

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

November, 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the final week of November is upon us, I look back at an extremely busy month. Whether it is curricular activities taking place in the classroom or extracurricular activities taking place at noon and after school, both schools are very busy at this time of year.

The task of sitting down and writing this newsletter article is very rewarding for me. As a principal, I get to sit back and admire the many accomplishments of the students and staff of our schools. I enjoy sharing this with the parents and community as a whole. Here is November's Top 10 List (in no particular order).

November's Top 10

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

November is the first time we get to formally invite parents and students into our school to share in their successes during our annual parent/student/teacher conferences. Staff of both schools would like to thank the many parents who stopped by the school on November 16 and 17 to discuss the learning of their child(ren).

Global Read Aloud

Students in a number of grades have been participating in a Global Read Aloud event. This event sees students from around the world read the same book and then connects with other classrooms over Skype.

Our Grade 5S and Grade 9 RIT class extended this activity and has raised money to help those in South Sudan. Well done!

Middle Years Kindness Presentation

A group of Middle Years students organized a presentation for the entire middle years group about kindness.

This group is part of the MY student council.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Nov 9 the schools and community came together for a wonderful Remembrance Day Ceremony. Thanks to all involved.

Youth in Philanthropy

A group of 9 students from grade 9-12 make up the Youth in Philanthropy group. This group received a cheque of \$3500 this past month and they will develop criteria for sharing this money over the next few months.

Christmas Concert Practices

Both schools are preparing for their Dec 12 (HCI) and Dec 14 (HES) Christmas Concerts/Drama productions

Volleyball

Volleyball season is wrapping up. All of the teams have had success with our JV Boys and Varsity Boys teams making it to provincials.

Teen Health Clinic

HCI hosted its first Teen Clinic this past month. The next clinic is scheduled for December 19.

Take Your Kids to Work & Job Shadowing

Grade 9 and 10 students spent time out of the school and in the workplace gaining some valuable experience.

Fowl Supper

Thanks to the community for supporting the annual fowl supper put on by HCI's student council.

As with most lists, I could have kept going! I am so proud of the students and staff of Hamiota Schools for all that they do. On that note, I would like to welcome a new staff member, Barb Dowsett to HCI. Barb is an accomplished band teacher who will be running the band program at HCI moving forward. When you get a chance please welcome her to our community.

Have a great December everyone!

Respectfully,
Bruce Coulter
Principal

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

from Mrs. McNabb

Ho Ho Ho! The Christmas Countdown is on and we will be counting down the "sleeps" until Santa comes with our Christmas countdown craft! If you need to know how many days until Christmas, just ask a kindergarten student because they will be able to tell you!



We finished our Global Read Aloud with our partner class from Milwaukee Wisconsin! We enjoyed reading stories by Mem Fox and sharing our thoughts and projects with our partner class. A big thank-you to Mrs.

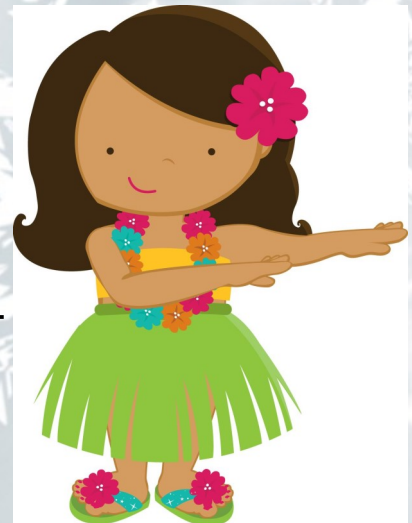


Obach for visiting our class and helping us with this special project. To conclude this project we created an imovie of our favourite Mem Fox book. Feel free to watch our video on youtube (just search under Michelle McNabb). We will create Christmas cards and mail

them (the old fashioned way!) to our new friends in Wisconsin. We will hope for a nice day to walk to the post office to mail our letters!

Along with our usual learning, we have been learning about trees in science. Our playhouse has been changed into a construction zone - enter at your own risk! Soon our loft will be a hot chocolate shop!

