



# Hamiota Schools

## March, 2017

### Principal's Message

March has been an extremely busy month. Throw in an uncooperative Mother Nature and it makes for a memorable one! Much has happened at both schools since our last newsletter.

At Hamiota Elementary School the students have been busy with everyday tasks associated with their learning. I am always amazed at the terrific things that go on in each classroom at HES. Noon hours have been busy with intramural activity. The Power Rangers and the Bulbasaur were crowned champions of the Predator-Prey competitions. Due to weather, the Music Festival was cancelled this month but as they say in show business, the show must go on! On Tuesday, March 14, the K-2 and 3-5 choirs put on a terrific performance for an appreciative audience in the school gymnasium. March 17 was not only St. Patrick's Day but also Jump Rope for Heart day at HES. The students were enthusiastic participants and did a lot of cheering at the teacher jump off at noon. As we tally the student's fundraising, we will see if Mr. Coughlan gets a pie in the face and if I have to wear a dress!

Hamiota Collegiate has been equally busy this month. Madame Mitchell, with the help of the grade 9 and 10 French classes put on a mini Festival du Voyageur for the grade 5-8 French classes. The two afternoon event was a huge success. By the time you receive this newsletter, the grade 11 and 12 French class will be in France for their spring break French trip. Madame Mitchell and Mrs. Huberdeau will be travelling overseas with 10 students and will be visiting France and Italy. What a tremendous learning opportunity. The major drama production, The Little Mermaid, is sneaking up on us with performances set to take place

from April 20-23. It is great to see so many students get involved in such a rewarding activity. Please plan to attend a show to support all of these talented young people.

As usual, the gymnasium has been very busy at Hamiota Collegiate. The middle years basketball teams wrapped up their seasons with the boys team winning the divisional championship. Congratulations boys and thanks to Mr. Usick for volunteering his time to coach. Our Varsity Girls basketball team hosted the MHSAA "A" Provincials on

March 16-18 and it was a huge success. The girls played extremely hard but came up against some very strong competition. Thanks to all of the staff and students who volunteered their time to make the weekend a success. With basketball season over, badminton season gets rolling. The middle years and senior teams participated in a badminton clinic on March 10 and their newly developed skills will benefit them when the season continues after the break. A number of students in grades 6-8 and 11-12 visited Asessippi Ski Hill on March 20-21 to either ski for the first time or to develop their skills.

March is the time when the existing student council hands things over to the new student council. Elections were held and I am excited to announce that the new student council will be: President – Ashlyn Kirk, Vice President – Kara Kent, Treasurer – Emily Lints, Secretary – Carly Shamray, Social – Ben Murray, Sports Rep – Sydney Murray, Literary Rep – Korinne Alexander, Canteen Rep – Michelle Bell, and Room Rep – Holden Norrie. When we return after spring break, the outgoing council officially hands things over to the new council. The outgoing council has arranged for a M.A.D.D. presentation, dealing with drinking and driving, for the student body on Thursday, March 23. They will also continue to plan and organize the upcoming Hamiota Walk for Hope Cancer Fundraiser planned for June.

Report card time is here for the K-5 students so please be on the lookout for your child's report card. They are being sent home on Friday March 24. Report cards for the 6-12 students of HCI will be sent home after the break on April 13. Just a note to remember celebration of learning is on April 20th from 4:00-7:00 and April 21st from 9:00- 12:00. In addition we will be having an orientation meeting for current grade 5's on April 20th at 4:30 in Ms. Snyder's room and for current grade 8's at 5:00 also on in Ms. Snyder's room. If you have kids in those grades please plan to attend. If you have any questions on this or anything else please give me a call.

March 24 will be the final day at HCI for Mr. Woodcock, as Mrs. Proven is set to return from her maternity leave. I personally would like to thank Mr. Woodcock for all that he did and wish him all the best in the future.

