

Hamiota Schools Newsletter

Principal's Message

March 2022

Two years ago, as we entered spring break, we had no idea what was in store. Looking back on the past two years makes me realize that we indeed have been part of history. In fifty years, students will be learning about the COVID pandemic that we all have been dealing with for the last 24 months. March brought a sense of guarded optimism as a few restrictions were relaxed. One of the most enjoyable things for me is the ability to see the smiling faces of the kids!

Like February, March has seemed to fly by. K-8 teachers have been busy preparing report cards that will be emailed home before we leave for spring break (if all goes according to plan), so make sure to look and see all of the wonderful things your child has been up to. Mid-semester reports for grades 9-12 will be sent home mid-April, just before our final Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, scheduled to take place virtually on April 21 & 22. Information will be sent home to families after the break about how they can schedule an interview with individual teachers.

The month of March was a busy one for students. On the extracurricular front, HCI hosted MHSAA Curling Provincials, our Varsity Girls Basketball Season wrapped up, and our High School Hockey team is in the midst of the consolation finals of the WSHSL. Our Middle Years Boys Basketball team captured the PWSD by defeating Major Pratt, and our grade 7/8 curlers also brought home a banner. Hamiota will hold the divisional grade 5/6 Curling Bonspiel on March 23. The final week of school leading up to spring break will also see middle and senior students get the opportunity to go downhill skiing at Asessippi Ski Hill. The spring weather and melting snow have made for exciting times on the playground at HES! It is great to see the kids enjoying the warmer weather, and now we can hope for a dry playground come April!

Spring often means that student teachers join Hamiota Schools. I would like to welcome Laughlin McKinnon, Derek Cross, Tara Meggison and Robert Meningas to HCI and Destiny Allan and Robert Meningas to HES. These bright and energetic teachers bring so much to our school community. It is great to have them join our team for a few weeks.

Finally, as you may have heard, there will be some changes coming to Hamiota Schools next year, with each school having a teaching principal in the building starting in September 2022. Next year I will be working exclusively at the Collegiate, and the division is in the process of recruiting a new principal for Hamiota Elementary.



As we look ahead to Spring Break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful break. Students and staff have worked extremely hard this year and deserve a mental break. I hope the weather holds and we can enjoy some outdoor time with family and friends.

Bruce Coulter
Principal




Crazy sock day in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

KINDERGARTEN - MS. RAMSEY

We have had a busy month of March! A leprechaun visited our classroom on St. Patrick's Day and caused quite the commotion. He left behind a treasure hunt and we ended up finding some rainbow seeds (that we ate) in the staff room. We have also done some writing about why we are lucky. We have started to learn to read and are practicing breaking words apart into their sounds. We did some rainbow art and have read a lot about colours and leprechauns this month. We hope everyone has a great Spring Break!

KINDERGARTEN - MISS ALLAN

Kinder B 

We have welcomed our new teacher, Miss Allan with open arms. She is completing her final student teaching practicum with Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. McNabb, and Mrs. Allan. The students are working hard at building their phonemic awareness skills, reading and writing words with 3 sounds. In math, they are working on numbers, patterns, and sorting. May your Spring Break “BEE” enjoyable! 

GRADE ONE—MRS. NOWOSAD

March was very busy with our usual reading and math groups. We also used March as our “I Love to Read” month, having special days in the classroom such as; bring your stuffie to read too, beach day, read in the dark day, and pajama day. March 21st we celebrated World Down’s Syndrome Day with a special story, glyph craft, crazy sock cookies, and wearing crazy socks. We are all looking forward to spring break!

GRADE TWO— MRS. MCNABB AND MRS. ALLAN

Lucky Leprechaun has been visiting the gr.2 classroom! He challenged our students to write him a persuasive letter stating why they deserved his treasure! After convincing Lucky why they were deserving of his treasure, he then left them 5 learning challenges to complete. Each challenge earned them a word clue. When the words were unscrambled, it led us to the spot where our spectacular pot of leprechaun treasure was hidden! Who new learning could be so fun and yummy at the same time! Thank-you Lucky!

In math, students have been working hard using strategies to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. Different kinds of patterns are also being created, built and extended. We are looking forward to having a Gallery Walk to showcase our increasing or decreasing patterns when we return from Spring Break!