We are looking forward to our first ever Christmas Concert! Mark your calendars for our debut performance as hula dancers as we open this tropical Christmas event singing "Mele Kalikimake" - the Hawaiian Christmas song!



GRADE ONE NEWS from Mrs. Nowosad

"What is one thing you could do to help others in your community

during the Christmas season?"

Reane ~ I can shovel snow for my neighbors

Lennox ~ I will help Mark put up Christmas lights

Thompson ~ I can help set up Christmas lights

Jude ~ I can help set the table for Christmas supper

Gabriel ~ I can hand out Christmas cookies and help put up lights

Matao ~ I would help put up Christmas trees and decorate them

Lydia ~ I would help put Christmas lights on the tree

Teagan ~ I will give food to the food bank

Kennedy ~ I will make ornaments and cookies and hand them out

Noah ~ I will make cookies and hand them out to special people

Devryn ~ I would like to sing Christmas carols for people in Hamiota

Pyper ~ I would like to help set up our neighbors Christmas trees

Brittyn ~ I would help our neighbors put up their Christmas lights

Carter ~ I can help take food to our Grandma's on Christmas

Lucy ~ I would like to buy toys for the kids that need them and hand them out

Chase ~ I would make angel ornaments and hand them out

Jiajun ~ I would help decorate inside people's houses

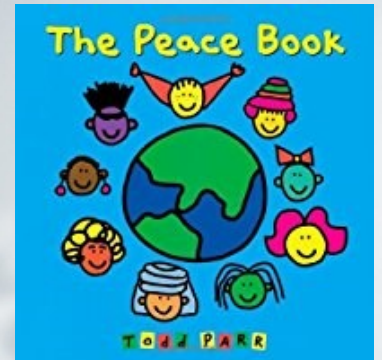
Missing ~ Harmony Wilson and Lawklan Pompana.



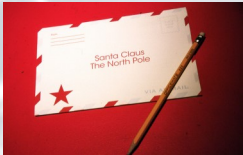
GRADE TWO NEWS

from Mrs. Gregory

Another month has quickly disappeared. In November, our class worked on a mini-theme on Remembrance Day. We read *The Peace Book* and wrote poems about what peace means to us. We also drew and labeled a poster about what Remembrance Day makes us think of. It was amazing how many words we could find using the letters in Remembrance Day.



In language arts we wrote a recount about our Halloween party. We have also been writing an article for the Crossroads newspaper. Be watching for our stories about what we think Santa should bring our moms and dads for Christmas. We completed our letters to Santa and are hoping Santa will write back to us.



Our spelling this month has focused on long vowel words. We have learned about different vowel teams and also about the magic e in words.

In math we have been learning about ordinal numbers. We have also been working on fact families, doubles and close to doubles. We have been practising subtraction facts by counting back, using addition and using the part part whole strategy.

In Social Studies we have started working on a unit about our community. We have located our province and town on a map of Canada.

As usual, there have been some special events this month. We would like to thank Mrs. Penner for helping us do such a beautiful job of the song we sang at the Remembrance Day service. We were happy to have some of our Remembrance Day art on display for the service at the high school. It was also wonderful to see all the parents and students at our November interviews. The students did a terrific job showing and explaining their work to their parents. We also enjoyed working on the kindness activity with the Grade 7 class.



One of the most exciting months of the year will soon be here! We are busy practicing being pirates and singing and doing actions for the song "Pirates All Are We." We can hardly wait to perform in the Christmas Concert!

GRADE THREE NEWS

from Mrs. Dixon

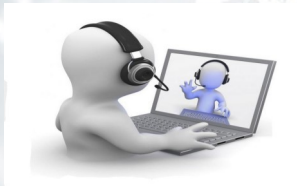


Our class thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween activities held during our party! It was nice to visit Lilac Residence and see our new buddies for the year! We also had a great time with the “Pumpkin It Up” outdoor activities. They sure kept us active and moving!

We’ve been learning about whales and underwater life this month and have enjoyed reading, writing and viewing different facts about these amazing creatures of the sea. Look for our research projects soon on our bulletin boards.