Bruce Coulter  
Principal

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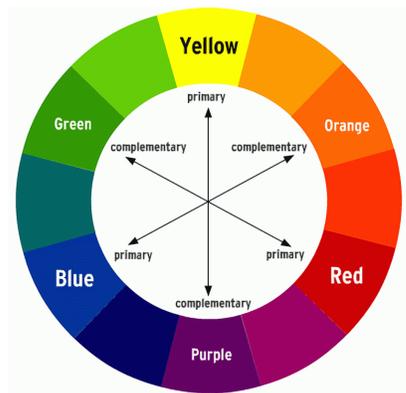
# Bucket Fillers



In kindergarten we have started “Bucket Filling!” It works like this: all day long we walk around with invisible buckets. Our bucket’s purpose is to hold our good thoughts and feelings about our-

selves. You feel happy when your bucket is full. You feel sad when your bucket is empty. In kindergarten, we are practicing how to be good bucket fillers. Every morning, a kindergarten student shares a “kindergarten bucket filling tip” during morning announcements. Some examples of our kind tips are: Keep your hands to yourself, stick up for others, use kind words, and share your toys and books....these are just a sample of a few. When someone does something kind to us in our classroom and fills up our bucket by being kind or helpful, we put our fuzzy critter in the class bucket. Our goal at the end of each day is to have all or our critters in the class bucket! Good job kindergarten kids! When we learn how to express kindness to others, then as a result, we feel happy inside too!

The kindergarten class has been exploring and learning all about colour! We painted a rainbow with the 3 primary colours but concluded that we see many other colours when we look at a rainbow in the sky. The students then explored, by mixing the primary colours, and created more colours to paint another rainbow with green, purple and orange. We have also been mixing white and black with colours to create lighter and darker shades. The students are also reading colour words and created their own rainbow rhymes.



## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

APRIL 20th from 4:00-7:00

APRIL 21st from 9:00-12:00

# Grade One News from Mrs. Obach

2017 Polar Bear Walk



by HES grade 1



Polar bears can hold their breath for two minutes. We tried, and we could only hold our breath for 18 seconds. Polar bears like to keep clean. They clean themselves by going for a swim or rolling in the snow.

Polar Bears are bigger than grizzly bears

polar bears are the largest in the bear family

They are good swimmers

Polar bears have a good sense of smell

We had a video call with The Kintners. We made a google file to write facts about Polar bears.

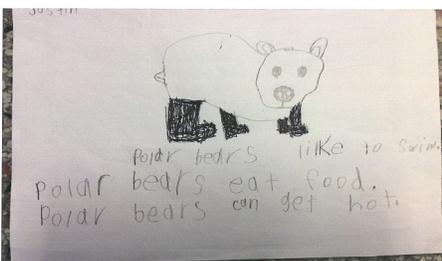


We glued.

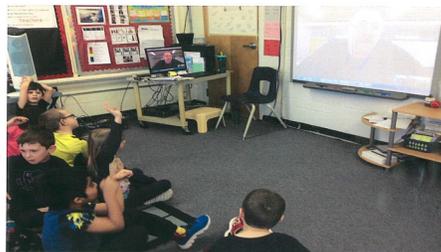
We got sharp to make polar bears. We got google eyes. We went to a field trip.



We sawed Buffalo Bill center. He taught us about other animals.

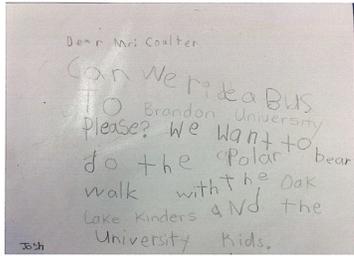


We made a polar bears book. We wrote three things beside the picture. We drew a picture of polar bears.

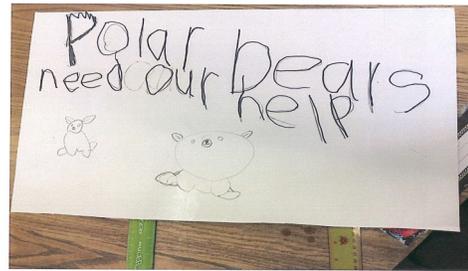


We had a video call with Mr. McKel. We learned all about Polar Bears. It was fun. He showed us pictures of polar bears. It was fun to be on a video call.

# Grade One News (continued)



We wrote a letter to Mr. Coulter. He helped us book a bus to go to Brandon University.



WE MADE POLAR BEARS, SIGNS TO CARRY. WE WERE HAVING FUN. WE LIKE DRAWING POLAR BEARS.



We asked Mr. Coulter if we could go on a bus. He said yes. So we went on a bus to Brandon University. We walked for half an hour.



We ate snack at the Brandon university.



The BRAND ON UNIVERSITY MADE DISCOVERY FUN. IT WAS FOR OUR CLASS.



We raised \$251. We want to help the polar bears. We went to Brandon for a walk.

## Grade Two News from Mrs. Gregory

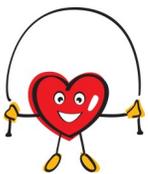
Spring has finally arrived and we are we are enjoying the warmer weather. The March blizzard sure made some interesting drifts in the playground and it has made playing outside an adventure.



