HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

June, 2013





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are in the definite home stretch at both Hamiota Schools. But while we are closing in on the end of our year we still have a great deal going on.

The high school has been very busy with many different activities taking place. Our student council has had their elections and congratulations to Jackie Hunter who is our new student council president. I want to thank all candidates who ran for student council as it is a far more difficult job than people realize at times. To finish the year student council has organized a Prom, and a charity day called, "Wealth For Health" for our local hospital. The event had a bake sale, auctions, bands, car wash and a volleyball tournament. Good job council. I want to commend our students for their excellent behaviour at the prom also and I think they all had a great time. Our grade 6's also went on their annual outdoor education trip. Though the weather was not ideal I think a good time was had by all.

Extra-curricular wise our band concert was on June 4th for all our HCI students. Thank you all students and Mrs. Kirkland for their hard work on the concert. Our baseball team has finished with a wildcard loss to Portage. Though shortened due to weather the boys did well this season and thanks to Mr. Crampain and Mr. Obach for coaching them. Our middle year's soccer teams also wrapped up their season with their tournaments. The track was very busy with our middle years meet in Neepawa and we had numerous students go to provincials for high school track.

Thanks to all our parents, coaches and students for their great work in all our extra-curriculars. I have said this before but I feel it should be noted, this community does a lot for the size of it.

The elementary school has had fire presentations, all-nation festivals and numerous field trips in May and June. They had a special presentation on June 12th involving music and learning. Our fun day is June 14th and our end of the year ceremonies is scheduled for 10:30 on June 27th the last day of classes. Some exciting news is that we will be constructing the new playground in early August and if everything goes as planned will have it ready for our students to come back to in the fall.

Please note the dates for all the different events coming up including our middle years and undergraduate awards at 1:00 on June 24th and Graduation on June 25th at 7:30. Hope to see you there and celebrate our student's accomplishments. Till next time take care and have a fantastic summer.

Jon Zilkey Principal

UPCOMING DATES

Kindergarten Field Trip June 20 Grade 2 Field trip June 21

Grade 9-11 Year End Awards June 24 – 1:00 p.m.

Middle Years Awards June 24 – 1:45 p.m.

Grade 1, 3 & 4 Field trips
Graduation Ceremonies

June 25 7:30 p.m.

Grades 1-5 swimming

June 26

June 25

Elementary Farewell Assembly June 27 10:30 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

In Kindergarten, we are getting ready for summer! As we write this newsletter, there are 8 kinder days left! Yes, it is very hard to believe!

Of course the Kinder teachers and students are keeping busy inside and outside of the classroom. We have met all the characters from Letterland and have been working hard at putting sounds together to write words. We have played a lot of new learning games to help strengthen our rhyming skills and to practice our sight words. The students have developed their reading strategies to become independent readers. They are excited to venture on to Gr. 1 where they can read everyday! In math, we

have been exploring with 2D and 3D shapes.

This past week, we had our final visit from Joan Trott at The Heritage Arts Center. The topic was col-

or mixing. We read a book called Panda Bear's Paint Box and learned how to mix the primary colors to create new colors. We sang and played The Hokey Pokey Color Mixing Song, and then painted beautiful spring landscape pictures using acrylic ink (a medium that we have never used before). We love when Joan comes to do art with us! It is so nice for her to come and share her time and her artistic talent with our young students!

The kinder garden flower bed has been planted and the kindergarten kids are helping out with pulling weeds and watering the flowers. Great job kids!



We are reading many books about how we can contribute to take care of our earth.....beautifying our schoolyard seemed like a logical place to start. We have recently learned about litter and how it is harmful to our earth and the animals. Both of our classes were involved in doing a garbage clean up around our school yard. Even the youngest kids can make a difference in our community!

Once again, the kinder kids want

to thank Mr. Tom Mollard for taking time out of his day to come and play soccer with us over our noon hour. We are very excited about our upcoming



field trip on June 20th. Both classes are travelling to Brandon to go bowling and to The Brandon Fire Hall. This Friday we will be participating in our first ever Fun Day! It promises to be a positive day of learning track and field based skills, good sportsmanship, and team building. Mrs. Walker has been working with the kids in gym class at practicing the events. Let's cross our fingers for a sunny day.

At this time, Mrs. Nowosad and Mrs. McNabb would like to say thank-you to our students and their families for a great year of learning. We appreciate all your support over this past school



year. We have loved teaching your children and we wish everyone a fantastic summer!