GRADE THREE—MRS DIXON

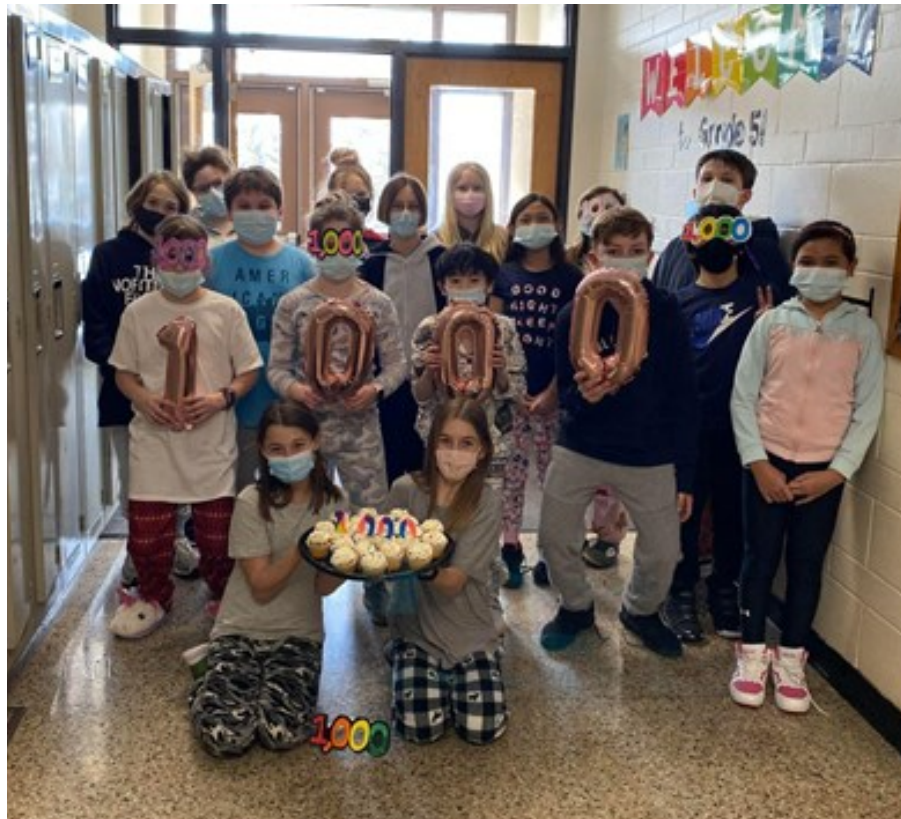
Leprechauns invaded our classroom, but they did reward us with a treasure hunt and some rainbow cupcakes at the end of it! We are working hard on our writing skills these days and learning how multiplication works too! A big highlight was our visual “flight” to Tanzania, Africa! Have a wonderful spring break, everyone. See you soon for the last leg of the school year!

GRADE 4 NEWS—MRS. ROUTLEDGE

It's been a rocky road of illness and absences this month in grade 4...BUT we persevered! We almost ALL know our times table facts up to 9x9, which is AWESOME! These kids have worked hard. As a group, we decided to postpone the class ice-cream party until after spring break so all students could be in attendance. That will be something tasty to look forward too! Wishing all grade 4 families good health and dry ground for spring break!

GRADE FIVE—MS. SUROVY

March has been a busy month in Grade 5! We celebrated our 1000 Day of School at the beginning of the month and St. Patrick's Day! Once a week, we have also been traveling to the rink for curling lessons. Carter, Matao, Lucy, Myra, Devryn, Gabriel, Teagan, and Kennedy will be representing HES at the Grade 5/6 Bonspiel, which is taking place in Hamiota. In the classroom we have been working on multiplying 2-digits numbers in math, learning about the human body in science, and beginning to work in our guided reading groups during our ELA time. We've also started working on our new French play: Boucles Violettes et les Trois Ours. We're excited for the warmer weather and want to wish everyone a fun-filled spring break!



BAND NOTES

Happy April Everyone!

So nice to see the weather warming up and see all this snow departing. It makes me feel like pretty soon we will be able to take our instruments outside and be able to enjoy some warm weather while making music.

In Grade 6, we have been talking about and testing out some of the instruments that they will be able to play in Band class. The new plan for the rest of the year is to continue to test the instruments and then by the end of the year choose what instrument we are going to play in band. Who knows, maybe we will even get to start playing before the end of the year!

The Grade 7 students have started working on their first band piece "Midnight Madness" and have been making good progress on the piece. They have also been working on air production and refining their sound. I have been very impressed with their willingness to be adaptable and their ability to evolve their sound at such a young age.

In Grade 8 we started on a new composition called "Peace". I had chosen this piece at the start of the year for the students to play; however, it seemed like a very appropriate time to begin on this composition. We are also going to be starting on a piece called "Furioso" which to me, sounds the opposite of "Peace". We have already had a good discussion about the relevance of music to society and I'm looking forward to more discussions with the students.