In language arts we continue to work on our reading, writing and spelling skills. For St. Patrick's Day we wrote about a leprechaun and had fun coming up with some great Irish names.

We have been learning about increasing patterns in math. Our problem solving strategy has also involved looking for increasing patterns. We continue to work on different strategies for subtracting numbers. We have practised adding higher numbers using an empty number line.

We continue to work on our science unit on the properties of liquids, solids and gases. We tested items to see if they would sink or float. We also took part in the boat building challenge. We planned and designed boats made out of materials we brought from home. We had some very interesting and creative looking vessels. Most of our boats floated and many of them were able to hold lots of marbles.



Some of the special events we enjoyed this month were singing at our festival assembly and taking part in the Jump Rope for Heart program. We are looking forward to our next Roots of Empathy session this week and are excited to visit with Baby Lennox again.

As March winds down we are all looking forward to a great spring break!



Hamiota Elementary School would like to thank Kim Miller, from Miller's Drive Inn, for the generous donation which will be put towards some improvements in the library.

## Grade Three News from Mrs. Dixon

### MARCH

goes in like a LION  
& out like a LAMB

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Though March came in like a lamb, it has certainly reared its lion head these last few weeks! The playground is full of some interestingly shaped snow banks since the big storm. We've been busy catching up on some missed days here at school. In L.A., we've done some animal research and have enjoyed compiling it into some pretty impressive looking Power Point Presentations. We've also been working on our reading, writing and spelling skills, as usual!

Our home reading program this month has been "Taking A Bite Out of Reading." We've been working in teams to "eat" a cookie and it's looking like we're going to celebrate our accomplishments with a cookie making day on March 24<sup>th</sup>. This group works well together as a team - way to go, Grade 3!



In Math, we're working with polygons and 3 dimensional solids. Shapes and solids are everywhere, we just have to stop and look at them to realize it sometimes.



We've been learning about magnetic forces in Science. This is a great unit because there are so many hands on experiments and who doesn't like to play with magnets? Students worked together to build magnetic mazes for others in the school to try. Good learning and good fun!

Our last Lilac visit was really interesting! For the first time, we asked our buddies to teach us a skill, craft or game they knew. Here are some of the results...embroidery, the card game, Crib, a straw craft, paper folding to make boats and hats, Easter egg decorating, Cat's Cradle, colouring, a classic car collection, writing limericks, and drawing. Our seniors have so much knowledge to share!



Our class enjoyed being part of the Girls' Basketball Provincials, as we "adopted" the Glenboro Panthers team. We made posters for them and cheered them on in a closely fought game against Rosenort. We loved having them visit our classroom as well. What a great group of girls!

Leprechauns invaded our classroom last week. Each day, we found tricks and messes that they left. They were pretty kind to us on St. Paddy's Day though, as they left us badges and joke tellers. What a tricky crew they were!



HES students did a fantastic job of singing at our Festival Assembly last week. Their hard work and practicing really paid off, even though they couldn't attend Festival due to the storm.

Spring Break is soon upon us! With the busy days in school and out of school, everyone is ready for a wee break. We will welcome the coming of spring and the last leg of the school year when we return in April!

## Grade Four 'N' News from Mrs. Nowosad

***What are you most excited for during Spring Break?***

**Landon:** If all the snow melts, I can fly my drone outside. It's not waterproof and can't get wet. I can take videos and do lots of stunts with it.

**Tara:** I am excited to go to Edmonton with my family and the Johns for a week. We are going to West Edmonton Mall.



**Drayson:** I am excited to go quadding with my friend Isaac and get all muddy. We will go in the ditches.

**Ella:** I am most excited for Spring Break because I get to go to my dad's and ride my favourite pony named Lucky.



**Carter:** I am going to go on the quads and get all muddy. I usually go with my grandma, grandpa, Kyia and Karli.

**Charlie:** I am looking forward to getting my quad out. I will ride it through the ditches and the farm yard, even to grandma and grandpas. I won't get stuck very much because it has 4 wheel drive.

**Alexis:** I am most excited to sleep in and chillax. I also want to play on my Ipod.



**Sarah:** I am most excited to go on my trampoline and play outside with my dog, Riley.



**Seth:** I am excited to go to Winnipeg and stay in a hotel. I am going to swim the whole time and will end up looking like a raisin! Maybe do some shopping too.



