Hamiota Schools Newsletter

OCTOBER, 2014

Principal's Message

Well we have had a great run on weather in October and I hope everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy it before the cold stuff comes in. I am pleased that we have had a good fall here at Hamiota Schools and let me tell you about some of the stuff we have done and are working on.

At HES since our last newsletter we had a great day for our open house in September, a not so great day for our annual Terry Fox Walk, (it didn't matter the community still did great with over \$3100.00 in donations), and our fitness afternoon for all students. All three of these events were huge successes and I would like to thank all the staff, students and volunteers for making them great. Mr. Mollard also ran our soccer morning with the kids giving them an opportunity to have a mini-tournament. HES is also getting very busy with their poems for the festival in Miniota in early November.

At HCI our student council is very involved with many different areas. School Clothing was organized by Brooke Tolton and the clothes really look great. All council has helped organize the magazine campaign that has been such a huge part of HCI for years now. Lane Routledge has lead the council with the fowl supper that is this Sunday. Also the council is supporting and looking to promote the Hamiota Endowment fund by getting the word out that you can donate on the 24 Hour Giving Challenge on Nov 15th. All money donated gets returned to Hamiota with an extra 20%.

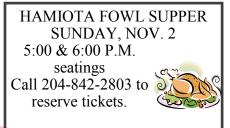
A great deal of other activities have occurred also including Career Trek, We day, Power of Being a Girl, band camp, Encounters with Canada, the University/College Fair, First Aid training for the grade 11's, Vocational training for the grade 8's, and finally we had 2 students attend the MHSAA mentoring program. Sport wise soccer has wrapped up, our football team is at playoff time, volleyball is getting set for playoffs, and hockey is just getting going. In addition middle year's drama has started practicing and there were auditions for the Senior Year's play Oklahoma this year. I would also like to welcome our exchange student Victoria, who is here all the way from Denmark. I hope she is having a great experience. As you can see a great deal going on and I want to thank everyone who gives up their time to help out with all these events.

Please note Report Cards will be coming out on November 17th with parent-studentteacher interviews coming on November 20th from 4:30-7:30 and November 21st from 9:00-12:00. If you are unable to make these interviews please contact your teacher with any questions or concerns you may have. Also note our Remembrance Day Service will be Nov. 6th at 10:30 am at HCI. As always please call me if you have any questions or

concerns and I will do my best to answer them. Take Care.

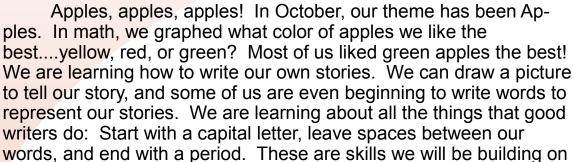
Sincerely, Jon Zilkey, Principal

The We Scare Hunger food drive will be on Friday, October 31st between 6 and Spm. Students from HCI and youth group members from Cornerstone Church will be going doorto-door in Hamiota and Kenton to collect canned goods, produce, pastas, etc. to donate to the local food bank.



HAMIOTA SCHOOLS REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM NOV. 6, 10:30 a.m. Hamiota Collegiate Gym Featuring Art, Music and Readings by Hamiota Elementary and Hamiota Collegiate Students. EVERYONE WELCOME!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



throughout the year. Using real apples, we sorted them into groups by color, size, and stems and no stems. We like being sorting detectives and trying to guess each other's sorting rules. It is also fun to use apples and other objects to create patterns. We like to create and perform action patterns too! In science, we read stories and learned about how an apple tree changes throughout the different seasons. Of course we ventured to Letterland too and met Annie Apple (Aa), her friend Peter Puppy (Pp), and Dippy Duck (Dd).

for. Kindergarten Kids are most thankful for: combines, tractors, working on the farm with Dad, everything in the whole wide world, Mommies, the



Frozen movie, and Love.....just to name a few! Our next holiday is Halloween. We have been reading many spooky Halloween stories and singing fun Halloween songs with Mrs. Penner in music. Thanks to The John's family for donating pumpkins to our classroom. Our playhouse has been a super busy Pumpkin Stand! There is lots of buzz about our costumes for our very first Halloween Party.