Grade 1 News

Ideas by: Grade 1s Typed by: Mrs. Obach

We are learning about persuasive texts. Persuasive texts convince. We've read persuasive texts like *The Best Pet, Giggle, Giggle, Quack* and *Can I Have a Tyranno-saurus Rex Dad?* Now we are learning how to write persuasive texts.

In math, we have been adding and subtracting. We have been writing and solving story problems. Here's one for you to try:

There are 20 flowers. A person comes and picks 12 of them. How many are left? ___



The Grade 10s have been helping us make PhotoStories. We like working with the Grade 10s. Our stories are about us and our friends. The pictures show things we've done this year. Some of us are close to being done. We are excited to watch them and to bring them home!

We have lots of exciting activities in June. Mr. Sigmund Brouwer came to talk about books, reading and writing. We're learning a song for when he comes. Fun Day is coming up too. We've been practicing for the activities. On June 25th, we are going for a picnic and playground tour field trip with the Oak Lake Kindergartens.



Effective September 1, 2013 HES will no longer be collecting soup labels.

We thank you for your support over the years of the Campbell's project.

Important Upcoming Dates at Hamiota Elementary

June 14th
Fun Day 11:00 a.m.
June 20th
Kindergarten Field Trip
June 21
Grade 2 Field trip
June 25
Grade 1, 3 & 4 Field trips
June 26
Grades 1-5 Swimming
June 27
Farewell Assembly 10:30 a.m.

GRADE TWO NEWS

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

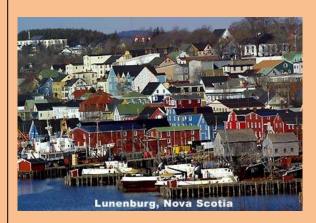
In language arts the Grade 2 class

has been working on a pioneer theme. We concluded our theme with a pioneer day on May 30st. Some of our activities included writing with a feather



pen and ink, weaving, making candles, coloring some oxen for our covered wagons and making a silhouette picture of ourselves. We had a box social at lunch time. In the afternoon we made butter by shaking cream in a jar.

In math we have been working on 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. We are also learning strategies to us add two digit numbers to 100.



In social studies we have been studying the community of Lunenburg. We have done an anticipation guide, illustrated a book about the Atlantic Ocean and Lunenburg and did a research report on the Bluenose. This month we a have enjoyed some special events. At the All Nations Festival in Strathclair we had lots of fun while learning about other cultures. We also appreciated when the firemen came to talk to us and show us how to get out of our house if there is a fire. Other interesting presentations were on Backyard Gardening and Mini U.

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 Minnedosa. For our field trip we are planning on bowling in the morning and playing on the beach in the afternoon.

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 & THREE NEWS

Here it is...June has arrived with a bang! We've been working hard to finish projects and learn the last few things on our lists! In L.A. we read some non-fiction books about a variety of animals, then made jot notes from the information. We used the notes to produce some very interesting Power Point presentations. Well done, everyone!

In May, we completed our "Groovy Reading" home reading program and for the last month, we're hitting the golf course, as

we complete a reading golf game. Each minute read moves us one metre on the course. We've had quite a few holes-in-



one, too! I would like to congratulate this group on being such faithful home readers... it shows in your reading and you've done great!

Math is still about multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We've also been learning about fractions, which is a new concept for us.



In Science, the Grade 3's have been exploring different types of soil and have been enjoying "getting our hands dirty" in

the process!

We've also been learning some
French words, such as the alphabet, numbers, months of the year and colours.
Megane Botte-Belle is our French expert, so we are glad for her help!

We'd like to thank our wonderful volunteer, Mrs. Skayman. She has been such a huge help to us with our CNP homework, as well as our reading, spelling and writing. We are so grateful to you, Mrs. Skayman. We appreciate your positive, kind ways...we just love you!

Exciting things such as Fun Day and field trips are soon approaching. The Grades 3 and 4 classes will be travelling to Brandon

on June 25th for a morning at the Riverbank Discovery Centre, followed by a



game of bowling in the afternoon. We're looking forward to a day of fun!

It's hard to believe that another year as slipped by! We've worked hard and had some fun, but now it's time for a well-deserved break for everyone.

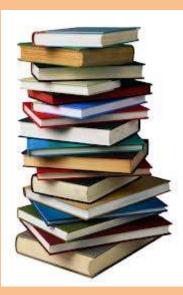
The Grade 2/3 class would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday! See you in September!!

GRADE FOUR NEWS

The end of the school year is almost here! What a fun and busy year we have had in Grade 4. Each member of our Grade 4 group has brought something unique and positive to the classroom; humour, knowledge, fun, kindness, joy, laughter, helpfulness, friendship, etc. We have had our ups and downs, as any class will, but have grown and weathered our challenges the best way we could. We have learned and implemented strategies for being better friends to our peers and making positive choices that are good for us as individuals.

