



Park West School Division

Hamiota Schools

March, 2014

Principal's Message

With spring break upon us I hope everyone has a great week off and comes back ready for April. Winter appears to finally be easing up but living in Manitoba that can change any day.

HCI has many different things wrapping up and still on the go. We have had presentations from SERC. Festival was a big event in March with our band, choir, and elementary music classes taking part along with the dance groups and individuals. Planning has been underway for the CF walk on May 25th by student council. If you want to put a team in please contact the school and we will put you down. It should be a great event. Also don't forget Grease is coming up on April 11-13th. Don't forget to get your ticket.

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In sports, our hockey team lost in the playoffs in a very close game three to Minnedosa on the consolation side. Our middle years' basketball teams had their playoff day, and though they did not win I hear they had great days. Of particular note, Mikayla Grabowski had her first basket in what I hear was a great moment. Both basketball teams by the time this gets sent out will

have been to provincials at the varsity end. Badminton practices have been started for both high school and middle years also. I would like to wish a big thank you to all our community and school coaches for volunteering their time to work with our students.

At HES the snow hills have been their usual hit this year. The students are having a great deal of fun. Pizza with the principal is also ongoing with the grade 5's and some middle year students. Another thank you goes out to Tim Webber for donating the pizza. The HES winter Olympics took place on March 14th with a lot of fun competition set up for our students. It was a great day.

Just a reminder, report cards are coming out on March 28th for all grade K-8 students. If you want to talk to your teacher before interview day please give them a call. Also the times for Celebration of Learning are April 24th from 4:30-7:30 and April 25th from 9:00 to 12:00. With this there will also be an orientation meeting for future grade 6 students at HCI at 4:30; and future grade 9 students at HCI at 5:00. Both of these meetings will be on April 24th with a PAC meeting to follow at 5:30 in the library.

As always, if you have concerns or questions about your child, please give me or the teacher a call. We want to work with you always for what is best for our students. Take care.

Kindergarten News



Hello Everyone! March has been a busy and fun month! I don't know if you guys heard but there was a kind and somewhat mischievous Leprechaun that visited our classroom on St. Patrick's Day! In the morning, the Leprechaun left us a treasure hunt throughout the school and we followed clues until we found a bag of goodies and some special St. Paddy's necklaces. In the afternoon the mischievous Leprechaun stole Mrs. Thompson's pasta she had ready for an art project we were going to do after gym class. When we returned from gym the Leprechaun had left us a present of coloured pasta that he had coloured for us in his rainbow. With the pasta we created beautiful pictures, thank you Mr. Leprechaun! We also created fun Leprechaun faces that are decorating our classroom!

We also had festival this month and the Kinders preformed two songs and did a great job!

In the morning, we read a fun book about an octopus and then had to find all the octopus facts. We have also been learning about opposites! In math we have been looking at lengths. As always we are continuing to practice our letters and numbers and learning more and more each month!



In the afternoon, we have continued to look at colours and have taken a closer look at shades of colours and what it means if a colour is lighter, darker or brighter. We also cre-



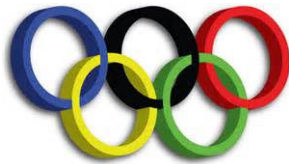
ated our very own colour strip using white paint to make lighter blue and black to make darker blue! In Social studies we have been looking at communication- including sign language and braille. Did you know art is a way to communicate? The K's do and they created their very own picture communicating either a happy or sad emotions. Next time you see a kinder ask them if they know any signs! We learnt many signs during our look at communication including most of the colours and some animals!

Enjoy your Spring Break!

Grade One N News

March seems to have flown by! We have been enjoying some warmer weather, and finally some time to get outside. It's time to start remembering to bring extra mitts and socks, as kids are getting pretty wet outside!

Our class has been busy doing lots and lots of writing this month. We wrote about the day Mr. Dowden read to our class, how to be a good friend, porcupines, and even about our Olympic Day. It was lots of



fun writing about how we would catch a leprechaun, and what we would do if we found a pot of gold. We have spent lots of time working on compound words, and are getting quite good working with them.

In math we have continued to work on addition and subtraction strategies, as well as working hard to master our making 10 facts. We are now working on measurement, and have had fun measuring with shamrocks and our feet!

Festival was held in our school, and our grade 1-3 choir did a wonderful job. Thanks Mrs. Penner and Mr. Dowden.

Olympic Day was a great success, with all of us really enjoying the events. There was luge, snow-



shoeing, sled races, curling, speed skating and hockey. The weather was great and it was a lot of fun.

We have continued our buddy reading with the grade threes. Only this month,

We switched it up, and we were able to listen to them read. This was great!

Just a few days left before Spring Break, and I think everyone is looking forward to a rest!

Grade One O News

We did St. Patrick's day math with Lucky Charms. We had 280 marshmallows in a cereal box. We were surprised that there were so many!

We are measuring. We have measured clay snakes, pencils, our shoes, how far toy cars can go and how far paper airplanes fly. We can use string or blocks to measure.

Mrs Obach went to Barcelona for a special meeting. She skyped us with the new tablet. It's called a Surface.



See page 4 for more on Mrs. Obach's trip to Barcelona.

Mrs. Obach in Barcelona

The Expert Educator Program is Microsoft's exclusive program created to recognize educators globally who are using technology to transform education. Expert Educators collaborate, exchange ideas and share insights among themselves and with Microsoft. Expert educators, school leaders and education stakeholders have the opportunity to gather face to face at the Microsoft Global Forum. This year, the forum was held in Barcelona, Spain and it brought together over 1100 people from over 75 countries.

Along with Mrs. Devon Caldwell, I was excited to represent Canada at the forum. We shared the learning activities from our classrooms, worked with teachers from other countries and

attended professional development sessions. It was an intense conference schedule, but we managed to fit in some sightseeing during our time off. We made time to see the impressive Sagrada Familia Basilica, the beautiful and **green** Park Guell and the Gothic Quarter. It was an inspiring conference and an exciting opportunity to visit another part of the world. One of the most valuable parts is connecting with educators from around the globe and hearing about the things they do in their schools and classrooms!

Anyone interested in reading more about the trip and the conference can visit www.mrsobachsclass.blogspot.com.



Grade Two News

With the arrival of spring we are all certainly looking forward to warmer weather and the snow starting to melt. We have had another busy month learning new skills while enjoying some special activities.

In language arts we continue to work on our reading and writing skills. We have been sorting words in a variety of ways including speed sorts, blind sorts and writing sorts. For St. Patrick's Day, we wrote about a leprechaun and had fun coming up with great Irish names.



Grade Two News (continued)

We have also been practicing our spelling words using games like Tic Tac Toe and Zap. Since Christmas we have been working hard at learning to make our lower case letters in cursive handwriting.

In math we have been working on ordering numbers. We have also learned about place value and representing numbers in a variety of ways. Our problem solving activities have revolved around the calendar. We have learned strategies to help us solve most of the subtraction facts to 18!

The science unit we have been working on is the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Our experiments involved testing items



to see if they floated or sank as well as mixing a variety of solids in water to see if they would dissolve. One of our

favourite activities was the boat building challenge. We designed and built boats out of materials we brought from home. We had some very interesting and creative looking vessels.

Most of the boats floated and many were able to hold the maximum number of pennies.

Once again we enjoyed participating in many special events. We got to show our creativity during our session of

Listening with Paint. In March we participated in the festival. The grade ones, twos and threes did a great job of singing their songs and would like to thank

Mrs. Penner for her

hard work in getting the choir ready to sing. After a couple of postponements, our Olympic afternoon was held on March

14th. Everyone had an awesome time participating in the different events and the opening and closing ceremonies. Some of our favourite activities were sled pulling, curling and speed skating.

As March winds down we are all really looking forward to spring break.

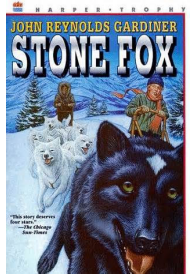
We hope everyone has a great holiday!



**CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
HAMIOTA SCHOOLS
APRIL 24 & 25, 2014**

Grade 3 News

We've been reading a wonderful novel called, "Stone Fox", about a boy and his dog and their determination to solve a big problem. I heard one student remark, "I LOVE Stone Fox!" We've been completing some L.A. activities with this book and our home reading program is also related to the characters in this story.