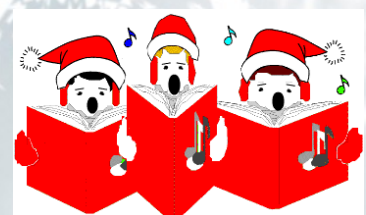
November marked our first Lilac visit for the year. In keeping with our tradition, we each gave a clue about ourselves that we had previously written in our introductory letters. It’s looking like some great matches have been made and we’re looking forward to getting to know our new friends throughout the year!



We have finished our Global Read Aloud story, “Fenway and Hattie.” We liked the story, especially Fenway’s antics and interesting descriptions of everyday items and people. His relationship with his best friend, Hattie, also warmed our hearts and many of us identified with the bond between humans and pets! We’ve skyped twice with our partner class in Lafayette, Indiana and are looking forward to maintaining our friendship with them!

Mrs. Elaine Rawlings came to our class and showed us in how to do seed art. She gave us great instruction and we were very pleased with our results. Seeds provide a new and interesting medium in art!

Christmas concert practice is beginning, and other signs of the exciting season will soon be upon us as well!



GRADE FOUR NEWS

from Mrs. L. Routledge



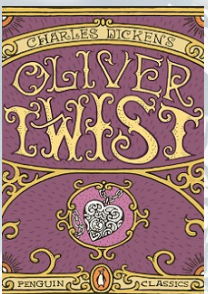
It's the most wonderful time of the year....and the Grade 4's have been busy practicing for the upcoming Christmas concert in December! It will be here be-

fore we know it and we are preparing costume lists and Christmas fun plans for our classroom! November has been a month full of activities and learning. Here is a quick recap of what we have been doing this past month...

In math, we have finished up our unit on whole numbers and started a new unit on multiplying and dividing. We are currently exploring some different strategies to help us multiply such as; doubling, skip counting, and using arrays. Eventually we will be able to recall our facts in a few seconds or less but for now, these strategies will be helpful!



Non-fiction texts and Killer Whales have been on our minds in Language Arts this month. We have been learning how to analyze texts we read and gather facts from the information in the text. We have also been learning about quotations and how to properly use them in dialogue. This month, we are going to be reading the novel, "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens. It is always a favourite before Christmas.



Please look for a few notes that will be coming home in your child's agenda this week. There will be a note regarding costuming for the Grade 4's as well as a note about our classroom Christmas plans.



GRADE FIVE 'S' NEWS

from Ms. Schettler

Here we go! This month we finished the Global Read Aloud and said "Goodbye" to our partner class in Missouri. A huge thank you to all the families that provided baking for the bake sale. We raised \$200 and bought two UNICEF Gifts of Water. We bought a toilet for a family and water purification tablets for over 66 children. Thank you for all the hard work grade 5's.



In ELA are currently rehearsing for the Winter Concert. Everyone needs to memorize their lines ASAP. The concert is on Dec 14th.



We also had the grade 7's come over and teach us about kindness. We had a great time playing the compliments string game.



In science, we finished the simple machines unit. Everyone created a device to pull a boat out of water. All the inventions were very creative!



Lastly, thank you parents for coming to the parent-teacher-student conferences. It was great to meet all of you. A reminder to practice your TUCS at home! Enjoy the nice weather!

GRADE FIVE 'R' NEWS

from Mrs. D. Routledge

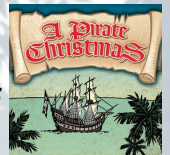
Wow! Another month has passed, and Christmas really isn't that far away! We seem to have been very busy since our last newsletter, and have accomplished much.



In math, we completed our unit on multiplication and all the students gained some confidence with a variety of different strategies. Even though the unit is done, I encourage them to continue practicing their math facts which will help with other units as well. We are now working on Probability and Statistics. The students are enjoying a variety of dice and card games as they learn the language of probability.

In language arts, we finished reading *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry with most students rating it an eight or nine out of ten! They enjoyed the cliff hangers at the ends of different chapters. They were also interested in researching why the war started, and why Hitler targeted not only the Jews, but many other groups of people.