The Senior students have been working on two pieces "Chorale from Jupiter" by Gustav Holst and "The Dragon's Lair". The students have almost got "Dragon's Lair" to performance quality and they have just started on "Chorale from Jupiter" but have demonstrated a great job of sight-reading so far. In the next month we will be starting on "Kenya Contrasts" and a Mr. Salmi arrangement of a Disney Song.

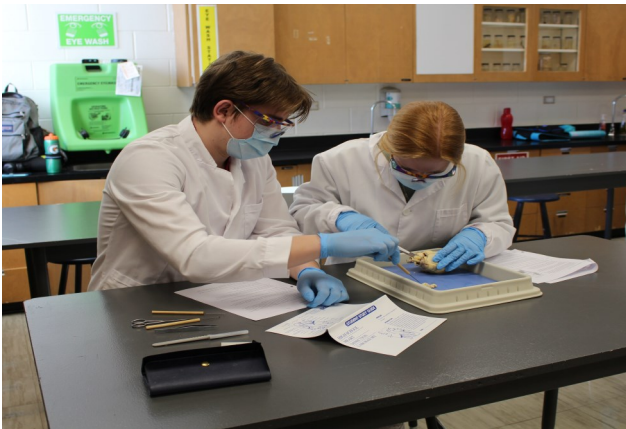
A couple things of note this month as well. We have had a student teacher start with the students, Mr. Robert Maningas. Mr. M. is in his second placement and will be taking more of a role in working with the students over the next month. We currently have no restrictions for band and I'm contemplating our first public performance in two years! More details will be coming out but just wanted to give everyone the heads up.

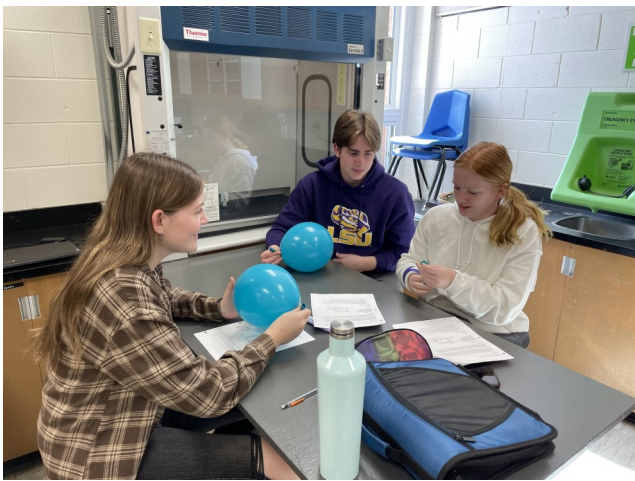
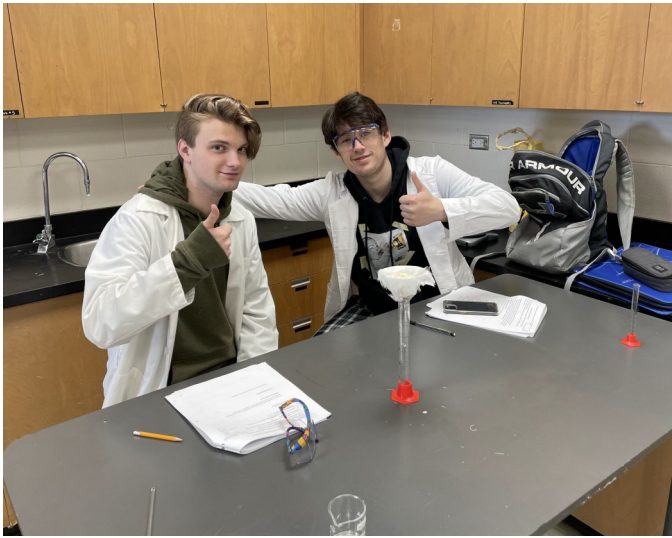
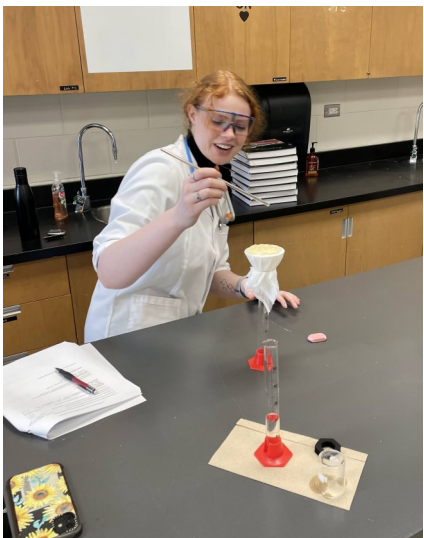
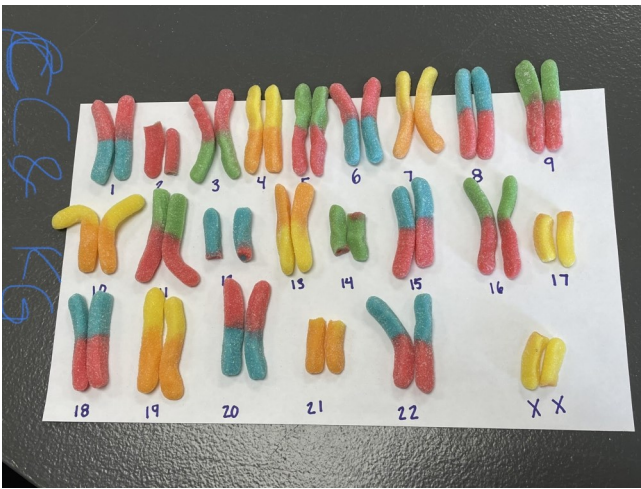
I hope everyone has a great Spring Break and we get to enjoy some warm weather. If you ever have any questions about the Band program I can always be reached at ksalmi@pwsd.ca. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Go Band!
Mr. S.



Biology with Ms. Chichlowski





Hamiota Senior Curling Teams



Kyla Good, Darrah Kent, Riley McTavish, Alex Boryskavich, Riley McNabb



Lane Nykoliation, Chael Rozdeba, Connor Ramsey, Ty Nykoliation,
5th Seth Hamilton

Hamiota Hosts Provincial Championships

The Manitoba High School Athletic Association held their annual High School Curling Provincials in Hamiota from March 3rd-5th. 14 boys and 14 girls teams participated alongside the host Hamiota Huskies. Darrah Kent, Kyla Good, Rylee McNabb, Riley McTavish and Alex Boryskavich made up the local girls team while Ty and Lane Nykoliation, Connor Ramsey, Chael Rozdeba and Seth Hamilton played in the boys division. It was great to see the Hamiota and Kenton rinks so lively again with people from across the province enjoying a wonderful display of talent and sportsmanship.

The Carman Cougars went undefeated throughout the tournament to capture the provincial gold medal in the girls division, while the Gimli Lakers defeated the Virden Golden Bears in the final game on the boys side.

Thank you to all of the high school and community volunteers who helped make this tournament such a huge success.

PWSD 5/6 Curling Bonspiel



Josh Mathison, Tyson Bridge, Destin Knight, Jayson Knight



7/8 Curling Bonspiel



Maddison Currah, Lauren Soutar, Brady Gregory, Shelby Nowosad, Bruce Knight



Thank you to all the Coaches, curlers and parents for supporting our Curlers it was a great season!

Grade 5 Learn to Curl with Mrs. Lamb



Middle Years Boys Basketball



Back row: Cole Wilson-Davey, Jo Lelond, Nolan Drake, Gunnar Tannas, Iluak Burke, Hunter Hamilton

Front row: Alec Strachan, Cowen Lints, Bruce Knight, Gavin Rempel, Colton Rapley

Coach: Ms. Chichlowski



Middle Years Girls Basketball



Back row: Robyn McNabb, Lauren Soutar, Taylor Lawn, Acadia Huberdeau

Front row: Anika Conde, Chloe McKinnon, Alyshia McKinnon

Missing: Adrianna Charlton, Shelby Nowosad



SV Basketball Update

This year's basketball season was definitely a roller coaster ride, with constantly changing restrictions, the cancellation of our league, and many bus days and school closure due to the weather. Regardless of the circumstances, the Huskies SV Girls Basketball team capped off the end of a fun-filled season on the court at the beginning of March with a 40-26 loss to Rivers in an interzone qualifier to go to A Girls Basketball Provincials in Fisher River. Players on the team this year were Darrah Kent, Kyla Good, Machaela Tannas, Riley McTavish, Ella Gurr, Reanna Gage, Jade Crampton, Trinity Lints, Tristan McTavish, and Calli Wilson-Davey. We want to wish our graduating players, Darrah, Kyla, and Machaela, the best of luck with whatever the future holds for them, and thank them for their commitment to the team throughout their time at HCI!



Thank you to Coach Hayley Lamb for her time and commitment.

Thank you to all the players, Coaches and parents that
make this hockey team possible.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The student council will soon be filled with fresh faces and new ideas. Be sure to welcome the newbies with open arms as they put their spin on spirit weeks, pep rallies and more. I for one will be excited to see what the new council has to bring to the table. This week's spirit week to close out before spring break was a success with great ideas such as Disney day, Dress as your Future Career Day, First Day of Kindergarten and more.