In Math, we're learning about multiplication and how it's so much more convenient than repeated addition. There are many activities related to multiplication and arrays. Our class came up with tons of real world examples of arrays: egg cartons, ceiling tiles, lockers, graph paper and calendars to name a few.



Our little leprechaun friends invaded our classroom a few days before March 17th! They played harmless little tricks on us and tricky they were! It took us all day to find some of the pranks they had played! They were kind on St. Paddy's Day though...they took us on a treasure hunt that landed us bookmarks, pencils AND FIVE EXTRA MINUTES OF RECESS! Thanks, little leprechauns!

During our March Lilac visit, many of us visited our buddies in their rooms. It was fun to see where they live. We played games, did puzzles, made crafts and gathered together for a snack in the lounge. Thanks to Mr. Ed Graham who has been driving us to Lilac this year. It's been a nice treat on those cold, winter days.



In Social Studies, we've finally received our "passports" and took our first plane ride to New Dehli, India. We plan to learn about the culture and life there and find out how kids in India live. Is it a different life than ours?

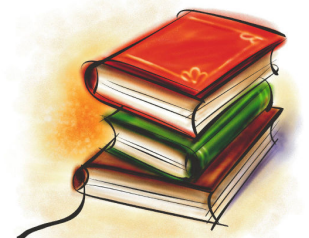
Congratulations to all choirs from HES who participated in the Festival recently. The Grade 3's were part the Gr. 1-3 choir and they made beautiful music together.

It's been a long, busy winter and everyone is glad that Spring Break is just around the corner. Have a great holiday, everyone. See you in April!

Grade Four News

Well, we thought spring was here but I guess we were wrong! Hopefully when we get back from spring break, mother nature will give us a break. The grade 4 students have been busy winding down our units of study and getting ready for a well-deserved rest.

In ELA, we are finishing up our second book club. This book club is based on the theme, "kids can do it". The novels are all centered around adventure



Grade Four News continued

and how kids handle adversity. The students are

busy completing a HUGE character study which will be displayed in the hallways after spring break.

Fractions are our friends! That is our motto in math right now! We are currently exploring the world of fractions and will be wrapping this part of the unit up before spring break. After the break, we will begin to study decimals (tenths and hundredths) and how they relate to fractions! We will even learn a little about adding and subtracting money!

In Social Studies we have finished up our unit on Canada's Far North. Habitats and Communities is our new topic in Science these days and centres around animals around the world and their habitats.

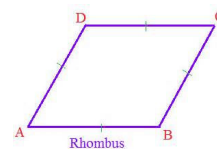
Mrs. Rawlings came into Grade 4 and shared her amazing artistic skills with the students. Come on into our room and see the beautiful Inuksuks adorning our walls.



Grade Five News

It's hard to believe spring break is already here! Hopefully it will soon bring some spring-like weather!

Since the last newsletter we have completed our division unit in math, and have been working on geometry. This unit has a lot of new vocabulary! Perpendicular, parallel, intersecting, vertices, rhombus... It seems like a never ending list!



In language arts we are doing research projects on Canada's first peoples. We are still working on the research part of it at this point, but after the break we will be learning how to organize our information into paragraphs.



In social studies we are looking at how the French developed New France. Many people were involved in a variety of different ways. Cardinal Richelieu created the Company of 100 Associates to help fund the project, and Jean Talon was the first one to take a census in North America. From that he learned there were more men than women and he came up with ways to change that.



We have also just videotaped our French play which is called "L'Arbre Ungali". We used a green screen, so we're looking forward to seeing the final results.

Many of you are wondering "What's buzzin" with Grease? So here is a little behind the scenes sneak peak! Unless they have been involved in musical theater, few people are truly aware of how much time and effort goes into a production of this magnitude. There are countless hours put in by so many people who you will never see on stage. We have a small in numbers, but mighty in ability crew of men working on constructing the sets, and ladies designing and painting them. The creativity of this group has been truly inspiring. They have taken our vision and brought it to life on the stage! Then we have the props, from hours spent searching for so many strange and random period pieces like old radios or 45 records, to making Styrofoam hamburgers - that truly look good enough to eat! Next is Mrs. Mathison, one of the most dedicated hard working people I have ever had the privilege to work with. She has come up with some amazing costumes, and has spent more hours than I can



Hamiota Collegiate
presents

SCHOOL VERSION
Book, Music and Lyrics by
**Jim & Warren
Jacobs & Casey**

FRIDAY, APRIL 11	7:30 P.M.	ADULTS: \$10.00
SATURDAY, APRIL 12	7:30 P.M.	STUDENTS \$ 3.00
SUNDAY, APRIL 13	2:00 P.M.	Advance Tickets on Sale April 7—Call 842-2803 Tickets also available at the door.

"Grease: School Version" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

count at the School after hours painting, printing, designing the list goes on! The Musical numbers are really coming together thanks to the joint efforts of Tom Dowden and Jana Tannas. The energy and talent these two bring to every rehearsal is - to use some 50's slang "like crazy!" The final piece of the puzzle are the hard working, dedicated and very talented "Greaser's & Teenyboppers!" Every member of the cast has been working so hard to bring this Musical to life. The rehearsals are long days filled with hours of dancing, singing and theatrics but they don't complain - at least not in front of me anyway! They put 110% effort into every scene.

I have been asked what people can expect to see from HCI's production of Grease, I believe you will see a high-energy, fun-filled musical production that will showcase the talents of so many of our HCI students! So, put on your blue jeans and T-shirt, and turn on some rock-n-roll...it's time to go back to the fifties!

-Val Caldwell, Director



Jana Tannas works with the cast on the "Hand Jive"

Encounters With Canada

During the week of February 16th to 22nd I flew to Ottawa, Ontario with three other Manitoba guys to take part in Encounters with Canada RCMP week. We spent most of time in sessions listening to speakers talk about their position in the RCMP and what the RCMP looks after in the country. They showed us things that where defiantly once in a life time, we had RCMP members with us at all times so we could ask

questions whenever we thought of some. One of the RCMP members was a lady from Virden, we talked a bit and made a few connections. It is amazing how you can only be with a group of 122 people and they feel like family in just a few days. We got a tour of Parliament, an old jail and got to see the musical ride with a tour the stables. This was a once in a life time experience filled

with meeting new people from around the Canada and making connections with everyone, I recommend the program to anyone.

From the beginning of the Encounters With Canada Program in 1982 over 90 students from HCI have participated.



Jackie Hunter (far left) with new friends at Encounters In Canada.



As mentioned in Mr. Zilkey's report, many students in Hamiota Schools to part in the festival in groups or as individuals. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for the festival and took part. The following students from Hamiota received awards at the final concert held on March 14th :

Park West School Division Trophy –Classroom Choir Gr. 1-4

Crandall United Church Plaque—Vocal Solo 14 & Under

Twin Valley Co-op Trophy—Highest March 11-14 Folk Song

Miniota New Horizons Trophy—Musical Theatre 13 & up

Strathclair Credit Union Gr. 5-8 Vocal Scholarship

Vi Smith Memorial Medallion—10 Years & under Folk Singing

Nicholson Farms Gr. 3 Piano

Hamiota Physician's Scholarship for Vocal Gr. 9-12

Robert Stewart Memorial Art Trophy

Hamiota Art Club Scholarship

Cornerstone Family Worship Centre Scholarship for Instrumental

Mable Brandon Memorial Piano Scholarship—Level 8

Whyte Family Trophy for Piano—Grade 8 and up

Miniota UCW Sacred Solo—15 Years and over

Festival Dance Medallions— **Saige Braden, Chantelle Chappell, Jacinta Doupe, Ashlyn Kirk, Brenna Kirk, Emily Lints, MacKenzie Sims, Logan Wilson, Montana Jackson, Phoenix Jackson, Eve Routledge**

Mathison Trophy Vocal Excellence 15 years and over

Eileen Kent Honorary Award for Vocal Solo

Miniota ACW Award Highest Mark Sacred Solo 11-14 years

\$350.00 Arts Camp Scholarship sponsored by the Town of Hamiota, The RM of Hamiota, the Southwest Assiniboine Retired Teacher's Association and the Hamiota Physicians Group

Hamiota Grades 1-3

Sierra McTavish

Jacinta Doupe

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Danika Smith

Emily Usick

Bailey Wilson

John Abdel Mesih

Emily Usick

Brian Johnson

Chris Usick

Chris Usick

Brian Johnson

Brian Johnson

Joel Usick

Jacinta Doupe

Joel Usick

Birdtail River

Fine Arts

Festival

Annual Meeting

Monday, June 2

Miniota School

HAMIOTA GIRLS THREE-PEAT FOR GOLD!!



Back: Mikaela Jay(stats), Ashley Jay, Shayna Mathison, Jessica Ritchie, Mr. Zilkey (coach), Jaimie Rose

Front: Jordyn Paddock, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Chyna Lake

(Destiny Allan & Caitin McTavish were at Hockey Provincials)

For the third year in a row Hamiota is the Provincial "A" Girls Basketball Champion. With a 58-27 win over Pinawa, a close game against Elm Creek 51-49 and a nail-biter come-from-behind win against Glenboro in the final game, 60-58, the girls were again the best in the province.

Shayna Mathison, a graduating player from the team,

was named

the tournament MVP. Ashley Jay was a member of the Tournament All-Star Team and Jacquelyn Hawkins and Shayna won Game Star awards.



Shayna Mathison



Ashley Jay

Also Shayna Mathison was named MHSAA Rural Athlete of the Week.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!!

HAMIOTA BOYS AT 'A' PROVINCIALS

The Varsity Boys basketball team beat Rossburn to earn the right to go to provincials. Provincials were held in Somerset, MB. The boys beat St. Laurent their first game and then lost to the number 1 seeded Glenboro Panthers. This moved the boys to the consolation side where they lost their semi-final game by 4 points to the host team, Prairie Mountain. Congratulations to all players on another great season.



Provincial Game Star
JunJun Taborlupa



Back: JunJun Taborlupa, Conor Celgg, James Hunkin, Cody Pope, Randy Kirk, Mrs. Becky Birch (coach)

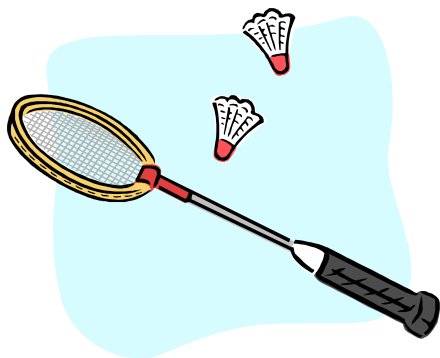
Middle: Dominic Miranda, Will Chappell, Riley Madsen, Jorden Leronowich

Front: Nathon Hawkins

BADMINTON

Varsity

With only a few short weeks until playoffs, the badminton team will be busy preparing for the tournaments that will be on April 16th and April 23rd. Practices will now be Mon. and Wed. from 3:15 – 5:30.



Middle Years

Badminton season in the middle years is well under way. This years boys team is coached by Mr. Crampain, while the girls are being coached by Mr. Coulter. Both groups have been busy honing their skills in preparation for a number of tournaments after spring break.

Hamiota will be hosting the Grade 7 & 8 boys singles and doubles tournaments on April 15 and 17 respectively. Strathclair is hosting the girls singles and doubles tournament on the same dates. The grade 7 & 8 mixed doubles tournament is scheduled for April 22 in Russell. The grade 6 players will be able to participate in a singles tournament in Birtle on April 29.

SKI TRIPS

In the past month HCI students have had the opportunity to travel to Asessipi Ski resort to try out their winter recreation facilities.

Gr. 11 & 12 PE to the right

Middle Years below



Premier's Award for School Board Innovation

Four students from the PWSD were in Winnipeg on March 13, to represent the division for its Duke of Edinburgh Award Initiative at the Celebration of Success Showcase for the Premier's Award for School Board Innovation. Parks Canada (Riding Mountain National Park) and DofE MB are important partners in this initiative. The DofE programme has students in over 100 countries worldwide doing the award. The programme was started over 50 years ago by his Royal Highness The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh. The programme was developed to encourage personal development and community involvement for young people. PWSD has 44 students registered in the DofE programme and all students in the division 14 years of age or older can volunteer to take part in it. PWSD is the only school division in Manitoba which actively supports all of our senior high students participation in the programme. The four students who represented the division at the showcase event were Tyler Wilson, Brendan Bowley, Eveline Juce, and Jacquelyn Hawkins. These students were selected to go to Winnipeg since they are the only students in the division who have successfully completed all of the requirements for the Bronze Level of the DofE award.



New Water Fountains

Two new water fountains have been installed at Hamiota Collegiate. As well as operating as a regular water fountain they also allow students and staff to fill their water bottles with cold water, eliminating the need to purchase bottled water and reducing the recycling required. The installation was made possible by funds won by HCI students from Mr. Obach's Grade

10 Geography class who participated in the Oak Hammock Marsh Watershed contest last year.



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UPCOMING DATES:

April 7 - classes resume

April 9 *Day of Pink—Bullying Awareness*

April 9-13 *Grease 9th (Dress Rehearsal)*
Performances -11th, 12th & 13th

April 10 - Hot Lunch due

April 14 - MECCA Choir performance - a.m.

April 15 *Middle Years Gr. 7 & 8 Boys*
Singles Badminton in Hamiota
Middle Years Gr. 7 & 8 Girls
Singles Badminton in Strathclair
Varsity Badminton Tournament

April 16

April 17- Pizza Hot Lunch

April 17 *Middle Years Gr. 7 & 8 Boys*
Doubles Badminton in Hamiota
Middle Years Gr. 7 & 8 Girls
Doubles Badminton in Strathclair

April 18 -Good Friday - no classes

April 22 - Lights out Canada

Middle Years Gr. 7 & 8 Doubles
Badminton in Russell

April 23 *Varsity Badminton Tournament*

April 24 - Celebration of Learning

4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

April 25 - Celebration of Learning -

a.m. - no classes

May 8, 9 *Grade 10 Job Shadowing*

May 9 - School Planning Day - no classes

May 19 - Victoria Day - no classes

May 23 - Hot Lunch due

May 30 - Hot Lunch Barbeque

June 10 *HCI Band & Choir Concert*

June 12- *HCI Extracurricular Evening*

June 13 - Fun Day

June 16-20 *Final Exams*

June 24 *Middle Years Year End*

June 24 *Grade 9-11 Awards*

June 25 *Graduation*

June 26 - 10:30 a.m. Farewell Assembly

June 26 - Last Day of Classes

Plain type— Both Schools

Bold type—Hamiota Elementary

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Walk with us

at Hamiota Collegiate

Sunday, May 25, 2014



Kara Kent is a Grade 8 student at Hamiota Collegiate. She has a sparkling smile and a bubbly personality. Kara plays school and community sports: soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, hockey and baseball. She takes part in drama and is a member of the Student Council. She also has CF. HCI is walking to support Kara.



PLEASE JOIN US!

If you haven't already signed up with a team, you need to do this right away. There is a minimum \$25.00 pledge amount for all participants. Individuals 12 and over who raise \$100.00 or more will also receive a t-shirt. For students 11 and under at the time of the walk only \$50.00 must be raised to receive a t-shirt. These pledges must be received by April 11 to qualify for a t-shirt.

There are still school teams looking for members. Students can contact any Student Council member or staff member, to get onto a team.

For more information or to sign up your own team go to www.cysticfibrosis.ca or contact the school at 204-842-2803.

Walk Day—May 25/14

10:00 a.m. Registration

11:00 a.m. 5K Walk

Following the walk there will be a Barbeque Lunch open to the walkers and the public, plus raffles, and entertainment.

Student Council by Emma Coulter

With spring break right around the corner, everybody's looking forward to a week off. The student council has numerous activities planned for when we return. One event that has been taking place at the Hamiota Collegiate for the past month is the selling of the Dream Factory clouds every Thursday in March to help raise money for their organization. On March 27, a hot lunch will be held at the school for all students and staff. The Day of Pink will be happening on April 9. This day is used to help raise awareness for bullying nationwide. The student council is putting on a tea for senior citizens in our community on April 24 at the Community Centre. Our school is also gearing up for a major event in support of Cystic Fibrosis. We are putting on a walk May 25, to help raise money for the cause. To put in a team or donate, please call the school to speak to a committee member or register at www.cysticfibrosis.ca/greatstrides. Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming events to take place in the next couple months.

WE'RE ON THE WEB

www.hamiotacollegiate.ca/Ellemsite/Ellemsite2.html

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