In the classroom, we are completing our year end units and finishing up assignments. Guided Reading has come to an end, with an excellent effort by all this year. We have read so many books in Grade 4, we lost

count! Some of our favorites were: Kahukara and the Net. Catch That Stomach, Bottle of Light, Titanic Treasure, Giant Pandas, Trickster Tales, Baltic Rescue, The Legend of Nessie, Elephants,



The Zarg Rule, Castles, The Canadian Owl Guide, Puppy in Training, The Gifts of the Animals, What Happened After You Flush, Razor and the Wolves, and many, many, more! Currently we are reading an old, well-known, short story by Rudyard Kipling called Rikki-Tikki-Tavi.

In math, we have finished our last BIG unit, Fractions and Decimals, and completed our year end assessment. WHEW! Now, we are learning all about analog and digital clocks, and how to tell time properly. Crossnumber puzzles have wrapped up for this year as well.

The students are really looking forward to some important and fun activities coming up before the end of the month. On June 25th, we will



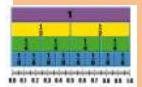
be motoring to Brandon for our year end field trip. We are partnering up with Mrs. Dixon's class and heading to the Discovery Center and then for some exciting games of Bowling! Fun Day is fast approaching and the year wouldn't be complete without a cool dip in the Hamiota Pool on June.26th!

It has been a pleasure having all the Grade 4 students in my classroom this year! We have had a busy year as always and I wish you all a restful summer full of fun and relaxation.

Good luck in Grade 5!

GRADE FIVE NEWS

Well, it's hard to believe the year is nearly done! Where has the time gone!



We are very busy wrapping up things in all of our classes. In math we

are just finishing our unit on fractions and decimals, and are preparing for our final test. We have also been busy doing our year end assessment. In LA, we are nearly done the novel Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. This book has been enjoyed by all! In science we have been studying the human body, and are learning lots of interesting facts.

As always, at this time of year, there are many other things going on as well. In May we went to Strathclair for their All Nations Festival. We had a great day, and learned many different things! We have also been to Middle Years track in Neepawa which was a new and great experience for us, and we have had our year end field trip.

For this we went to Brandon to the Amazing Agriculture Adventure at the Keystone, and then on to the Reptile Gardens near Shilo. From there we went to Albert's to rock wall climb and mini-golf, and then on to A & W for supper. This week we had



Sigmund Brouwer, a Canadian author, coming to talk to us, and our annual Fun Day which we get to run! We still get to look forward to our transition afternoon at the high school on the 20th, and our year end peer mentor celebration at the pool on the 21st. We're sure the next few weeks will fly by!

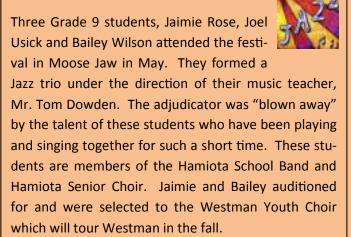
Have a great summer!

BAND NEWS

By Mrs. Kirkland

A big congratulation goes out to all students who participated in our Spring Concert on Tuesday, June 4th! The students worked very hard and achieved a lot in our concert! A special thank you goes out to the band parents association for helping run the doors and the 50/50 draw, as well as Mrs. Mathison for helping out with our lighting, sound, and recording the performance. It is so important for parents to support what their children do in school, so thank you to all the parents, families, and friends who came out to listen to our bands and choir! Over the next few weeks students will be handing in their instruments for the summer. Please see Ms. Kirkland if you are interested in renting an instrument during the summer, or if you are interested in finding other rental/purchasing options for next year. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in September!

Students Excel at Moose Jaw Festival



FESTIVAL NEWS

Graduating student Meghan Drake was recommended to Provincial competition three classes of Vocal Music. She placed second in one of these classes.

At the spring meeting of the Birdtail River Festival it was decided to hold a Festival Information Meeting on September 18, 2013. Parents of student who would like to take part in the festival are encouraged to attend to receive assistance with selecting pieces, submitting entries and getting assistance in preparing your child for performance at the festival. Please plan to attend!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The student council hosted a dance on May 30th. It was the first dance that HCI has hosted in over a decade! By all accounts it was a fun evening that went off without a hitch. Many of the students took the opportunity to show off some of their finest clothing and dance moves. By our count we had about 80% of the high school student body in attendance. We look forward to having more dances in the future.

The student wealth for Healt council would like to thank all the families and businesses that donated and participated in the Wealth for Health fundraiser. The success would not have been possible without your generosity. We would also like to thank all the students who came out and volunteered at the event.

