## Hamiota Schools Newsletter

### **Principal's Message**

October 2012



Welcome back everyone to our 2012-2013 school year. I hope everyone enjoyed our hot summer. We are back at in both schools now and things are certainly busy. I would like to start by welcoming new staff to both our schools. At the elementary Mrs. Nowosad is our new .5 K teacher and Mrs. Walker is our new PE teacher. Mrs. Dinlescu is also joining us as an EA. At the high school Miss Young has taken over our PE department, Mrs. Kirkland is our new Band teacher, and Mrs. Allen has taken on the resource on a term for Mrs. Huberdeau. Mr. Obach is now full time with us and Mrs. Proven has added guidance to her responsibilities. HCI has also welcomed Mr. Lints as a new EA. Please help me in welcoming all our new staff.

At the high school things are already getting organized. The student council had a barbecue on day three and has been meeting to organize for the fall. They are busy with SPC cards and starting to look at magazine sales and the fowl supper. Shaun Hunter is the president of this year's student council and Mrs. Proven is the teacher supervisor. Middle years student council is also up and running with the help of Mrs. Facey. I am pleased to say that our Circle of Friends club is also being reorganized with Mrs. Allen having lots of students join our program. Please look soon in the Crossroads for an article from HCI once again done by one of our students. I am also pleased to say that we have three students from grade 12 travelling with Encounters with Canada.

The elementary has also had a good start to the year and by the time you read this we will already had our open house and dance on September 27. In addition Mr. Mollard is again running our soccer program at noon hours for our students. I would like to give a special welcome to our new students from Kenton. As I said in the opening assembly we want you to feel that this is

your school now. We had a presentation on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> for our grade 4-8 classes at HCl called Cool Kids Care about bullying at 10:30 am. The Terry Fox walk will also be on October 5<sup>th</sup> with the community welcome to join us. We have a full elementary this year with 124 students.

The sports teams are up and running also. Mr. Negrave is busy with the girls' varsity soccer program, Mr. Coulter with the boys. We have 4 boys involved with the Park West Outlaws football team this year. Volleyball is up and running with programs for varsity and jv girls and jv boys along with middle years teams. Thanks to Mrs. Hodgson, Mr. Obach, Miss Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Rawlings, Mrs. Facey, Mrs. Slimmon and Mr. Gurr for their help with these programs. Our girl's golf team is off to provincials with Mr. Facey and Mr. Smith. Congrats girls. Thank you to all the coaches involved in these programs.

Finally we had an introductory PAC meeting on Sept 13 with 15 parents being present. We are looking at having a meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at HCI. Please feel free to come and see what it is about. On a personal note I want to thank everyone who helped out with the TSN Kraft Celebration Tour. Though we did not win, the community voted 333, 147 times and had the fifth highest total out of twenty in Canada. Great Job!

Please feel free to give me a call with concerns and/or questions or if you just want to talk. I hope all our students and families have

Sincerely, Jon Zilkey

a great year.

For More Information check out our websites:

HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE
HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY

www.hamiotacollegiate.ca/
http://www.hamiotacollegiate.ca/
Elemsite/Elemsite2.html

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

"The kindergarten children are confident in spirit, infinite in resources, and eager to learn. Everything is still possible" Robert Fulghum

This quote is so true! This year we have 27 enthusiastic kindergarten kids ready to begin their school careers at HES.

Our classes are divided into 2 groups: Mrs. Nowosad's class has 13 students and Mrs. McNabb's class has 14 students. Both groups are adjusting very well to the daily school routine and their little faces are becoming more familiar to our older students and staff around the school. Everyone always makes the new kinders feel so



welcome - thanks everyone! Our classroom theme this are learning that we all have unique qualities that make us special. Lots of time has been spent singing songs

and chants, getting to know each other. We are learning to read our names and our friends' names too. Many hands-on activities help us to write our name and develop our fine motor skills: modeling with play dough and writing our names on the SMARTboard are our faves! In math we are learning how to create our own patterns using manipulatives, people, actions, and even instruments! As sorting detectives, we look for ways that objects are the same according to size, shape, or color. Many graphs have been made too, such as a birthday graph and boys vs. girls in our classes. Working with numbers from 1-5 has been an important focus this month.