Oct. 31st is going to be a super fun day!

On November 5th, we are travelling by bus to Miniota School to perform 2 poems at the festival: Chums and Pop-

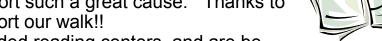
ping Popcorn! Wish us luck. Mrs. McNabb is very proud at how quickly we have learned our poems. Thanks to families for taking time to help your children practice the words at home! Come and watch us if you can!

We would especially like to welcome our new friend Anika to our classroom. Anika has moved to Hamiota with her family from The Phillipines. We are happy to have her in our class and wish her family all the best in our community!

GRADE 1 NEWS

The grade ones have been really busy this month.

We had a lot of fun on our Terry Fox walk, even though it was a chilly day. We enjoyed making posters to wear and loved having our family walk with us, to support such a great cause. Thanks to all those who came out to support our walk!!



We continue to work on our guided reading centers, and are becoming much more independent in group work. We have worked on scrambled

sentences, sight words, spelling, free writing, spelling puzzles, ipad games, printing and writing our own sight word stories. We have been writing in our Memory books and doing some Halloween writing!



We continue to work with numbers – exploring numbers to 100. We have been practicing numbers that are one or two more/ less than a given number, and practicing to sequence numbers. As well as skip counting by 2, 5 and 10. We began our unit on patterns, making patterns when we line up, colour patterns, action patterns and lots of Halloween patterns!

Festival is coming quickly, so lots of practicing of our poems! We look forward to a trip to Miniota to perform these on November 5.

We were excited to have Baby Dayton and her mom Laura come visit again this month. She sure has grown! We were thrilled to see she can even sit up on her own already!! What a cutie!! We sure look forward to her visits, and can hardly wait to see her next time! Thank you Mrs. Allan for coming to visit us and all the things we are learning in our Roots of Empathy program!

Halloween is fast approaching and we are looking forward to our Halloween party on Friday, with a costume parade, Monster Mash and some fun in our classrooms! It should be a fun time!

We have some excited students in grade 1 who are anxiously awaiting some So please remember to send extra clothes, mitts, etc to school now just in snow! case!!





GRADE 2 NEWS

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During this past month we have really been enjoying the beautiful fall weather. It has made another busy month slip by quickly.

The Grade 2's have been working hard on their reading and writing. We have enjoyed doing mini themes for Thanksgiving and Halloween. For Thanksgiving, we wrote about how we were thankful for some ordinary things such as Band-Aids, clocks, potatoes, numbers and tissues. There were many creative responses as to why we are thankful for these items. We also got very spooky and wrote a poem about a witches brew. Our class wrote clues and drew a self-portrait for a guess who is hiding behind the mask writing activity. We have done different types of word sorts including blind sorts, writing sorts and blind writing sorts. Using the letters in the word Halloween to make many other little words was an interesting activity.

In math this month, we have worked on increasing patterns. We have also practised close to doubles and counting patterns using a number line. We have had fun practising the addition facts by playing our Halloween Bump games. We have also been coming up

with some incredible equations for numbers using addition, subtraction, groups of and even division!



In science we continue to work on Growth and Changes in Animals. One of our main projects was our nest building challenge. Everyone brought things from the environment that a bird might use to make a nest. Using clay to make the shape and stick the items together, everyone got busy and made some very realistic looking nests. Check them out if you are in the school! We have three special events coming up in the next little while. We are looking forward to our Halloween party on October 31st. We have been working hard on our poems for the festival and look forward to performing Mother

Doesn't Want a Dog and Stink Stank Stunk on November 4th. Mrs. Penner has also been preparing a song for us to sing at the Remembrance Day Service on November 6th. Everyone is welcome to join us at all of these special events.

Mrs. O's Class Grade 2 News

Written by: The Grade 2s

We have been learning a lot of math. We are learning with Dreambox, an online math game. Our class is counting money. We use skip counting by 5s and 10s for nickels and dimes. Our class has also been learning about ordinal numbers. We are still learning more about



adding and subtracting. Base tens blocks help us show a number using hundreds, tens and ones. Math is fun!