We are now learning our lines for the Christmas concert, *A Pirate Christmas*, and hope everyone will be able to make it out to one of our performances.



We have also started some curling lessons with Mr. Randy Lints! We are very excited to be learning about this great game. Thank you Mr. Lints!

In social studies, we have been learning how the first people came to North America.

Hamiota Elementary School Christmas Concert

"A Pirate Christmas"



Thursday, December 14 - 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$3.00

A Day of Remembrance



Thursday, November 9th, students and staff from HES and HCI along with many community members gathered to pay respect to those who have so graciously served our country and to honour the guests of honour in attendance; World War II veteran Jack Houston, Legion President Mike Ramsden and Sargent Stephen McDonald.

The students from both schools participated with pride and respect as they performed in band, as emcees, reciting readings, essays and poems and singing songs. Mr. John

Thompson shared pictures and stories of his family trip to England and France to view the WWII historical sites and monuments and Mr. Jack Houston shared the importance of taking the time to remember those who paid the price for freedom. To end the service, the entire elementary school was on stage to perform their uplifting song "When We Sing".



HCI wreaths displayed at the town cenotaph for Remembrance Day.

MRS. COWLING'S GRADE 7 CLASS

We have had another busy month in 7c! In ELA we read an article about Becca Schofield at the start of the month. She is a young girl from New Brunswick who has brain cancer and as one of her last requests she asked people to spread acts of kindness and share them on social media tagged #beccatoldmeto so that she could see kindness spread across the country. After studying this story, our class was inspired to do acts of kindness and as a class we decided to do presentations to the HES students on kindness. On Wednesday Nov. 15 we spent the morning at HES and presented to grades 1, 2, 3, and 5. The presentations were very well planned out and thoroughly enjoyed by their audience. I am very proud of how well the entire class did working with the HES students, everyone jumped in with two feet to help each other out!

We have also been reading *Firegirl* as a shared reading novel and all students have been reading a book as a part of a book club. We hope to finish these up next week.

In math we finished two units. One on decimals, percents and fractions and the other on the divisibility rules and adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators. We are now working on adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. We learned a couple of new games this month which have been fun to play and practice our skills with. The games are: equivalent fraction spoons, adding and subtracting fractions bump, and multiplication 4 square.

With assistance from Mrs. Obach, the class was able to publish an online book called *Grade 7 Bio Poems*. You can read this book online at

<https://www.mixbook.com/photo-books/interests/bio-poems-16589780?>



VOLLEYBALL

JV GIRLS

The JV girls volleyball team wrapped up their season this month.

The girls attended a tournament in Portage on Oct 27-28 where they played hard and improved with each game.

Zone finals took place in Birtle on November 6th. The girls lost to Russell 2-0, but played very well.

Miss Snyder would like to thank the team for a great season. The girls showed a great amount of sportsmanship and desire to work hard and improve their skills



Back: Ms. Snyder, Olivia Tolton(Gr.10), Hailey Chappell(Gr.9), Jana McTavish(Gr.10), Kareena Sims (Gr.9)
Front: Emma McConnell(Gr.9), Kiara Kirk(Gr.10), Mikayla Lodge (Gr.9), Zachy Espayos(Gr.9), Eve Routledge(Gr.10)

JV & VARSITY BOYS



Left—Right: Mr. Gurr (coach), Cole Allan(Gr.10), Colin Crampain(Gr.9), Rylan Kent(Gr.9), Nash Gurr (Gr.9), Jamie Waddell(Gr.10), Foster Tolton(Gr.10), Brady Dziver(Gr.9), Layne Norrie(Gr.10), Cale Murray (Gr.10), Mr. Crampain (coach)

The boys all had an excellent year, advancing their volleyball skills a long way. The JV team consisted of 9 players.

We ended the season with the provincial tournament in Steinbach. The boys played their

hearts out and lost a close semi final game to Rosenort. With this determination we will return to the provincial competition in the following years.