To begin our letter work, we have travelled to a magical land called Letterland.







Mrs. Nowosad's class has met Firefighter Fred (Ff) and Dippy Duck (Dd). Mrs. McNabb's class has met Clever Cat (Cc) and Annie Apple (Aa). Watching these characters come alive on our SMARTboard is truly riveting! Forming our letters and playing abc games are part of our daily routine!

Thanks to all the families who came to visit us at The Family Dance. The kids are

always so proud to show family members our classroom - where they sit, their coat hooks, and of course....where they love to play! Seeds and Beads is new this year,



taking place of the sand table. It is full of month is "All About Me." We grain seed and colored beads. FUN! The playhouse is always popular and is undergoing a fall makeover.....it is now a pumpkin stand where kids can buy and sell pumpkins and fall produce with real play money!



The Terry Fox Run Mrs. McNabb's class will take part in The Terry Fox Walk on Oct. 5. Later on in November, Mrs. Nowosad's class will attend the Remembrance Day Service. Our first day at

school together, with both kinder classes, will be The Halloween Party on Oct. 26th. It will be a "full house", but we are planning many fun and spooky activities to keep little hands and minds busy!



Our kindergarten classes are looking forward to a positive school year - working together, learning, and having fun!

### **Grade One News**

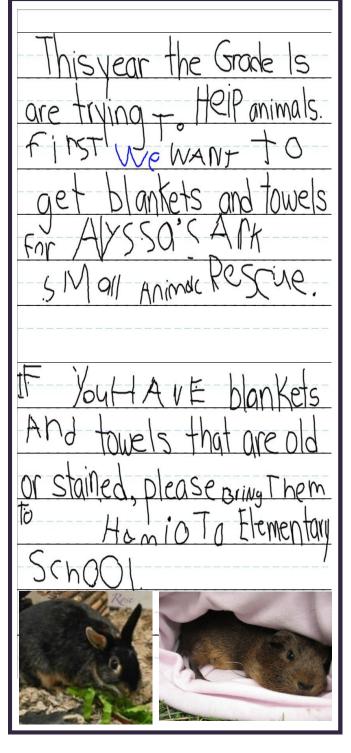
Ideas by: Grade 1s

Typed by: Mrs. Obach

We have learned a lot since we came back to school. We are learning to be independent. Every day, we get smarter and smarter. We practice reading to self, writing and reading to someone. We set a new record; we did read to self for 21 minutes!

In math, we are learning about numbers and patterns. We play math games like Tug of War and Dice are Nice. Sometimes we do math centers and use the computers. We have been finding patterns all over the place and taking pictures of them.

We picked a special project to do this year. We want to help animals. We are going to help an animal shelter and we want to save animals or maybe adopt an animal.



We are excited for the family dance tonight. Everybody will sing and dance.

### **Grade Two News**

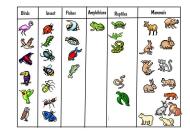
Welcome to a new school year! The Grade 2 class has been busy getting back into the swing of things. This year we have 21 students in the morning and 25 in the afternoon. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Amy working with us during the morning. We also welcome back Mrs. Dickinson who volunteers in our classroom.

Our first mini-theme has been on apples. We have been reading stories, singing songs and doing art activities relating to the topic of apples. In language arts we have been brushing up on our sight words, working in our new spelling workbooks. We have even written a poem called Introducing Me.



In math we have been working on making repeating patterns. We have been learning about the elements, core and attributes of the patterns. We have also been counting forward and backward and learning our doubles to 20.

In science we have been learning about the six different groups of animals. We have watched videos, read articles and made charts with information about the groups. We even have some mealworms in our class so we can observe the changes they go through in their life cycle!





Everyone is enjoying the soccer program organized by Mr. Mollard at lunch recess. There is always much excitement and team spirit after each game is completed.

There was great enthusiasm for the family dance and open house. Thanks to everyone who took the time to come and enjoy the evening.

It is hard to believe that the first month of school has come and gone so quickly. We are looking forward to our Johnny Appleseed day on October  $4^{th}$  and the Terry Fox Walk on October  $5^{th}$ . With the arrival of October our thoughts naturally turn to the special days of Thanksgiving and Halloween. They will be here before we know it!