The new student council has now taken over and they are very excited about the upcoming school year. Their first official act as the new student council will be to host the annual Fun Day activities on Friday, June 14th in the PM. It will kick off with a free



BBQ for all students and staff and will include some new activities and a few returning favourites.

We wish everyone good luck on exams and a safe and healthy summer, and we can't wait to get back to planning activities for you in the fall.

MIDDLE YEARS SOCCER



<u>Back</u>: Quade Wood, Holden Norrie, Hassan Ashfraf, Grady Routledge, Ben Murray, Bobbi Hunter, Will Chappell

Middle: Brendan Lawn, Grady Routledge, Sebastian

Tolton, Sean Schweitzer, Mason Gurr

Front: Reece Breneman

Missing: Damon Bunn, John AbdelMesih, Coach Mr.

Crampain

Back: Logan Wilson, Savanna Lynn, Jessica Hunter, Jacinta Doupe, Sydney Murray, Hanna Tolton, Brenna Kirk

Middle: Olivia Tolton, MacKenzie Haslen, Joelle Lit-

tle, Emily Usick, Sierra McTavish

Front: Mikayla Grabowski, Chyna Lake

Missing: Emma Coulter



MIDDLE YEARS TRACK & FIELD

The Park West Middle Years Track Meet was held in Neepawa on June 4th. The students from HCI were strong representors of Hamiota on the track and in the field events. The following students represented HCI: Will Chappell, Brayden Heapy, Emma Coulter, Hanna Tolton, Naomi Best, Jessica Sparrow, Cailtin McTavish, Destiny Allan, Orianna Hyndman, Bobbi Hunter, Ben Murray, Holden Norrie, Sean Schweitzer, Sebastian Tolton, Korinne Alexander, Kara Kent, Sydney Murray, Jessica Hunter,



Jacinta Doupe, Brenna Kirk, Hassan Ashraf, Reece Breneman, Liam Caldwell, Hayden Crampain, Chantelle Chappell, Taylor Good, Montana Jackson, Sheena Johnson, Joelle Little, Daisy Martinez, Emily Usick.

SENIOR TRACK & FIELD



The following students participated in track and field this season: Shaun Hunter, Cole Waddell, Kailan Robinson, Keegan Robinson, Nathon Hawkins, Junjun Taborlupa, Brady Waddell, Nico Miranda, Cody Hunter, Jorden Leronowich, Jake Coulter, Brooke Tolton, Dale McTavish, Kenzie Robinson, Bailey Wilson, and Jaimie Rose. Students participated in the Neepawa Invitational Track Meet, competing

against 325 athletes. The zone meet was held in Neepawa. The majority of the students advanced from here to provincials where they represented Hamiota very well last weekend.

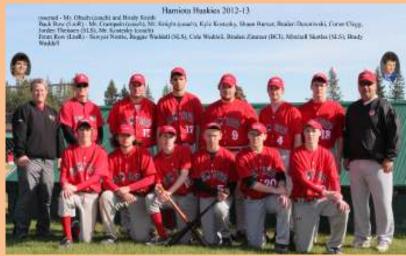
BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Six teams from HCI participated in the Beach Volleyball Provincials held in Winnipeg on May 24th and 25th. Kailan Robinson and Keegan Robinson played in the varsity girls category. Brooke Tolton and Kenzie Robinson along with Kaylee Daniel and Emily Hunter made up the 2 girls teams in the junior varsity girls category. On the boys side, Cole Waddell and Kyle Kostesky played in the varsity boys category. Junjun Taborlupa and Brady Waddell along with Nico Miranda and Sawyer Norrie competed in the junior varsity boys category.



SENIOR BOYS BASEBALL

The boys had a short but good season. They did not advance to Provincial play, losing in a wildcard game 3-1 against Portage. The season record is below



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

FUNDRAISING GOAL MET!!

As many of you may already know, we have reached and surpassed our fundraising goal of \$100,000 for the elementary playground! The plan is to remove the existing structure at the beginning of July in preparation for the new playground. If the weather co-operates, we will install the new playground on August 6, 7 and 8! We appreciate your patience during this time.



To wrap up our fundraising, we have a Chinese auction fundraiser planned. Over the past year and a half, community members have generously donated items including handmade quilts, 2 beautiful prints donated by Orris and Connie Steinburg's family, gift certificates as well as many other great items! We will be selling tickets for our Chinese auction at the elementary fun day (June 14), Collegiate year end/award presentations (June 25) and the elementary farewell assembly (June 27). The draws will be made at the elementary farewell assembly.

When we started fundraising in fall of 2011, we were aiming to complete this project in five years. With your help, it took us about 18 months!

We were also fortunate enough to receive a grant from Infrastructure Canada to add out-door equipment to the Hamiota Collegiate. We are currently getting quotes and working on plans for the collegiate. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we would love to see you at the PAC meeting in September.

The Hamiota Parent Advisory Council would like to thank the businesses and community members that help make this fundraiser a success!

STAFF RECOGNIZED

At the 2013 Park West Recognition Night, staff of Hamiota Elementary and Hamiota Collegiate Schools were recognized. For 5 years of service, Edward Graham, bus driver, for 10 years, Lindsay Routledge, teacher, for 15 years Michelle McNabb, teacher, Jeannine Skayman, secretary, Cory Smith, teacher, and Garry Webber, bus driver, for 25 years Gerald Negrave, teacher; for 35 years Sheila Gregory, teacher. Retiring employees were Eirwen Thomas, bus driver after 5 years and Wayne Angus, bus driver, who retired last June after 53 years. Mr. Angus began

driving a school van while he was still a student at

Crandall School.

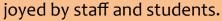
Mrs. Glennis Hodgson was awarded the Zone 10 Volunteer Award from the Manitoba High School Athletic Association. This award is presented to a teacher who has spent many hours coaching and assisting with sports teams. Congratulations Mrs. Hodgson.





On the afternoon of June 13th, Hamiota Collegiate bid farewell to Mr. Gerald Negrave. Mr. Negrave has taught at Hamiota Collegiate for the past five years. He has accepted a teaching position in Niverville, MB. Mr. Jerry Crampain made a speech thanking Mr. Negrave for his fine teaching as well as extensive involvement in soccer and drama. Incoming Student Council President Jackie Hunter made a presentation on behalf of the stu-

dents who have purchased a Sas-katchewan Roughriders Jersey. A fun video was shown and then cake and punch was en-



We will miss you Mr. Negrave!!



HCI STUDENTS OUT AND ABOUT

On Thursday, May 9, the students in Mr. Negrave's Law 40S went on a field trip to the Brandon Courts and the Brandon Correctional Centre.

On Thursday May 16, the Grade 9 Foods and Nutrition Class traveled to Brandon to job shadow at various restaurants. The students also served two special noon meals to paying customers from the collegiate. This included a Greek and a Caribbean menu. DELI-CIOUS!!

Mr. Obach's Grade 10 Lifework Planning went out Job Shadowing. Thank you to the businesses who hosted our students

Monika Abdel Mesih- Birtle Hospital Jake Coulter- Dauphin Hospital

Kaylee Daniel- Virden Animal Hospital Vincent Grabowski- Hamiota Hospital

Jenny Harrison- Hamiota Super Thrifty Jacquelyn Hawkins - Waverly School

Cody Hunter- Hunter Repair Services Jorden Leronowich- Hamiota RCMP

Alex Lints- Ted Good's Music Store Shailyn Madsen - Shoal Lake Vet Clinic

Gage Martinook- ERCO Worldwide Dominic Miranda- Hamiota Hospital

Nicole Nolan - Knaughtly Lox Sawyer Norrie - Starcraft Cabinets

Savannah Pope- Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) Jack Routledge- Benny's

Lane Routledge- Blanshard Holsteins Brooke Tolton - Brandon Hospital

Jun Jun Taborlupa - Shoal Lake/Strathclair Health Centre

Brady Waddell- Dynamic Physio/ Brandon University Healthy Living Centre

As part of an Education for Sustainable Development Grant, Hamiota Grade 6 students were out taking photographs of the spring nature. The Grade 7 class has been doing some

sketching. Mrs. Joan Trott from the Mid-West Arts Council has been guiding the students. The program will continue next year with the students photographing and sketching different seasons. There will also be a full day Eco-Presentation in the fall and other activities throughout the

next school year.



RUGBY CLINIC

On Friday, June 7, Brad Hirst, Executive Director of Rugby Manitoba, was at HCI to provide clinics for all students at HCI. The students loved learning about the game. Brad Hirst



GRADE 9 COMPUTER BUDDY PROGRAM 2013

The Grade 9 Computer Buddy Program wrapped up by the buddies enjoying a pizza lunch.

Back: Emily Hunter, Chelsea Lawn, Cassie Hunter, Joel Kirk

Front: Joan Foxton, Edith McPhail, Norah Gray and Ron Johnston.





HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

On June 3 the Grade 7 class, members of HCI staff and Lions Rob Johnson and Ryan Hamilton did highway cleanup along highway 21 near Hamiota.