The JV boys played in 4 tournaments throughout the season in Brandon, Roblin, Dauphin and here in Hamiota. The varsity boys attended 6 tournaments including hosting one of the provincial regional playdowns.

The varsity boys are anxiously preparing for the provincials in Brandon this weekend, there will be more information in next issue.

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY GIRLS

The The Varsity Girls volleyball team enjoyed a strong finish to their season. They were B Side consolation champions at the Neelin Dig in Brandon after defeating Wawanesa and Morris.

After advancing to the zone finals, the girls put up a fight, but ultimately lost to a strong Strathclair volleyball team. Through commitment and dedication, the girls improved dramatically throughout the volleyball season and played their best volleyball of the season in the finals.



Back: Jacinta Doupe(Gr.12), Kara Kent(Gr.12), Sydney Murray(Gr.12), Carly Shamray(Gr.12), Joelle Little (Gr.11), Kassidy Heapy(Gr.11), Jessica Hunter (Gr. 12)
Front: Korinne Alexander(Gr.12), Brooke Schellenberg(Gr.11), Chantelle Chappell(Gr. 11), Daisy Martinez(Gr. 11) Taylor Good(Gr.11)
Missing: Coach Mr. Obach

MIDDLE YEARS WRAP UP

This year Hamiota Collegiate had 5 teams participating in middle years volleyball season beginning October 5th and ending with south divisional finals November 14th. The grade 7 and 8 boys' and girls' teams both advanced in their A pools to represent our school at the divisional finals November 22nd. The girls' team made it to the semi finals.

The Grade 7/8 volleyball team travelled to Russell to compete in the Divisional Final tournament. In our first match we lost 2 straight to Rossburn. We then played Russell losing the first set and winning the second earning the split victory. Our final match was against Strathclair where we needed one win to move into playoffs, unfortunately we lost two straight and the boys were one set shy of making the semi finals. The boys had a great season and showed tremendous improvement throughout the year. Good luck to the Grade 8 boys who will be moving onto high school volleyball next year.

The grade 7/8 girls team played in Minnedosa on the weekend. And they ended up placing second in the tournament.

Each team showed tremendous progress as the season unfolded and students had lots of fun playing with their teammates while having the opportunity to visit with friends from other schools. It was a successful season thanks to the dedication of their teacher coaches Ryan Coughlan, Julie Facey, Melissa Mitchell, Brittany Schettler, community coach Sheldon Gurr and practice volunteers Loren Gurr, Emily Lints and Emma McConnell.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY



This year the High School Hockey Team is made up of players from Hamiota, Shoal Lake, Rosburn, Birtle and Strathclair. Home games are being played in Hamiota. The Huskies started the season with 5 straight wins against Minnedosa, Rivers, Neepawa, Souris and Reston, followed by a loss in a very close game against Dauphin. Below is the Huskies season schedule.

Date	Opposition	Location	Time
Tue Nov 28	@ RESTON (3-3-0)	Melita	7:30 PM CST
Tue Dec 5	RIVERS (1-2-0)	Hamiota	8:00 PM CST
Fri Dec 8	DELORAIN (4-2-0)	Hamiota	8:30 PM CST
Sat Dec 9	@ SANDY BAY (1-3-0)	Sandy Bay	7:30 PM CST
Thu Dec 14	@ VIRDEN (6-1-0)	Virden	8:00 PM CST
Fri Dec 15	SWAN RIVER (3-5-0)	Hamiota	8:30 PM CST
Sun Dec 17	@ DELORAIN (4-2-0)	Hartney	2:00 PM CST
Fri Dec 22	MAJOR PRATT (3-3-0)	Hamiota	11:00 AM CST
Fri Jan 5	MCCREARY (1-5-0)	Hamiota	8:30 PM CST
Fri Jan 12	CROCUS (2-5-0)	Hamiota	8:30 PM CST
Sun Jan 14	@ BOISSEVAIN (1-3-0)	Boissevain	1:00 PM CST
Tue Jan 16	VIRDEN (6-1-0)	Hamiota	8:00 PM CST
Fri Jan 19	KILLARNEY (4-3-0)	Hamiota	8:30 PM CST
Sun Jan 21	@ GCB (2-2-0)	Glenboro	2:00 PM CST
Fri Jan 26	SOURIS (2-4-0)	Hamiota	8:30 PM CST
Sun Feb 4	@ ROBLIN (0-3-0)	Roblin	5:00 PM CST
Thu Feb 8	@ VINCENT MASSEY (7-0-0)	WCG Place	5:30 PM CST
Fri Feb 9	VINCENT MASSEY (7-0-0)	Hamiota	8:30 PM CST

SYMPHONIC BAND by Korinne Alexander

On October 31st, 30 students from the Westman Area and myself got the opportunity to play with the Brandon University Symphonic Band. The band was conducted by Dr. Wendy McCallum who is truly amazing. We watched Selkirk, Dauphin, and Vincent Massy bands perform and then we watched the Symphonic Band play songs from local composers, which was very awesome. To finish off the concert we played two songs (Renaissance Fair and Ned the Neck) with the band and it was a lot of fun, although quite challenging. It was great to experience the music and to meet new people. Also, all senior players were very generous and accepting. It was a once in a lifetime experience that I'll never forget.



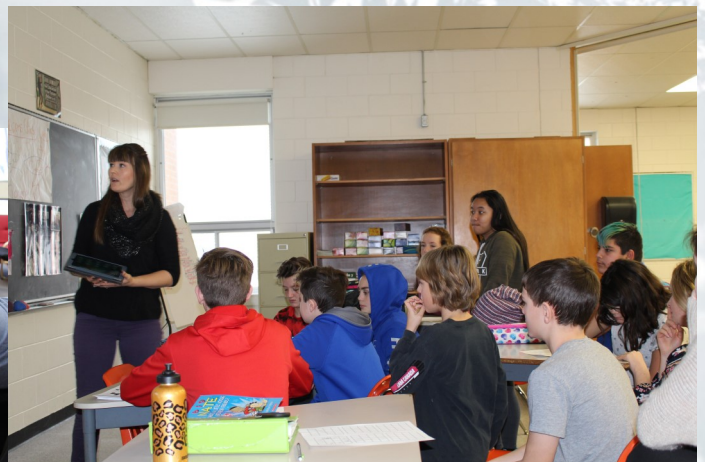
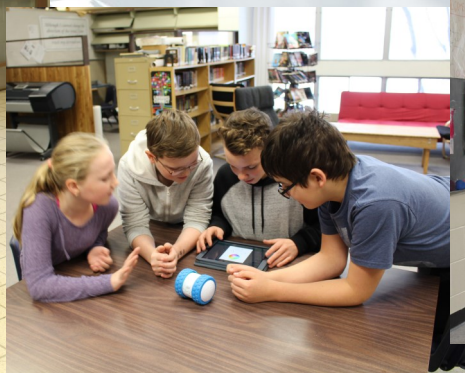
How To Be An Efficient Employee

The grade 10 career development class was fortunate to have Mrs. Bonnie Michaudville present to them the tricks of the trade of being an efficient employee and what it take to have a successful and rewarding career. She presented to the group right before they went to their job shadowing placements in order to help them create a good impression and make the most of their time on the job! Thanks for coming Bonnie, your wisdom and knowledge is always appreciated!

Grade 7 Classes Global Read Aloud

Both Grade 7 classes ended their Global Read Aloud experience this month. Both classes finished the book "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. The classes enjoyed the book and are looking forward to the sequel which comes out next spring. Student read some articles about robots and their uses today and in the future. During the GRA program, the students were able to communicate with other students around the world. Between the 2 classes, students made a YouTube video, skyped with students in North Carolina and a suburb of Cleveland, tweeted book responses, added book responses to a Padlet, created, sent and received postcards from students in Calgary, the United States, Switzerland and New Zealand. Mrs. Leah Obach, the Division's Learning with ICT Teacher Leader, was extremely helpful in introducing us to Global Read Aloud and helping us with all of the technologies that were used.

As a special way to end our program, Mrs. Obach brought four robots to HCI on Monday, Nov. 27. She introduced the students to coding, by having them do a simple exercise that made them think like programmers. The students were then divided into groups and were able to use a program that allowed them to make the robots move and use lights and sounds. Students have a new appreciation of the amount of work it would take to program robots to do even simple tasks.



Youth-in-Philanthropy by Ben Murray

Hamiota Collegiate has recently started a Youth-In-Philanthropy group. The Youth in Philanthropy Group is a Youth Advisory Committee that is learning more about charity in our communities. This is run in conjunction with the Hamiota Foundation and the Thomas Sill Foundation. Our committee receives \$3500 annually from the Thomas Sill Foundation for the next three years, then after we are funded for another 3 years by the Hamiota Foundation. Each year an endowment is established by our committee. Each year after that it is added upon and collects interest and grows exponentially. The money earned in interest allows us to fund projects within our community. Eventually we will be able to fund a lot more than what we are able to now, but there always has to be a beginning! Almost any project within the community can apply to us for grants. The format is to be decided upon, but it will more or less be an application form that requires good reasoning. Once we have established this criteria, we will be sharing it with the community – so watch for updates! We are excited for this opportunity to learn how foundations work and be able to support our community in ways we have never been able to before. We look forward to working with all the members of the community and for what the future holds for this group.

Members of the Youth in Philanthropy group were present at the Hamiota Foundation Luncheon on November 17th. Pictured here are the members of the committee receiving their seed money from the Hamiota Foundation. Staff members working with the students are Mr. Obach, Miss Snyder, and Mr. Coulter.



Back: Committee members: Emily Lints, Emma McConnell, Joelle Little, Holden Norrie, Michelle Bell, Ben Murray

Front: Committee Members: Kara Kent, Ashlyn Kirk, Foundation members: Dave Rawlings, Larry Oakden, Dale Brooks, Allan Preston, Vicki Smith Missing— Committee Member: Jamie Waddell

HCI Christmas Concert—Tuesday, Dec. 12—1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Featuring:

*Middle Years Drama: **North Pole Exposure***

Christmas Skits from the Grade 9 Drama Class

Admission: Silver Collection

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT by Holden Norrie

With November wrapping and transitioning into December, Student Council has been busy planning future events, student clothing, and hot lunches. Pink day forms have been distributed in advance allowing students to purchase a “Bullying Awareness Shirt.” This year’s theme is cyber bullying. The Grade 12 class will also be celebrating with a pizza party for selling the most magazines during the magazine campaign . A pep rally was held for the JV boys who attended volleyball provincials in Steinbach. They ended up getting 4th after a couple hard fought games. A pep rally is also being planned for the varsity boys volleyball team who are attending provincials in Brandon at the Healthy Living Centre. Student Council has also been planning the “Christmas Classic” which is going to be held in Hamiota against Russell on December 22. A shipment of “boomsticks” have been ordered for students to purchase prior to the game. More information to come!



Middle Years Girls
at Minnedosa
Tournament



Grade 11
CPR/First Aid Course

UPCOMING DATES

- Dec 1 ~ HES Grade 5 curling
- Dec 4 ~ PD Day, No School
- Dec 5 ~ High School Hockey Rivers—8:00 pm in Hamiota
- Dec 8 ~ High School Hockey Deloraine—8:30 pm in Hamiota
- Dec 7 ~ HES Grade 5 curling
- Dec 12 ~ HCI Christmas Concert at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
- Dec 14 ~ HES Christmas Concert at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Dec 15 ~ HES Grade 5 curling
- ~ High School Hockey Swan River—8:30 pm in Hamiota
- Dec 15 ~ Festival Entry deadline
- Dec 19 ~ HCI Teen Health Clinic
- Dec 20 ~ HES Grade 3 visit to Lilac
- Dec 22 ~ HES Spaghetti hot lunch
- Dec 22 ~ Last Day of Classes
- ~ HCI Christmas Classic Hockey Game, Major Pratt—11:00 am in Hamiota
- Jan 8 ~ Classes Resume