### Grade Two/Three News

off with class has started welcomed changes...we have mornings with us. We are settling in very night. It's a great start! well and are looking forward to a great year together!

We have been learning about a true Canadian hero, Terry Fox, and are looking forward to participating in our Terry Fox Walk on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Our class is producing a photo story to share with the school and we're warming up our vocal



chords to chant and cheer for Terry on our walk! We are "reading" Terry across Canada for our home So far. reading program.

across the country and is well on his way to making it back to Newfoundland.

Welcome back to a new school year! Our In Math, we are working with three digit several numbers and place value concepts. We three have started our weekly math homework. students from Kenton, as well as four What a gung-ho group...many students Grade 2 students, who spend the completed their homework the very first

> In Science, the Grade 3's are working with plants. We have enjoyed doing various experiments, as well as our seed guesses.

Our farm kids really know their seeds and are very willing share their knowledge with the rest of us!



We are looking forward to the Family Dance, as well as other busy fall activities.

he has made it all the way It's shaping up to be a great year!

The **Terry Fox Run** is an annual non-competitive charity event held in numerous regions around the world in commemoration of Canadian Cancer activist Terry Fox, and his Marathon of Hope and to raise money for cancer research.



The event was founded in 1981 by Isadore Sharp who contacted Terry in hospital by telegram and expressed his wishes to hold an annual run in Terry's name to raise funds for cancer research. Sharp himself had lost a son to cancer in 1979. The event is held every year in the fall. Since its inception, it has raised via the 'Terry Fox Foundation' close to \$500 million dollars . The run itself is informal which means that the distance often varies, usually between 5 and 15 kilometres; participation is considered to be more important than completing the set distance. There are also runs set up by schools of every level, often

with shorter distances than the "official" ones.

### **Grade Four News**

Summer is over and fall is here....but we will keep these great warm days for as long as we can! It has been a busy month in the Grade 4 room! Settling in and learning the routines as well as getting to know one another are important steps to feeling comfortable and ready to put our best feet forward.

We have two brand new faces in Grade 4! Sam Hayden and Alex Waschenfelder are very welcome in our class and we are so happy they have joined our group. We now have twenty students in Grade 4!

The Newspapers "All About Me" are complete and hanging on the wall outside our room. The students prepared a poster with many interesting stories and facts about themselves for everyone to read about. They added pictures and colourful drawings for a creative effect. It is a



wonderful way for us to get to know more about one another. Come in and have a look! Guided Reading is also in full throttle. Reading groups are meeting and discussing weekly. Home reading should also be coming home nightly. Please check your child's agenda for home reading and initial beside the book title for me to check the next day at school. Home reading is a very important component of a balanced literacy program and the students have a wide variety of titles to choose from.

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773 + 211

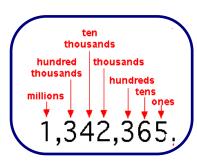
In math, we have been exploring all kinds of numbers to 10 000! We are able to represent numbers many different ways now; standard form, expanded form, using base 10, place value, and in number words! Addition strategies for adding 3 and 4 digit numbers is on our plate right now and we are using; friendly number, counting on and adding left to right. Soon we will move on to the subtraction strategies for large numbers. Remember the crossnumber puzzle that comes home every Monday is due back Friday.

We add new art to the school bulletin boards frequently so the next time you are visiting, please have a look!

### **Grade Five News**

Welcome back! It's hard to believe our first month of school is done. We've been very busy trying to get back into the routine of classroom expectations, homework, and everything else that goes with starting a new year. This year we have four new students: Foster Tolton and Olivia Tolton from Kenton, Emma Dmyterko from Brandon, and Chaddney Waschenfelder from a small town near Saskatoon. Welcome to our class! Hopefully everyone has been making you feel welcome.

We have started the year with place value in math, and have been working with numbers up to a million. We are learning to represent these numbers in many different ways, and have also been working on some different estimation strategies when adding or subtracting. Something that is hard for some is remembering to show all of their work so they have the proof as well as the answer.





During our LA class we have been working on our typing skills as well as focusing on us. We made "ME" boxes, and tested each other and wrote paragraphs about ourselves. This gave us all a chance to get to know each other a little better. We have also started on our Writer's Workshop, and are coming up with some possible ideas to write about.

In science we have been working on simple machines and have already discussed

the lever and the wheel and axle. We have been doing some hands on activities, and are looking forward to more.

This month we have already had two presentations as well. Mrs. Val Caldwell came in and spoke to us about internet safety and things to be aware of when or if we decide to go on Facebook. We have also gone to the high school for a presentation called "Cool Kids Care". Mr. Wood, an illusionist, talked about what bullying is and how to deal with bullies. He gave us some good

#### BE A HERO!!

**H** elpful

**E** ncouraging

R espectful

**O** utspoken on behalf of those being bullied.

strategies we can use if we are being bullied. His illusions were pretty cool, too!

As you can see, we've had a great start to the year, and parents, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call.

## SPORTS NEWS -Volleyball

#### Middle Years Boys Volleyball

Once again, volleyball is off to a great start at Hamiota Collegiate. The Middle Years boys have enough players for 2 teams and have already been practicing hard twice a week. They are coached by Mr. Sheldon Gurr Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are 17 players. Grade 6: Hassan Ashraf, Reece Breneman, Liam Caldwell, Hayden Crampain, Brady Daniel, Brett Hemrica, Brendan Lawn and Brody Robinson. Grade 7: Joun Abdel Mesih, Mason Gurr, Bobbi Hunter, Ben Murray, Holden Norrie and Sebastian Tolton. Grade 8: Will Chappell and Brayden Heapy. Our mini tournaments start on 4 October so come out and support our Middle Years Volleyball teams.

#### **Middle Years Girls Volleyball**

Middle years girls volleyball is underway. There are twenty-one girls from grades 6-8 participating this year. They have been practicing hard and are excited to start their minitournaments. The tournaments will start in October and are held on Thursdays. Practices will continue to be on Tuesdays after school. Thanks to coach Mrs. Facey and to Mrs. Slimmon for helping to coach. With teamwork, positive attitudes and hard work, I know all the girls will improve their skills. Go Huskies!

#### JV Boys Volleyball

The JV boys season has just got going. The team consists of 8 grade 10's and three grade 9's. We travelled to Dauphin on Friday and Saturday to our first tournament. The boys showed some rust at times but ended up with a 10 - 4 record and 2nd place in the nine team tournament. The boys' October schedule has them playing Vincent Massey, Crocus Plains, Russell and going to Roblin's tournament at the end of the month. Coaches are Mr. Smith and Mr. Rawlings.

#### JV Girls Volleyball

The Junior Varsity Girls are off to a great start. The girls have been practicing twice a week and are making huge strides every practice. The girls frist game play action is the Virden tournament on Sept. 28th/29th. The girls will be looking to win a berth into the JV Provincials this November that are being held in Gilbert Plains. The JV girls team is proud to have on it: Kaylee Daniel, Jenny Harrison, Shailyn Madsen, Brooke Tolton, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Kenzie Robinson, Larissa Clegg, Emily Hunter, Bailey Wilson and Aryana Shariati. The coach is Miss Becky Young.

#### **Varsity Girls Volleyball**

This year the varsity girls' volleyball team has a combination of junior varsity and varsity aged players. The team has been practicing twice a week since the first day of classes and have already proved to be hard-working and dedicated. The varsity team went to their first tournament on the 14/15 of September in Wawanesa and performed very well. The team has a full slate of weekend tournaments and league play will begin in October. The varsity girls team is made up of: Janice Maitland, Kailan Robinson, Keegan Robinson, Tess Stevenson, Kaylee Daniel, Jacquelyn Hawkins, Brooke Tolton and Kenzie Robinson. Mr. Obach coaches assisted by Mme Hodgson.