**Kylynn:** I am excited to play outside with my brother, Wyatt. I am also going to ride the quad at grandpa's farm.

**Connor:** I am most excited for farming and quadding (and getting all muddy). I also want to go swimming and hot tubing in my Granny's pool and hot tub.



**Hailen:** I am most excited to go to Banff with my family. We are also going to West Edmonton Mall. We are going to stay in a hotel and swim!

**Wyat:** I am excited to get the quads out of the shed. We can drive them since there is not any snow really left for the skidoos.



**Camryn:** I am most excited for spring break so I can go to the Winter Fair in Brandon.

## Grade Four News from Mrs. Routledge

Wow! Is it really almost spring break? We have been working so hard the past month, time has really flown by! Grade 4R has been working up a sweat...and a sweet tooth...learning their times tables up to 9x9. To celebrate all of their hard work, we will be having an ice-cream party on Thursday afternoon, complete with fancy bowls, toppings and syrups! Congratulations kids for learning your facts, "One Scoop At A Time...!" Come on in and have a look at our math cones hanging in the hallway!

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In ELA, we have wrapped up our Mysterious Creatures unit and will be looking forward to designing our dioramas when we return in April. The students are bringing home a note, outlining the supplies they will need from home. We finished reading the interesting tale of Albert Ostman, an American man who claims he was kidnapped by a family of Sasquatch and held prisoner in the Canadian wilderness in the 1920's. The students have completed their individual written retellings, which are on display outside our room.

In Social Studies, we have just started a unit on Canada's far north, which we will continue after the break. I hope everyone has a fun and relaxing holiday and I will look forward to seeing you all again in April!



### UPCOMING DATES:

- March 24 ~ HES Report Cards sent home
- March 27 ~ March 31 ~ Spring Break
- April 11 ~ Kindergarten Registration Evening at 7:00 pm
- April 13 ~ HCI Report Cards sent home  
~ HCI Spring Formal Sr. High Dance
- April 14 ~ No classes ~ Good Friday
- April 19 ~ Grade 3's visit Lilac
- April 20-23 ~ The Little Mermaid at HCI
- April 20 ~ Celebration of Learning 4:00-7:00
- April 21 ~ No classes ~ Celebration of Learning 9:00-12:00
- April 28 ~ HES Hot Lunch ~ Taco in a Bag



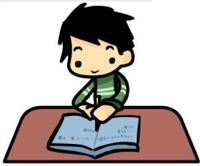
## Grade Five News by Mrs. D. Routledge

Happy spring everyone! The days are getting longer, and the snow is disappearing. YAYYY!

Since the last newsletter we have wrapped up our division unit in math, and have begun to work on fractions and decimals. I encourage you to continue to practice those facts because you're going to need them to help you find equivalent fractions!



In Language Arts we have completed our research of an Indigenous people, and are now working to organize our facts into paragraphs. We have been talking about topic sentences, concluding sentences, and everything that comes in between!



In social studies, we have been researching European explorers, and are writing journal entries from the perspective of a specific

explorer.

We have also videotaped our French plays with the green screen!

As you can see we are working on a variety of different things right now, all of which we are looking forward to sharing at Celebration of Learning.

Have a great spring break, everyone!



## Legion Contest Winner

Congratulations to Ryan Donahoe, who placed First in District 2 Legion Essay Contest. Students enter the contest at the local level (Kenton Legion). Winners are chosen to move on to zone competition and then to the district level. District 2 Commander Mike Ramsden accompanied by Mr. Jack Houston came to HCI to present Ryan with a cash award and certificate. While here, Commander Ramsden asked Ryan to present Mr. Houston with a pin commemorating



his 60 years as a Legion member.

## Farewell to Mr. Woodcock

At our weekly assembly students and staff said farewell to Mr. Dylan Woodcock. He has been at HCI since last April, taking over for Mrs. Proven while she was on maternity leave, teaching senior ELA and RIT and acting as guidance counselor. He was very involved at HCI, and was the director of the middle years drama. He will be finishing out the school year teaching Grade 4 in Neepawa. Good luck Mr. Woodcock, we will miss you!



