections

The elections for the new student council were a huge success with 21 speeches from the candidates and campaign managers themselves. It was an exciting week of campaigning for everyone with lots of people running for positions and everyone did an outstanding job. The elections were a close call for all of the positions. Here is your new student council.



Shaun Hunter is next years' president. He ran for the position against Keegan Robinson.



Tess Stevenson gained the position of Vice President. Other candidates were Morgan Strachan and Jimena Montenegro.



Braden Dereniwski is next year's new Social Rep. He ran for the position against Cole Waddell.



Kailan Robinson will be the new Sports Rep for next year.



Meghan Drake will be secretary of the 2012-2013 Student Council.



Ashley Czarnecki has the job of Treasurer for next year.



Jill Kerr will be the new Literary Rep for next year. Kaitlynn Alexander also ran for the position.



We wish all of the new members of student council the best of luck next year and we know it will be an exciting year for everyone.

The Walk for ALS was held on Sunday June 10, 2012. Despite some changeable weather Page 13 the walk was able to continue. The music had to be moved to the gym, but the dunk tank activities were able to move back outside after the rain. The walk, dunk tank, combined with the downtown bake sale and barbeque and pie-in-the-face noon activity will raise over \$6,000.00 for ALS. Thanks to everyone in school and community for their support. The ALS Walk Committee was co-chaired by Olivia Ellis and Erin Houck and consisted of the Student Council with help from staff and other students.

#### HAMIOTA SPRING CONCERT



Grade 7 and 8 had both bands and choirs. The Jazz Band performed two great pieces. The Senior Choir performed three great songs and the evening ended with the Senior Band doing a number and then joining with the Strathclair/Shoal Lake Senior Band to end the concert with "Pirates of the Caribbean."

#### A NOTE FROM MR. DOWDEN

I would like to thank all the students at HCI for their wonderful work in music this year.

The concerts have been the best yet!

It has been a great honour and priviledge to be involved in your musical journey!

Thank you all very much!



The festival is in need of a host committee. No community has stepped forward to host the next two years of festival. Different options are being considered.

If you feel you can help out, please contact Paula Lints. 764-2554.

#### GRADE 1'S VISIT WEB DESIGN CLASS

The Web Design class borrowed a book from the grade 1s. We took the book these students are reading and created animations. The grade 1s came to our class and read the book to the senior student. The senior stu-

dents then showed their book animation to the grade 1 students. We ended the experience with a small snack, while having a some fun to end the semester!





#### SCHOOL WIDE TRAVEL CLUB

A meeting will be held this fall to determine the interest in a school-wide travel club open to all students. The first trip would be held in the spring of 2014 and would be open to all students graduating in 2014 and 2015 (next year's grade 10's and 11's). Discussion items at the first meeting will include:

-destinations (is Europe to be our first venture?)

-cost

-opportunities for fund raising

Mr. Negrave will be exploring the Travel Club idea. Please look for more info this autumn as to when the initial meeting will occur.

#### MANITOBA YOUNG READERS' CHOICE

This year 10 Grade Eight students chose to be involved in the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award Selection. The MYRCA Selection Committee considers all Canadian novels written in English each year for the intended audience of ages 10 to 14 years, or grades 5 to 8. The 15 to 18 titles deemed the best find their way onto the MYRCA list for the following year. The selection committee is composed of teachers, teacher-librarians and library staff from a variety of Winnipeg school divisions. We also have representatives from the Winnipeg Public Library, the Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg as well as at least one university professor of children's literature and a bookseller. Currently a professor from Brandon University sits on the selection committee. In order to take part in this program the students made the commitment to read at least three of the eighteen books that were nominated. The books are from different genres and ranged in length from 126 pages to 375 pages. HCl was able to order seventeen of the book nominees and all books were read by at least one student. The book voted the most popular by Manitoba students this year was was Dear George Clooney: Please Marry My Mom by Susan Nielson. Although 3 of our students chose to read this book none of them selected this as their favorite. The favourite at HCl



Back: William Norrie, Bailey Wilson, Ashley Jay, Randy Kirk, Brian Johnson, Mark Lawn

Front: Kenzie Robinson, Eveline Juce, Riley Madsen, Dale McTavish

was <u>Half Brother</u> by Kenneth Oppel with 4 votes. This was chosen as a runner up honour book. <u>Written in Blood</u> by John Wilson and <u>The McGillicuddy Book of Personal Records</u> by Colleen Sydor got two votes each and the last two votes were split between The Present Tense of Prinny Murphy

by Jill Maclean and <u>Tumbleweed Skies</u> by Valerie Sherrard. Since our votes were sent in April these books have been put into the regular collection and all students have been able to enjoy them.

#### Student Voice

On Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> eighteen grade twelve students went into Winnipeg for their Student Voice project. The students attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Symposium at the University of Winnipeg. The students heard witness to Holocaust survi-



vor Max Eisen's story along with approximately 2000 other students from around the province. It was an incredibly humbling experience.

After a brief lunch break at Portage Place the students headed over to Winnipeg Harvest, Manitoba's largest food bank. While there, they learned about the work that Winnipeg Harvest does and helped them in sorting potatoes and onions that were to be sent out to

a variety of agencies. Many of the students were shocked at the number of people that utilize a food bank in Manitoba every month.

#### Farewell



On Wednesday, June 13, Hamiota Collegiate said goodbye to two staff



members. Mr. Czarnecki came to Hamiota Collegiate in 1993. He has accepted a position as principal at St. Augustine School in Brandon. Miss Megan Strachan has accepted a job in Riverton.



We will miss these two teachers who were very involved with students in class as well as in many extracurricular areas.

The farewell assembly featured speeches by Mr. Zilkey, Mrs. Facey and Mr. Negrave, presentations to both teachers, and a short video, after which cake (made & decorated by Jill Kerr) and punch were enjoyed by staff, students and guests.

#### Park West School Division





### GRADUATION TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Graduation Banquet (Grads & Invited Guests only)
5:15 p.m. at the Sports Comlex
Graduation and Senior Subject Awards
7:30 p.m. at the collegiate
Grand March and Grad Dances 9:00 p.m.

#### Athletic Awards at Hamiota Collegiate

Sometimes there are questions as to how the selection is made. Following is the criteria:

Senior High School Athlete of the Year selection will be based on but not limited to the following areas:

- Number of sports athlete has competed in
- Major vs. minor sports
- ♦ Role/impact to team
- Leadership on team
- ♦ Commitment to team (attendance at practices, games, meetings, quit part way through season.)
- Behaviour suspensions from the sport, major penalties, behaviour/suspensions during school.
- Good academic standing (not necessarily based on grades- but whether has completed all assignments and tests to best of ability, school attendance)

Middle Years Honor Roll selection will be based on but not limited to the following areas;

- ♦ Competed in 4 or more school sports throughout the year.
- ♦ Commitment to team (attendance at practices, games, meetings, quit part way through season.)
- Behaviour suspensions from the sport, major penalties, behaviour/suspensions during school.
- Good academic standing (not necessarily based on grades- but whether has completed all assignments and tests to best of ability, school attendance)