Varsity Girls Home Tournament
- October



JV Boys Home Tournament - November 3

## SPORTS NEWS—Soccer

#### THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Canada's inspirational play in women's soccer at the Olympics this summer has filtered down as far as Hamiota. The girls' soccer team at HCI is on a bit of a roll, posting victories in their last 12 matches. A combination of veterans at the top of their game and up-andcoming younger stars has created a strong team with numerous strengths. Our goalie is fearless. The defense is playing as a determined unit. Midfielders are strong both offensively and defensively. And the forwards are weaving magic with the ball. On Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> the girls journeyed to Steinbach where they played in a very competitive tourna-



Back: Kenzie Robinson, Chelsea Lawn, Bailey Wilson, Jimena Montenegro, Randi Wall, Robyn Gerrard, Lisa Rystephanuik, Jill Kerr, Shailyn Madsen, Shelby Mollard, Julie Campbell, Jaimie Rose, Eveline Juce

Front: Aryana Shariati, Meghan Drake, Kennedy Moffatt, Keegan Robinson, Shayna Mathison, Morgan Strachan, Kailan Robinson, Grace Kang, Shaylyn Lamb, Cassie Hunter Coach: Mr. Gerald Negrave

ment. HCl defeated Morden 2 to 0, beat Niverville 3 to 0, and went on to win the championship by upsetting Steinbach 1 to 0. The Huskies never let a goal in all weekend! Beating schools far bigger than ours was quite an accomplishment.

In league play the girls' team sits in first place and will enter semi-finals versus St. Lazare on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We wish the girls well. When they're on their game, they are a wonderful team to watch. They truly show why soccer is called "the beautiful game". Good luck girls!

#### **VARSITY BOYS SOCCER**



Back: Conor Clegg, Gage Martinook, Sawyer Norrie, Jake Coulter, Cole Waddell, Kyle Kostesky, Dominic Miranda, Lane Routledge, Jun Jun Taborlupa, Brady Waddell, Vincent Grabowski

Front: Kyle Feschuk, Joel Kirk, Joel Usick, Jason Ritchie, Dale McTavish, William Norrie, Chris Usick

Coach: Mr. Bruce Coulter

The Hamiota Collegiate varsity boys' soccer team started team practices the first week of school and have been going at it hard ever since. The boys played their first game against Birtle and lost 4-1. The game was much closer than the score implied. That league game was followed up by two exhibition games; one against Dauphin and the other against Yorkton. The boys tied Dauphin and lost a close one to Yorkton. Their final league game was a 7-2 victory over Strathclair. The boys are scheduled to play Strathclair on Tuesday, October 2 in



a semi-final match. The winner will move on to play Birtle in the league finals. MHSAA provincials are scheduled for the weekend of October 12-13 in Altona. The team consists of 20 players from Grade 9 to 12.

## SPORTS—Golf & Football

### **GIRLS GOLF TEAM GOES TO PROVINCIALS!!!!**



Marian Juce, Morgan Strachan, Ashley Czarnecki & Eveline Juce

HCI fielded a boys and girls Golf team for Zone Playoffs This year in Rossburn. The girls placed first and went on to provincial play in Minnedosa. The boys were not able to advance. The girls played well placing 4th at provincial play. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Facey and Mr. Smith for their assistance.



Shaun Hunter, Kyle Kostesky, Cole Waddell & Brodie Hunter



### Middle Years Golf at Miniota & Russell

Golfers from Grades 5 and 6 travelled to Miniota on September 20 to take part in the Middle Years golf tournament. The golf team consisted of Liam Caldwell, Hayden Crampain, Reece Breneman, Brody Robinson and Brendan Lawn from Grade 6 and Sierra McTavish, Emily Murray, Cale Murray, Jamie Waddell and Levi Best from Grade 5. Jamie, Emily and Reece all had 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes and Liam won the longest putt contest!

Quade Wood, Will Chappell, Brayden Heapy and Destiny Allan took part in the Grade 7 and 8 golf tournament in Russell on September 25. It was a beautiful day of golf and all golfers enjoyed a day on the course. Congratulations on the short, but successful golf season!



Back: Quade Wood, Will Chappell, Liam Caldwell, Hayden Crampain, Brayden Heapy, Reece Breneman, Brody Robinson Front: Brendan Lawn, Destiny Allan







By Shaun Hunter

The Park West Outlaws season is in full swing again this year and the team is looking good. The team has, however, been bitten by the injury bug that has ten plus players on the sidelines. With all that happening It has been hard to get on track and in the win column. With a bunch of new players and some new coaches, the Outlaws hope to get things together in the coming days. They have five games remaining in the season and then the playoffs start. The team hopes to make the playoffs this year. With 3 games played and an 0 and 3 record, losing 14-0 to Souris, 42-33 to Moosomin and 46-16 to Virden Golden Bears, the Outlaws will hope for a better second half of the season. HCI Outlaws include Shaun Hunter, Cody Hunter, James Hunkin and Braden Dereniwski.

# STUDENT COUNCIL

#### MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT COUNCIL



Back: Ashlyn, Mrs. Facey, Brenna, Mikayla, Sydney,

Kara, Ben

Front: Saige, Naomi, Emma, Emily, Grady

We're off to a great start of a new school year. This year we have 12 members participating in the Middle Years Student

Council.

President: Emma Coulter

Vice-President: Grady Routledge

Secretary: Naomi Best

Sports Rep: Brenna Kirk

Literary Reps: Sydney Murray & Mikayla Madsen

Social Reps: Kara Kent, Ben Murray and Saige Braden

Odd Jobs: Ashlyn Kirk & Emily Usick

We're looking forward to a great year!!

#### SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL

The 2012/2013 HCI Student Council is ready for another fun-filled year. We started the year off with a free BBQ for all of the students and staff on Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success! The month of September was filled with getting settled into classes and back into a routine.

We have been very busy planning for some very exciting upcoming events. On Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> HCl will kick off its 61<sup>st</sup> annual magazine sale campaign. HCl is the longest, consecutively selling school in Canada! Watch for some special guests to help launch the campaign. On Tuesday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> all the grade 11 and 12 students will be going to Shoal Lake to take part in Mental Health Awareness Day. On Tuesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> the grade 11 and 12 students will be going to Winnipeg to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Manitoba WE Day. We are very excited to get to participate in this youth-empowerment event. It will be a day filled with motivational speakers, music and a call to action for all youth to do more to help out globally and locally. To coincide with our WE Day trip we will be hosting a Scare Away Hunger event on Halloween evening. HCl students will be going door to door to trick or treat for non-perishable food items to be donated to the Hamiota Food Bank. Watch for students to come to your door.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

#### Executive are:

President: Shaun Hunter
Vice: Tess Stevenson
Secretary: Meghan Drake
Treasurer: Ashley Czarnecki
Sports: Kailan Robinson

Yearbook: Jill Kerr

Social: Braden Dereniwski

#### PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR FOWL SUPPER:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>



#### Rooms reps are:

Grade 12- Keegan Robinson

Grade 11- Jacquelyn Hunter (Jr Vice)

Grade 10-Jake Coulter Grade 9- Randy Kirk

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## ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATIONS



Grade 6 student Joelle Little assists at the Cool Kids Care presentation on Bullying on Sept. 27. Students in Grades 4-8 attended. The RCMP will be doing a Bullying Presentation for Gr. 9-12 on October 4. Mrs. Val Caldwell was in the school doing Elementary and Middle Years presentations on cyber-bullying.

We hope that these presentations raise awareness and help students to reduce bullying in and out of school.

**Grad Photos** 

#### **NEW TABLE**



Some middle years students enjoy the warm weather and new picnic table recently installed in the court-yard. The table was purchased using some school funds and some funds from the Park West School Division Sustainable Development Grant.

<u>Back</u>: John AbDel Mesih, Brett
Hemrica, Brendan Lawn, Liam Cald-

<u>Front</u>: Bobbi Hunter, Sean Schweitzer, Mason Gurr, Brady Daniel

well

#### **BUS EVACUATIONS**



Jason Ritchie (left) and Mark Lawn (right) assist Kenzie Robinson as she leaves the bus.

Each year bus drivers bring buses to the school and students practice emergency evacuation procedures. This helps to ensure the safety of all students who ride the buses daily and town students who ride to sporting events and activities.

Nov. 21

#### **UNCOMING EVENTS**

Oct. 4 Magazine Campaign Kick-Off Oct. 5 Terry Fox Walk—Hamiota Elementary Mental Awareness Day in Shoal Lake (Gr.11&12) Oct. 23 Picture Retakes Oct. 26 Oct. 28 **HCI Fowl Supper** WE Day in Winnipeg (Gr. 11 & 12) Oct. 30 Birdtail River Speech Arts Festival Nov. 5, 6 & 8 Hamiota Schools Remembrance Day Service Nov. 8