## The Little Mermaid

Under the direction of Mrs. Val Caldwell, director, Miss Jana Tannas, choreographer and Miss Chelsey Novakowski, Musical Director, the cast members have been working hard on learning lines, songs and dances on Sundays, at noon hours and after school. With less than a month to go we are getting costumes and props in place. The cast includes: Ariel—Caitlyn McTavish & Jacinta Doupe, Prince Eric—Holden Norrie, Sebastian—Bobbi Hunter, Flounder— MacKenzie Sims and Logan Wilson, King Triton-Liam Caldwell, Grimsby—Reece Breneman, The Mersisters-Saige Braden, Amber Raycroft, Chantelle Chappell, Jana McTavish, Evil Ursula—Korinne Alexander and Ashlyn Kirk, Scuttle—Naomi Best and Hayden Crampain,

Flotsam & Jetsam—Brody Robinson & Brady Daniel, Chef Louis & the Pilot— Brett Hemrica, and the Maids—Ashley Morden, Michelle Bell and Sheena Johnson. Our ensemble cast includes Tess McTavish, Christyna Caldwell, Kyla Good, Darrah Kent, Machaela Tannas, Kolby Alexander, Jade Crampton, Kyia Knight, and Trinity Lints who appear throughout the play as undersea creatures, sea gulls, flamingos, fireflies, turtles and frogs.

The play includes all the favourite songs from the movie including the two big show numbers “Under the Sea” and “Kiss the Girl”. The play will be fun for everyone with lots of comedy, music and dancing. As always the sets will be awesome and the costumes (from Lynn Lelond in Brandon) spectacular. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Advance tickets go on sale on April 3 after Spring Break for the Friday at 7:00, Saturday at 7:00 and the Sunday at 2:00 p.m. performances. Hope to see you there!!!

**The Hamiota Collegiate**  
**Production of**  
*Disney's*  
**The Little Mermaid**



**April 20-23, 2017**  
**Hamiota Collegiate Gym**

Music By                      Lyrics By                      Book By  
 Alan Menken      Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater      Doug Wright

*Based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements*

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

<b>Performances:</b>	
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 21</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 22</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 23</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>

<b>ADULTS:</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>STUDENTS:</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>PRESCHOOLS</b>	<b>2.00</b>

*Advance Tickets on Sale April 3 at Hamiota Collegiate*

Or Call 842-2803  
 (Evenings & weekends please leave a message)

Disney's The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)



## BADMINTON

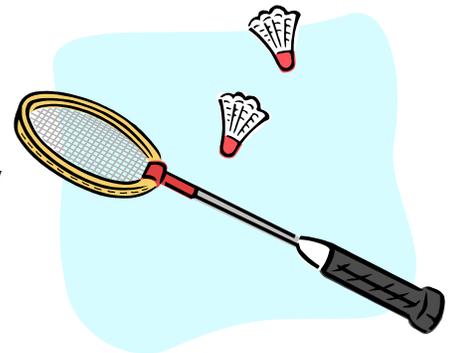
**Middle year's badminton** has started at HCI! To follow the action for tournaments and practices please refer to the Hamiota Collegiate website – <http://www.hamiotacollegiate.ca>

Once again we have a great number of players wanting to play badminton. With over 20 girls from grade 6 to 8, Ms. Hawkins will be coaching the girls. The boys also have over 20 grade 6 to 8 players with Mr. Crampain and Ms. Snyder coaching.

Grade 6 students will practice twice weekly for the season and there will be a grade 6 singles tournament in Birtle on April 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

The badminton season ends with some divisional tournaments for the grade 7 & 8 students (singles boys and girls, double boys and girls, mixed tournaments). All tournaments are scheduled to begin at 1:00 PM. The boy's and girl's singles tournament is on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Hamiota and Strathclair respectively. The doubles tournament is on April 11<sup>th</sup> with Hamiota hosting the boys and Strathclair hosting the girls. The mixed tournament is in Russell on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior badminton** players have been practicing for over a month. On Friday, March 3, two players from the Manitoba Badminton Association were at HCI. During the day they worked with all middle years students and senior badminton players.



## SKI TRIP

In the past week HCI students have had the opportunity to travel to Asessipi Ski resort to use their winter recreation facilities. The Middle Years students spent Monday, March 20 and members of the Gr. 11 & 12 PE class spent Monday and Tuesday enjoying the slopes.



## BASKETBALL



Back: Mrs. Cally Brown (coach), Zachí Espayos, Hailey Chappell, Christyna Caldwell, Kareena Sims, Darrah Kent, Emerson Zilkey, Mikayla Grabowski

Front: Trinity Lints, Telyna Lake, Kyia Knight, Reanna Gage, Kendra Drake, Emma Gurr

### Middle Years Girls

The middle years girls had a great season going undefeated 3-0 in league play and then finishing 2nd place in the division. The team consisted of 13 girls who dedicated time and effort into making the team successful. Great work this season ladies and I look forward to seeing you play in the future!