We have a visitor in our classroom and his name is Flat Matt. Matt is from Ireland and he wants to travel all over the world. A class at the Glor Na Mara School in Tramore sent him to us. Matt has a twin brother named Jim, but he is only traveling in Ireland. You can check our Twitter account at <u>https://twitter.com/mrsobachsclass</u> to see what Matt is doing. There is also more information on the Glor Na Mara blog at <u>http://</u> adventuresofmatthewandjim.blogspot.ie/

Once Matt is done visiting us, we will be sending him off to another classroom!

GRADE THREE NEWS

The beautiful fall weather has helped to make outdoor activities, such as soccer, a pleasure to play. Thanks to Mr. Mollard for organizing a morning game for us. The entire school participated in the "PUMP"-kin It Up activities held recent-

ly. Even though the day was chilly, we had a wonderful time! The over/under pumpkin relay was a favourite for our class.

We have done some fantastic Halloween art projects this month. Check out our chalk art pumpkins and our name skeletons if you're in our end of the hallway. This is an artistic group and it certainly shows in their art projects and drawings!

We have been working hard to prepare two poems for the Festival and are looking forward to performing them next week in Miniota. One poem is about a crabby teacher and the other is about wild geese and

their instincts.

We completed some interesting Halloween writing projects, as well as our regular reading and writing during L.A. groups.

We've completed the Math unit on number sense and are now ready to move onto addition and subtraction of two and three digit numbers. Math is everywhere!

Our Science unit about plants is almost complete and we are now ready to begin a Social Studies unit about our lives as Canadians. We look forward to learning about this wonderful country of ours!



We love reading buddies with the Grade 1 class and it's been exciting to see them reading word cards and short stories to us this month!

We're excited about upcoming events such as the Halloween Party, Remembrance Day and our first Lilac visit. Never a dull moment!

GRADE FOUR NEWS

Grade 4R

It's hard to believe that October is almost over and the cold winds of November are blowing on our doorsteps...

Time to get out the warm coats and hats and mittens for some of these colder days and hope that the snow stays away for just a wee bit longer.

October has been yet another busy month in Grade 4R. We are practicing our hearts out for Speech Festival, which will be held in Miniota on Tuesday, November 4th at approximately 10:30 a.m. Come on out and support our Grade 4 classes!



GRADE FOUR NEWS (CONTINUED)

In 4R and 4A ELA, we have been hard at work in our guided reading groups, reading and writing. The first writing trait has been introduced and we have learned all about why IDEAS are important in creating a good piece of writing. The students have finished a "How-To..." in their reading journals on trick-or-treating, which was totally fitting for this month! We have also completed Halloween Acrostic poems and they are spooktacular! Don't forget to ask your child what he/she is reading

each night for home reading and initial in the agendas please! Editing our daily writing is an ongoing process and your child may tell you the 3 things they are looking for when they reread their daily writing:

Punctuation Capitals Spelling(word wall and no excuse word list!)



We are getting ready to wrap up our first Social Studies unit, The Geography of Canada. Our focus now is getting those provinces and territories matched up with the correct capital cities. Quiz your child at home to see what



they know! The students enjoyed a small group project where they researched a specific province/territory and listed the important information on poster paper. Great teamwork!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Grade 4A

It's hard to believe that October has crept up and left already! This month has



been a busy one finishing up all of our units we started in September. We have just started a brand new unit in math learning all about patterning and multiplication. We will be using lots of hands on manipulatives to show our understanding.

We wrapped up our science unit on animal habitats and are full swing ahead into our first social studies unit. In the classroom we are learning all about the different places that make

up Canada. It is neat to see all of the different places everybody has been to!

Our first art project this month was related to our animal habitat unit. The students made Mola pictures of different animals. This style of art originated in Panama and has a rich history behind it. We finished up the month by making some pumpkin inspired watercolor pictures.



GRADE FIVE NEWS

Another month has flown by, and we have been busy doing many things! Since the last newsletter, we have finished our math unit on whole numbers and have moved on to multiplication. We really need to know our facts up to 9x9 in order to make all the other concepts a lot easier. If we don't know those facts, it's going to be hard to do questions like 76x87! Right now we are estimating and are working on some mental math strategies like doubling and halving. Did you know 14x25 has the same answer as 7x50?



In LA we continue to work on our writing skills. We have also been doing some creative writing in the form of free verse poetry. In science we finished up our unit on simple machines, and have moved on to a social studies unit

our unit on simple machines, and have moved on to a social studies unit called Canada's First Peoples. We have been discussing different theories about how the first people came to North America. We are learning about a land bridge called Beringia that joined Russia to Alaska.

Besides the regular school-type things, we have been preparing for festival and for the Remembrance Day Service. We are looking forward to our Halloween celebrations! Happy Fall, everyone!





TERRY FOX RUN UPDATE

Hamiota Elementary School had a chilly day for our Terry Fox Walk but did a great job of collecting funds for the Terry Fox Foundation! This year, our school raised \$3141.40! Thanks to all family and friends for donating to this most worthy cause!

This year, as part of Endow Manitoba month, the Winnipeg Foundation will host a 24-hour Giving Challenge for all MB Community Foundations on November 15th (National Philanthropy Day). Gifts must be made online at www.endowmaniotba.ca on November 15th. Only gifts to a foundation's unrestricted / community building fund are eligible. Gifts are stretched on a 1:5 ratio - The Winnipeg Foundation will give \$1 for every \$5 donated up to \$2000 per foundation. In other words, for every donation made, a 20% bonus will be added to it that goes back to our community! (Hamiota Community Foundation) Please remember to donate on Saturday, November 15th.

ENGINEERING DAY IN REGINA

Five students in grade 11 and 12 traveled to the University of Regina to participate in an informational session dealing with engineering. Ashley Jay from grade 11 was accompanied by Sawyer Norrie, Vincent Grabowski, Cody Hunter, and Jake Coulter in grade 12. This was an annual joint initiative between the Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science at the University of Regina, the College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan.

It was a great opportunity for students and their advisors to be-



come familiar with the engineering profession. Our students had an opportunity to ask questions of practicing professionals, professors and university students on a variety of subjects related to engineering and acceptance into the university programs. It was a very valuable experience for all.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PRESENTATION

Jacquelyn Hawkins (right) and Eveline Juce (left) travelled to Government House in Winnipeg on October 2nd where they were awarded their silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The girls were fortunate enough to have the Lieutenant Governor, Philip S. Lee make the presentation. After the award ceremony a buffet was served in the dining hall, followed by a social time.



WE DAY



On October 29 the grade 9s and 4 grade 7 students, Jana McTavish, Emily Murray, Jamie Waddell, and Phoenix Jackson headed to Winnipeg for the annual We Day event at the MTS center . About 16,000 students from 400 schools attended. Speakers included Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland (pictured), Nelson Mandela s grandson, Kweku Mandela, Canadian environmentalist Severn Suzuki, Canadian astronaut Dave Williams. Mustafa the Poet and Spencer West, who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro despite having his legs amputated below the pelvis at age five. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Facey and Miss Hammond and had an entertaining and inspiring day.

For the past few years the Hamiota Schools have supported the E.M.S. project called Operation Christmas Child. Families who would like to donate an item can send it to the school with their child. The items are then pooled together and form the basis of Christmas gifts for children in other countries. (If families wish to fill a shoe box themselves, please feel free to call the Elementary School office and a box will be provided.) The gifts are picked up by our local E.M.S. personnel and taken to Winnipeg and included 6 with gifts from across the province.



If you would like to support the project feel free to send an item from the list below. The items will be picked up at the school on **Friday**, **November 14th** to ensure reasonable time for the gifts to be distributed to other countries.

Fill Your Shoe Box With a Well-Balanced Variety of Items From the Following Categories:

School Supplies: Items such as: pencils, pens, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books

Toys & Other Gifts: Items such as: stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelery, t-shirts, socks, and candy (loose, individually wrapped, hard candy in a sealable bag)

Hygiene Items: Please place soap in a sealable bag Personal Note: Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoe box (not inside the donation envelope)

DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste (due to customs regulations)

Food and any chewy, crumbly, or soft candy: including gum (due to customs regulations) **Used Items** (due to customs regulations)

Decks of playing cardsLiquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break: shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glasss, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoe box)

Items that can scare or harm a child: war related toys, knives and toy guns, etc.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS BY SAWYER NORRIE



With the school year now being in full swing the student council has also began more regular planning of what is to come in the school year. This month the student council is pleased to announce that we are planning to host a Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research sometime in June and will be doing a haunted house this year on Halloween. Both the Student Council and the Middle Year's Student Council planned a spirit week during the last week of



Miss Lopes our Gym October to celebrate Halloween. Tuesday was Dis-Superhero!! ney Day, Wednesday was Superhero day, Thursday

was opposite Gender Day and Friday Halloween Costume

Day. On Friday there will be a costume contest and the High School stu-



dent council will also be putting on a Haunted house during noon hour for the students. The Haunted House will also be open for roughly an hour after

school as well for the general public to come and enjoy. That's all from the student council this month!





STEPPING STONES

Last year as part of an Education for Sustainable Development grant, grade 6 students, with the assistance of Mrs. Joan Trott from the Mid-West Arts Council, painted stepping stones with animals in their habitat. This was part of an animal research project in Mrs. Facey's LA class. Recently these students, now in grade 7, placed these stones and prepared the area with cedar mulch on the west side of the school between the wings.

Thanks to Mr. Slimmon for digging out the area and to Mr. Matiation for removing the weeds.

VOLLEYBALL

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

The JV Girls won their first league game Monday, October 20th against the Strathclair Skyhawks. The scores were 25-21, 25-23, 19-25, 29-27. Their next league game will be October 29th in Shoal Lake.





The JV girls at the HCI Girls Volleyball Tournament in October.

VARSITY GIRLS

The Varsity Girls volleyball team has had a very successful season so far. After competing in a tournament in Elton in the middle of September, the girls have made the finals in each of their last three tournaments in Glenboro, Russell and their home tournament in Hamiota.



The girls have also placed 1st in round robin play in their zone and will be set to host a zone semifinal game against Rossburn on Wednesday, November 5 with the finals scheduled for November 6.



Team success has vaulted the girls into the top 10 ranked 'A' schools in the province where they currently sit at 4. The girls will close out their ex-

hibition season in a tournament in Virden on November 7-8 and will hope to qualify for a provincial berth later in Novem-

VARSITY BOYS

The Varsity Boys are having a very successful season. They have done well in all the tournaments they have attended and are currently number one in the MHSAA "A" Boys Volleyball rankings.



MHSAA RURAL MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK—OCTOBER 15 (from www.mhsaa.ca)



Jun Jun Taborlupa Sports: Badminton Basketball Track Volleyball

The Tire Recycle Rural High School Athlete of the Week is Jun Jun Taborlupa of the Hamiota Huskies volleyball team.

This 5'9" power hitter leads his teams in kills. He has guided his team to the consolation championship of the U of M tournament and to victory at the Roblin tournament where he averaged 14 kills per match and earned MVP honours. Coach Cory Smith states, "Jun Jun's drive and dedication is contagious. Whether at practice, in the weight room or on the court his focus is exceptional. Anything but his

absolute best is unacceptable".

This grade 12 student maintains an 80% average, while also participating in basketball, badminton, and track & field.

MHSSAA Champions Mentorship Program

Champions is a "Lifestyles" cross mentoring program developed by the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. The goal of this program is to have senior high school student leaders visit grade 6 classes and make the students aware of peer pressure and



the affect that it has on any decisions they make. It is designed to help the high school students, and in turn, the elementary students develop life coping skills.

The Champions program is a two day "cross mentoring" workshop held annually. Approximately 100 student leaders from Manitoba High Schools will be invited to participate in this workshop. Speakers will include: a representative from the Behavioural Health Foundation, a member of the RCMP, a speaker from the University of Manitoba, as well as a couple of teachers who will explain lesson plans, ice breakers, and how to make presentations to the elementary students. The RCMP officer will discuss questions commonly asked by grade 6 students and the speaker from the University of Manitoba will discuss drugs in sport and everyday life as well as personal consequences from drug usage. The representative from the Behavioural Health Foundation will tell it "like it really is" through his own experiences.

Mr. Zilkey approached the grade twelves to see if there was any interest in attending such an event and two students, Jacquelyn Hawkins and Jake Coulter, volunteered to attend. The two grade 12 students spent two days being trained on how to deliver the program. Jacquelyn and Jake will work with the grade 6 classroom a number of times throughout the year. Some of topics that these students will

speak on include: peer pressure, communication skills, making the right choices, drugs and alcohol,

etc. The purpose of the high school students going into the grade 6 class is to act as role models.

The main objective of the Champions program is to prevent substance abuse by providing students with positive peer role models through cross-mentoring, to spread the message that you can succeed in life without using drugs and alcohol, and to attempt to identify some of the problems, for example peer pressure, that cause young people to resort to drug use. Student leaders will be taught how to present their lesson plan, how to develop "ice breakers" and how to create skits to get the message across.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

GRADE 1 CLASS

October's theme for our Roots of Empathy Program was "Crying". The class discussed why babies cry and different ways to soothe a crying baby. The main message was that a crying baby is not a bad baby, but a baby communicating that they have a problem and need help.

Baby Dayton and her mom had their classroom visit on Dayton's five month celebration and we were so excited to be a part of that! Students clapped and cheered as



Baby Dayton rolled over on her own and sat up to play with toys, new accomplishments for her since her last visit in September. We look forward to seeing Baby Dayton in November!

GRADE 6 CLASS

October's Roots of Empathy theme was, "Crying". The grade six class at Hamiota

Collegiate learned about why babies cry and what can be done to soothe them. They learned about safe ways to care for an upset baby and that we should never shake a baby. Students had a chance to think about a time when they felt angry, upset or scared and how they could relate to someone else who was feeling that way – Empathy!

The grade six class also had a visit from Baby Elle and her mom Becky Birch. They enjoyed seeing the changes in Elle since the September visit and watched as Elle responded with curiosity and smiles to noise, movement and songs in the classroom. We can't wait for our next visit with Baby Elle!

L-R: Gr. 6 students Trey Breneman, Nash Gurr, Rory McNabb and Brady Dziver enjoy a visit from Mrs. Birch and baby Elle.

BAND CAMP



The gr.8's travelled to Camp Wannakumbac on October 15-16 for band camp. They learned a lot about their instruments and made a lot of personal progress in their playing. We had help from senior high student Randy Kirk dur



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ing this event. Thanks to our chaperones who attended this event.

The senior band continues to work hard on preparing for their role in the upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony.

WATCH FOR OUR *PEAK OF THE MARKET* FUNDRAISER IN NOVEMBER!!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 4 - Festival Miniota - MY Girls Volleyball in Shoal Lake - MY Boys Volleyball in Hamiota	
November 5 - Festival Miniota	
November 6 - 10:30 a.m Remembrance Day Service - HCI	
November 7 - MDA Helmet orders due	
November 11 - Remembrance Day (no classes)	
November 14 - Operation Christmas Child items due	
November 17 - Report Cards home	
November 20 - Hot Lunch at the Elementary School	
November 20 - Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews - evening	
November 21 - Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews - a.m. (no classes)	
December 9 - HCI Middle Years Drama— "The Christmas Princess"	
Afternoon & Evening Performances	
December 11 - HES Christmas Concert - 1:00 p.m.	
(Dress Rehearsal - open to public)	
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Concert	
December 19 - Hot Lunch—HES	
- Last Day Classes for Christmas Break	
January 5 - Classes resume	