### Middle Years Boys

The Middle Years Boys Basketball Team had a fantastic series of games at the A Side Finals in Binscarth last week. They battled back and forth during their first game against the Inglis Toros with all players showing a tremendous effort. Hamiota was able to come out with the win and move on to the finals versus Binscarth. The final game ended with the Huskies taking home the championship banner with a final score of 51-27! We would like to thank Mr. Usick for being an outstanding coach all year long and always bringing out the best in his players.



Back: Rhylen DeBin, Ty Nykoliation, Caleb McTavish, Cole Clark, Nash Gurr, Colin Crampain, Vince David, Logan McTavish, Mr. Orland Usick (coach)

Front: Caleb Rindlisbacher

### Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball team rolled out the red carpet for the 'A' Girls Basketball Provincial Championships this past weekend as the host school to the top 8 teams across Manitoba. The Huskies team, coached by Sarah Lopes, is led by 3 grade 12's including Destiny Allan, Chyna Lake, and Caitlin McTavish. These three players were in their grade 9 year when Hamiota last won a provincial title back in 2014. The teams first match up was against the number 2 ranked Ross L. Gray Raiders. Although the Huskies started off with a

strong defensive presence, they were unable to hold down the tenacious scoring of the Raiders. The Huskies then met up with the Gilbert Plains Trojans for a chance to continue to the consolation finals. The girls were off to a strong start with excellent offensive execution against the Trojans full court press and zone defense. Unfortunately, a long stretch of 3 pointers made by Gilbert Plains and grade 12 point guard Chyna Lake fouling out of the game, the Huskies came up just short with a final score of 49-57. The girls would like to thank everyone who came out and supported their team all year long, as well as all the staff and students who helped make their provincial tournament run so well. Until next year, Go Huskies!



The Varsity 'A' Girls Basketball Provincials were held in Hamiota on March 16-18. Eight teams from across the province attended with the Ross L. Gray Spartans from Sprague winning the championship game against Grandview. Congratulations to the Hamiota Huskies for some exciting basketball. Thanks to all the student and staff volunteers led by

Tournament Organizer Mrs. Karma Hawkins for all their work before and during the tournament.

**Thank You!**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO LORI & DARCY HEAPY FOR PROVIDING MILK FOR OUR PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT!!!**

## FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR by Mrs. Mitchell

February 28th and March 1st, all middle years students from HCI and the grade 5 students from HES were put into teams to celebrate festival du voyageur. The activities were organized by Mme Mitchell's grade 9 & 10 French students and teams collected points for their placings in relay races, speaking in French and for answering voyageur themed questions. The races and activities included tug-of-war, canoe portaging, relay races, toboggan relay races, team skis relay races, snow shoes relay races and a snow sculpture competition. *Les chiens de neige* led by Ms. Lopes won the event with a total of 61 points. Students and staff received delicious deep friend "beaver tails" to finish off the two afternoons of fun!



Gr. 9 & 10 Students: (l-r): Emily Usick, Layne Norrie, Brody Robinson, Reece Breneman, Taylor Good, Olivia Tolton, Jamie Waddell, Chantelle Chappell (missing: Joelle Little)

These festivities were made possible by the French Revitalization Grant that is offered by the province of Manitoba to promote and support the enrichment of the French language and culture.

*"I very much liked the festival du voyageur. I found it interesting and fun. What I really liked about it was how it took teamwork and also how well it was set up. My favorite event that we did was the team skis because it was a lot of fun and my team won both rounds."* - McKenna Laberge

*"I liked having the grade 5s over. It was fun making sleds and getting together."* – Kendra Drake

*"I enjoyed the skiing activity because it involved your whole team at once. I liked that the activities got us outside and that it took a team effort to win."* – Kate-Leigh Heapy



# STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

by Mackenzie Sims & Holden Norrie

The 2016-2017 student council would like to congratulate the new 2017-2018 council on their election! The new student council will consist of :



Ashlyn Kirk (President) Kara Kent (Vice President) Sydney Murray (Sports Rep.),



Ben Murray (Social Rep.) Holden Norrie (Gr.12 Room Rep.) Michelle Bell (Canteen Rep.)



Carly Shamray (Secretary) Emily Lints (Treasurer) Korinne Alexander (Literary Rep.)

They will be taking over after Spring Break.

Both councils will be working together to throw a Spring Formal Dance on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for grades 9-12 and forms will be handed out before Spring Break.



**Thank  
You**

HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE WOULD LIKE TO THANK SHELDON & LAUREN GURR FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF OUR VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM. YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED.