

HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Park West School Division

September 2017

Principal's Message

The 2017-18 school year has had a fantastic start. The hallways of both schools are filled with energetic learners who, whether they admit it or not, are happy to be back. Our student numbers at HES continue to grow, reaching 142 registered students. There are 138 students registered at HCI. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and their families to Hamiota and to Hamiota Schools. I would also like to welcome our new staff members to our school: Ms. Brittany Schettler (Grade 5/6), Ms. Laura Cowling (Grade 7), Mrs. Diane Brown (Guidance and Senior ELA), Mr. Dylan Woodcock (Band) and Mrs. Mandi Blair (Educational Assistant). My greatest appreciation is extended to Mr. Smith and Mr. Matiation for doing a wonderful job in getting our buildings ready for our staff and students. With teacher preparations and summer cleaning all out of the way, we are ready for a very productive year ahead.

The schools are once again offering a variety of diverse curricular options, but are also offering a number of different extracurricular opportunities. The school year is not even a month old and we have already had a well-attended open house at the elementary school and a welcome back barbeque hosted by the student council at HCI. Soccer, volleyball and golf are underway for both the high school and middle years. High school hockey will be making its return to Hamiota as HCI will be the home center for a CO-OP team between a number of high schools in our division. The annual Terry Fox Walk is taking place on Friday September 29 at 11:00 am, with the elementary students being joined by students from the collegiate. Please join us on the walk if you are able. A new venture at HCI will involve some staff and students forming a Youth in Philanthropy Group, in conjunction with the Hamiota Community Foundation. This will be an excellent learning opportunity for our students.

Hamiota Schools and Park West School Division have implemented a couple of new initiatives this fall. Beginning this school year, all visitors to the school are being asked to report to the office and sign in. This will help ensure the safety of our students and staff. The division and the schools recognize the importance of our schools being accessible. Please let us know if there is something we can do in order to ensure that our buildings are accessible to all. If you have a concern or a suggestion, please report that to either school.

As always, we believe that communication between home and school is essential in order for parents to stay informed of their children's progress, as well as events and functions that are occurring at school. We hope that you will regularly visit the school websites and follow us on twitter. A monthly newsletter will be emailed or sent home on a regular basis as well. Please be sure to read this information as its purpose is to keep you informed and up-to-date.

New at HCI this year is the ability for parents to see the morning announcements. If you download the PowerSchool app you will find a tab that says Daily Bulletin and if you select that tab you will see the announcements for the day. Many teachers have also started using an app called Class Dojo which has proven to be a very effective communication tool. Ask your child about it!

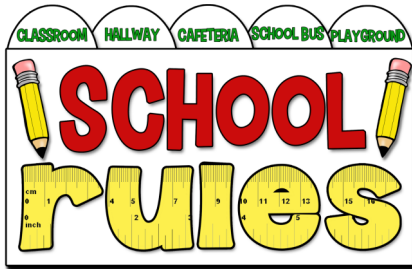
The 2017-18 school year is shaping up to be a wonderful one. I look forward to collaborating with the community as we work together to make sure every student has a great year at Hamiota Schools! Please call us at the school throughout the year with any questions, concerns or good news to share.

- Bruce Coulter, Principal

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Kindergarten News from Mrs. McNabb



Kindergarten is off to a great start with a great bunch of 22 lovely children. In math, we sorted out the kids in our class and discovered that we have 11 boys and 11 girls. We are busy learning our rug rules.....how to listen to others so that we can do our best learning. Following directions is so important as it is a skill that we need all through our school years.

We are reading many stories that celebrate how we are all special in our own way. We have drawn self-portraits with crayons and have also created ourselves using paper. Holding our pencils properly to print our names is something that we practice daily. We have graphed, "How many letters in our names?" The longest names in our class have 7 letters. The shortest names have 4 letters.



This Friday we are excited to participate in The Terry Fox walk. Terry Fox is a very important Canadian hero that teaches us to never give up when things get tough! We enjoyed special time spent with our gr.8 buddies and are so thankful for the help they gave us in making our Terry Fox posters. You rock Gr.8's!

It was so awesome to celebrate back to school with our OPEN HOUSE BBQ. Thanks to all my kindergarten families who attended. Your constant support of your child's learning and "growth" is so valuable.

Upcoming Dates At HES

Sept. 29 ~ Terry Fox walk at 11AM

Oct. 9 ~ NO School
Thanksgiving

Oct.13 ~ Terry Fox
Pledges Due

October 20 ~ NO School
Inservices

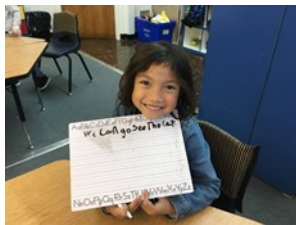
October 27 ~ Hot Lunch

October 31 ~ Halloween
Parties

Grade 1 News from Mrs. Nowosad

It is hard to believe September is coming to an end. It has been a lot of fun getting to know each of my grade 1 students, and I look forward to spending this year with them.

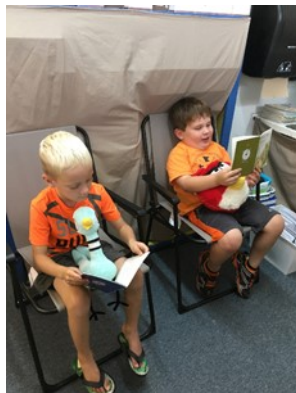
We have been working hard learning routines and the ins and outs of Grade 1. We are excited to have Carter Rozdeba join this group of kids this year. Welcome to Carter and his family!



The grade 1 class has been super busy already. They are working hard to write their lowercase letters, making sure that tall letters are tall, short letters are short, and that letters sit on the line. I am really pleased with the progress they are making so far, such nice printers!

We have been working on learning to read, write and spell 5 sight words each week, as well as learning different spelling word families (such as "at", "an", "ad", etc). We practice these words and patterns each day.

In math, we have been working on identifying numbers to 100, numbers that come before and after, as well as sequencing numbers. We are practicing different ways to represent various



numbers too. Patterning has been fun, and patterns took over the grade 1 classroom last week. Students had a great time creating various patterns using a variety of manipulatives.

We are looking forward to starting our reading buddies with the grade 4 class this week. This will be a fun way to practice our reading and our sight words.



The grade 9 class will be joining us one day this week to help create posters for our annual Terry Fox walk, which takes place Friday, October 29.

GRADE 2 NEWS from Mrs. Gregory

Welcome back to a new school year! The Grade 2's have done a great job settling in to new routines and getting back into the swing of school life once again.

This year the grade 2 class has 23 students. We have two new students joining our class this year. Welcome to Bryleigh Barnes who comes to us from Elkhorn and Nicole Rozdeba who joins us from Strathclair. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Workman helping in our class for part of the morning. We are pleased to have a new assistant, Mrs. Blair also working with us in the mornings. We welcome back our faithful volunteer, Mrs. Doupe who helps students in many different ways.

In language arts we have been getting back into our reading, writing and spelling programs. We have also been brushing up on our high frequency words. One of our first writing activities was a poem called Introducing Me.



In math we have been working on repeating patterns. We have been learning about the elements, core and attributes of different patterns. We also completed an activity called Math About Me!

Our first science unit is about animals and how they grow and change. We sorted animals into six different groups. We read a book about mammals and made a poster depicting the different characteristics mammals have. We had fun drawing a frog that belongs to the amphibian group.



It was great to see so many out to the family BBQ and Open House.

There were many enthusiastic students proudly showing off their classroom.



This year we have been paired with the Grade 10 class for our Terry Fox Walk activities. We enjoyed designing posters and look forward to walking with our Grade 10 buddies.

It's hard to believe that the first month of school has come and gone so quickly. 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 THREE NEWS from Mrs. Dixon

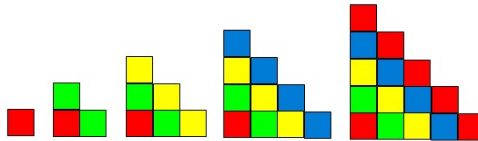
Our year has started off with 20 great students, one awesome volunteer, (Mrs. Skayman), one fantastic E.A., (Mrs. Lee) and one "experienced" teacher! (Mrs. Dixon) We're settling into the routines of the classroom quite nicely and we're ready to get to work.



We've been learning about an important Canadian, Terry Fox, and we're looking forward to participating in the Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 29th. We made posters with our Grade 6 buddies and will enjoy walking and cheering with them on that day.

We've been learning the routines of L.A. groups and I can tell that this is a group of independent learners - way to go!

In Math, we're working with all kinds of number sense activities and we've already discovered that Math is all about patterns - if we're able to work with small numbers, we can use the same strategies when working with 2 and 3 digit numbers!



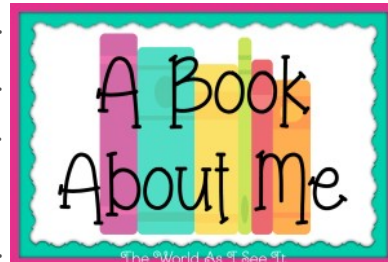
Parts of The Plant

- Roots
- Leaves
- Stem
- Flower
- Seed



We're learning about the important parts of a plant in Science and have enjoyed the experiments we've done so far. Guessing different kinds of seeds has been fun, too!

It was great to see many families at the Open House BBQ evening. We had worked hard on our "Me" books, so it was nice to share them.



October is just around the corner and things will get even busier, both in and out of school! Welcome back, everyone!

GRADE FOUR NEWS from Mrs. Routledge



Welcome back to another school year at HES! With the changing of the leaves and the crisp fall air, we know summer has officially come to an end. The halls are filled with the hustle and bustle of new routines and all the exciting sounds of coming back to school.

In the Grade 4 room, we are all settling in nicely as we get to know each other and become comfortable with our new surroundings and learning environment. There are twenty-four students in Grade 4 this year! We will be nice and cozy, snug as bugs, in our little room when winter hits!

The students have been working hard the last few weeks to prepare for HES Open House. Individual posters were made spotlighting each student! These newspapers tell all about the kids; their heroes, important life events, favourite movies and books, as well as displaying pictures of each student and their families. They were a huge success and look amazing displayed in our hallway. If you weren't able to make it in for open house I encourage you to come on in and have a look! The kids did a fantastic job.



Our first unit of math explores whole numbers to 10 000. We are hard at work representing numbers in a variety of ways and ordering and comparing numbers. Soon, we will be reviewing our strategies for adding/ subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers. Weekly CNP'S are coming home now every Monday and are due on Fridays.

In Social Studies, we have begun our first unit, the Geography of Canada. Canada's regions as well as our provinces and territories, will be our focus this unit.

Home Reading – Please encourage your child to read for 10 minutes, Monday-Thursday, and record in their agendas. Routines are important to establish, and sometimes your child will need a friendly reminder.

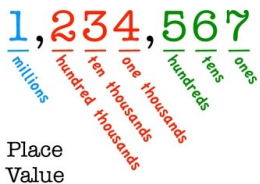


Grade 5S News from Ms. Schettler

Welcome back students and parents! I can't believe October is upon us already. We have been busy in our class learning the routines for bell work, classroom jobs and peer mentoring! Everyone has been doing a great job at contributing to our classroom environment.

In ELA, we have finished our All About Me Unit where the students wrote about their summer vacation, made goals for the year and created hand art that describes why they are unique. I enjoyed learning everyone's favourite hobbies, snacks and books!

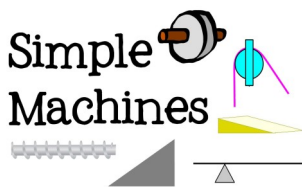
Now we are getting ready to be a part of the Global Read Aloud and integrating technology into our book study.



In math, we are reviewing place value and getting ready to start estimating. We have been exploring numbers up to the millions and learning different ways to write them. Our class is also trying to collect 1 million tabs! Please collect and send tabs to the school.

Feel free to practice your multiplication facts at home as we are going to need them soon.

Currently in Social Studies our class has been reading and comparing aboriginal creation stories while building a definition of oral history. We will continue researching the first people of Canada throughout the term. Additionally, in science our class has started studying simple machines.



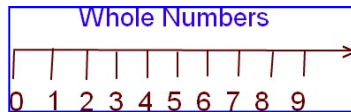
We have been defining machine and force while finding examples of simple machines in the classroom! Don't be afraid to find simple machines in your home.

Overall it has been a successful September. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me or leave a note in your child's agenda! Happy fall everyone!

GRADE 5R NEWS from Mrs. Routledge



Welcome back to school, everyone! It's hard to believe the first month is almost done. We've been busy getting into a routine and getting to know each other. We have one new student in our class, Sheldon Remple, whom we would like to welcome. He seems to be fitting into our class quite nicely!

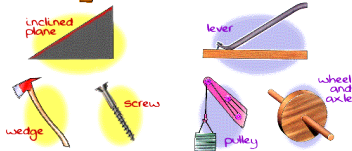


In math we have been working with whole numbers and the different ways to represent them. We are also learning some estimation strategies for addition. I would like to encourage parents to work with their children on their facts, whether it's addition, subtraction or multiplication. The faster they are with these, the easier everything else will be.

In language arts we have been doing a mini unit about ourselves. We have been doing activities that show some of the things we love, some of the things we are experts on, and some of the things we wonder about. We are also working on our typing skills.



Simple Machines



Simple machines is our focus in science. We have talked about machines, forces, levers, pulleys and inclined planes. We are learning that lots of these machines decrease the amount of force we need to use, but increase the distance over which we need to apply it.

We are also doing spelling with Mrs. Norrie at the end of each day. We're working on a variety of activities to improve our spelling and vocabulary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Hamiota Schools Annual Terry Fox Walk will take place on Friday, Sept. 29 at 11:00 a.m. Please feel free to join us or cheer us on as we walk by! Stay for a hot dog lunch. All donations will be passed along to the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations can be left at Hamiota Elementary or Hamiota Collegiate offices.



NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT HAMIOTA SCHOOLS

Hello! My name is **Brittany Schettler** and I am the new grade 5 teacher at Hamiota Elementary and the Grade 6 math teacher at Hamiota Collegiate. I am currently living in Brandon where I was born and raised till I move to Winnipeg in grade 4. I completed high school at J.H Bruns Collegiate then started at the University of Winnipeg. I completed the International Practicum Program where I taught grade 5 in Bangkok, Thailand for a year. I love traveling, tennis, volleyball, quading and watching movies! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first month teaching in Hamiota and can't wait to see where the school year leads us!



Hello, my name is **Mandi Blair** and this school year I have begun working as an EA in both the Hamiota Elementary school (grade 2) and also the Collegiate (grade 11 English). I am a newcomer to Hamiota, having just relocated from Carberry during this past summer. I am familiar with small town life, living in Carberry most of mine, with the exception of a few years in St. Catharines, ON. Before moving to St. Catharines in 2010, I was an EA at the Carberry Collegiate for 3 years and also decided to embark on a business opportunity, opening a coffee house in a lovely heritage building in downtown Carberry. After two and a half years in the coffee business I travelled abroad to spend 5 months in Ireland on a working holiday visa. My days of adventure were not over, as in just a short time after returning to MB, I headed to the beautiful Niagara area of Ontario (wine country!). During my 6 years there, I worked at a 4 diamond hotel, the Pillar and Post, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, first in the spa & then as a Guest Services Manager at the Front Desk. It was there that I met my husband, Tristan, and we welcomed our daughter, Seryn, in 2015. We decided to move back to MB last year, near my family, with a term position for me at the Carberry Municipal Office. After a few months in MB, my husband became the Assistant CAO for Hamiota Municipality, which is how I finally arrived to start this chapter in another rural MB town! We live only a short distance out of town and have been busy settling in. I have felt very welcomed at the schools and look forward to getting to know the community and residents more. I am also excited to be in an EA role again, a rewarding experience in the past, which I anticipate will continue here in Hamiota.

New Staff Members at Hamiota Schools

Hello! My name is **Laura Cowling** and I am very excited to be joining the HCI team! This year I will be teaching Grade 7 ELA and Math in the mornings.

I grew up in Shoal Lake and attended Shoal Lake School from k-12. Upon graduation I moved to Winnipeg and completed a Bachelor of Science degree while playing hockey for the University of Manitoba Bisons. After completion of this degree I moved to Brandon University to take my Education degree and at this time we bought our first home in Hamiota! I graduated from Brandon University in 2010 and started a big adventure as I accepted my first teaching job in Kuwait. I taught Grade 6 Math and Science at the American Creativity Academy. The structure of their school year provided a lot of opportunities to travel the world, two of my favourite places we visited were Bali and Greece.



In 2011 I accepted my first teaching job in Park West School Division teaching high school math and science at Strathclair Community School. I taught at SCS until accepting this position starting this fall at HCI. Looking back it has been a busy 6 years! My husband, Bryce (a HCI alumni) and I got married in 2012, we welcomed our first daughter Dayton in 2014, and our second daughter Charlee in 2016. Our girls light up our everyday and they keep us busy! We also have a grain farm in Hamiota and we are currently in the process of moving from town out to the farm.

My interests include sports, I love playing hockey and soccer, and I have started to do some curling. I also enjoy and look forward to spending time at my parents' cabin in the summers and I enjoy water skiing and stand-up-paddle boarding. I love spending time together as a family and we especially love spending time at the Hamiota Aquatic Center and public skating!

I am really looking forward to teaching at HCI and getting more involved in my home community. As a community member, I consider ourselves very fortunate to have so many wonderful amenities for young families and kids of all ages in the community and two of these would definitely be HES and HCI. I value the importance of communication so please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions or concerns!



Hi! My name is **Diane Brown** and I am happy to be teaching Grade 9 – 12 English Language Arts, Grade 9 Reading is Thinking, and Grade 12 Family Studies at Hamiota Collegiate Institute. I am also the Guidance Counsellor.

I have recently transplanted from Brandon to Hamiota and my husband and I are thrilled to be living in a small town again. I grew up in Stony Mountain, Manitoba and attended high school at Stonewall Collegiate Institute. Once married, my husband, Dave, and I moved several times between Saskatchewan and Manitoba. When our 2 daughters were young, I began to work as an Educational Assistant at Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School. I loved the job and decided to pursue a Bachelor of Arts (major in English, minor in Native Studies) and then an After Degree in Education.

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I eagerly anticipate becoming involved in the many artistic opportunities that are available in Hamiota. I look forward to co-directing the spring musical production as it provides a wonderful venue for students to flourish, as well as entertainment for the community to enjoy.

The 2017-2018 school year has started strong and I have delighted in meeting the remarkable students and staff of Hamiota Collegiate. I hope to encounter many more citizens of Hamiota so don't hesitate to stop by and say hello!

New—Again!!



We are also pleased to have two teachers back at HCI!

Mrs. Kaylie Whelpton is back from maternity leave. She is teaching senior Mathematics, Drama and Foods and Nutrition.

We also welcome **Mr. Dylan Woodcock** back to HCI. He has taken over Band classes in Hamiota and Strathclair. He will also be teaching a choir at HCI.



DRAMA PROGRAM AT HCI

Mrs. Val Caldwell has stepped down as director for the major drama this year. Over the past four years she has brought her love of drama and unbounded enthusiasm to HCI's Drama program. Each year over 30 students have participated in the drama either onstage or backstage and have had the awesome experience of being involved in the wonderful collaborative exercise that she has provided putting on a musical. HCI would like to thank Val for guiding us through Grease, Oklahoma, Back to the 80's and The Little Mermaid and for the countless hours she spent in preparation and working with the students of HCI.



We are, however, very pleased that our new senior LA/Guidance teacher, Mrs. Diane Brown has agreed to act as stage director for the Major Drama to be held in April. Mr. Dylan Woodcock will act as Musical Director. Janna Tannas will continue to do choreography and Mrs. Mathison will help out with costumes, etc. The directors are looking at different plays and more information will be available in the coming weeks.

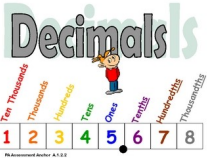
Mrs. Julie Facey will be directing the Middle Years Drama to be held on December 12 in conjunction with the Band Concert. Student actors have signed up and will begin practices in the near future!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MS. COWLING'S CLASS

Wow! It is hard to believe the first month of school is already almost over! We have had a good month in Grade 7 and we are looking forward to a couple of programs starting in October! In ELA, we spent a lot of time during the first two weeks talking about expectations and beliefs in the classroom. In our classroom we have a wall of 14 beliefs and studied each of them in terms of what they mean, why it is important, and what it looks like in a classroom. We also completed a mini unit on Growth Mindset. We studied the meaning of both a growth mindset and a fixed mindset and analyzed video clips to identify each type of mindset. It is really exciting now to see classmates encouraging each other to have a growth mindset and recognizing when someone displays a growth mindset. We hope to build on this throughout the year! We have started our first ELA unit called This Is Who I Am. In this unit we will study personalities and how our choices affect us. As a class we are reading the novel Firegirl and each student will also have a novel to read independently as a part of a book club. During ELA, students are also starting The Global Read Aloud program on October 2nd. Students will participate in this program during their library time. They will read aloud a book over a 6- week period and during that time they will try to make global connections to other classrooms who are involved in the program. I am excited to see which classrooms we can connect with!



In math we are finishing our first unit, Operations on Decimals. We have studied adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals and we will put all of these together to follow the order of operations using decimals. Our test for the first unit will be on Tuesday October 3rd. We have also started some test taking skills by writing study notes after each new lesson. The next unit we will be doing will stay in the number sense strand and we will study how decimals, fractions, and percentages relate to each other. Throughout the year, problem solving and mental math will be a focus in the class. We have practiced a couple of mental math strategies and we have worked on problem solving by comparing parts to a whole. Every two to three weeks we will look at a different problem solving strategy.



PAYING IT FORWARD

Mrs. Brown's Grade 9 Reading is Thinking Class decided that the Huskies soccer scoreboard to the south of the soccer pitches could use a little sprucing up.

So with the class adding a little paint here and there the sign is ready for the fall season.

Thanks!!

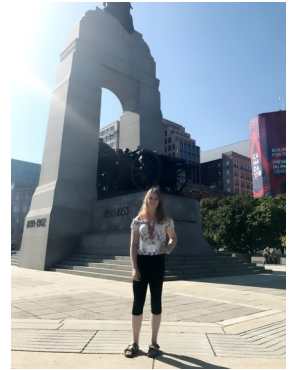


ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA by Emily Lints

Boarding the plane to Ottawa for Encounters with Canada was an exciting time, and leaving that magical place was one of the saddest. Over one hundred and twenty teens from across Canada came together at the Terry Fox Youth Center to learn more about Canada and our week theme, which was law and our justice systems. We ventured out to get a tour of Parliament and the Supreme Court of



Canada. Visits to the National War Museum and the Canadian Museum of History highlighted our week as we explored our country's past and realized that we were its future. Some



of the speakers that we were fortunate enough to have included Senator Paul McIntyre, Retired Colonel Drapeau, MP Karina Gould, and many more. The staff and volunteers that ran the programming were incredibly welcoming and made

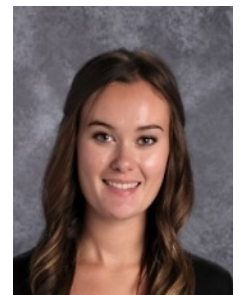
our week run smoothly.

Meeting so many people in such a short time was expected to be overwhelming, but I will never forget the faces of those I shared this amazing experience with. Towards the end of the week we watched the Parliament Hill Northern Lights show. Sitting there with the future generation of Canadian society made me realize what a unique opportunity I had been given to go to Encounters with Canada. Never in my life have I felt more proud to be Canadian.



WESTMAN YOUTH CHOIR

Grade 12 student Jacinta Doupe will be touring this fall with the Westman Youth Choir. This will be her third year with the choir, which is comprised of students in Grades 10 to 12 who are selected by auditions held in the spring of each year.



This year the choir will be touring the northern Westman area from Oct. 14-17. If you would like to see this choir perform there is a concert Saturday, Oct. 14 in the Strathclair Bend Theatre and the choir will also perform on Sunday morning at Hamiota United Church at 10:00 a.m. and at the Virden Aud Theatre that evening at 7:30 p.m. Other stops include Rivers Elementary School, Carberry Collegiate, Neepawa, Elton Collegiate, Brandon Central United (School concert in the afternoon and the final concert in the evening.)

Watch for the HCI Fundraiser Magazine Campaign
coming in October!!!

GOLF



L-R: Cole Allan, Kayden Sutherland,
Liam Caldwell, Brendan Lawn



Jana McTavish

On September 13th the varsity golfers travelled to Oak Island to participate in the Zones. They did well on the challenging course. When the scores were tallied the boys finished 3rd place. Jana shot well but wasn't the lowest score to earn a birth to provincials.

Middle Years golfers will have their tournaments on September 27 & 28.



HCI STUDENT COMPETES AT SUMMER GAMES

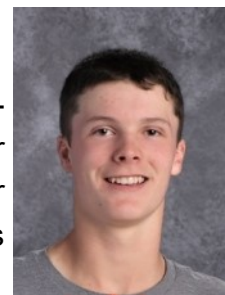


My experience at the 2017 Canada Summer Games was one for the books. From the incredible opening ceremonies to the fierce competition, all of the hard work the Games Committee and volunteers did paid off! I had a ton of fun while I was there, and having the chance to compete against the best kayakers from every province and territory was amazing! Meeting the athletes from other sports and provinces was incredible. When I was done competing, I had the chance to go to the cultural festival at the Forks, and it was awesome! The training it took to get there was beyond tough, but the experience was so worth it!



OUTLAWS FOOTBALL

This year Jamie Waddell is the only HCI student playing football this year. The Outlaws have had a great start to the season, starting out with an exciting game opener win 21-20 against Virden, a 37-14 win against East Parkland and a 24-20 win over Swan Valley. Semi finals are on October 28 and final games for the Doug Steeves Trophy (top 4 teams) and the Murray Black Cup (bottom 4 teams) on November 4.



Upcoming games:

- Sept. 29 Home game vs. Neepawa Tigers in Shoal Lake
- Oct. 6 Home game vs. Southwest Sabres in Shoal Lake
- Oct 13 Away Game vs. Moosomin Generals
- Oct 22 Away Game vs. Dauphin Clippers



VARSITY SOCCER

This year HCI has a girls and a boys team. Mrs. Whelpton and Miss Lopes are running practices and coaching together. With only one other girls team in the division and a small number of girls, it was decided not to pursue provincials this year. Hamiota has the only boys team in the division and will be guaranteed an inter-zone game for a chance to go on to provincial play. There are co-ed teams in Birtle, Shoal Lake and Strathclair.

In order to give all students an opportunity to play some games, a tournament was planned for Shoal Lake on Tuesday, Sept. 26. The boys played two games defeating Birtle 3-0 and Strathclair 3-1. The girls had a very close game with other girls team Major Pratt, losing 1-0 by a goal in the last 2 minutes.

The girls will play Major Pratt in Hamiota next Tuesday, Oct. 3 and the boys hope to play some exhibition games before the inter-zone game.



MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL

This season we have three middle years girl's volleyball teams. We have been practicing and preparing for our first mini-tournament, which will be held in Hamiota on Thursday, October 5. There are two boys teams who will also play in Hamiota on Oct. 5.

Oct. 5 Schedule in Hamiota

<u>Boys Court</u>		<u>Girls Court</u>	
3:45	Hamiota 1 vs. Miniota		Hamiota 1 vs. Hamiota 2
4:10	Shoal Lake vs. Strathclair		Hamiota 3 vs. Miniota
4:35	Hamiota 2 vs. Miniota		Shoal Lake vs. Hamiota 1
5:00	Hamiota 1 vs. Strathclair		Hamiota 2 vs. Shoal Lake
5:25	Shoal Lake vs. Miniota		Hamiota 1 vs. Hamiota 3
5:50	Strathclair vs. Hamiota 2		Miniota vs. Shoal Lake
6:15	Hamiota 1 vs. Shoal Lake		Hamiota 2 vs. Miniota
6:40	Miniota vs. Strathclair		Shoal Lake vs. Hamiota 3
7:05	Shoal Lake vs. Hamiota 2		Hamiota 1 vs. Miniota
7:30	Hamiota 1 vs. Hamiota 2		Hamiota 2 vs Hamiota 3

Boys

Hamiota 1 (Gr. 6-7)

Hamiota 2 (Gr. 7-8)

(Mr. Gurr & Miss Lopes)

Girls

Hamiota #1 Ms. Schettler

Hamiota #2 Mrs. Mitchell

Hamiota #3 Mrs. Facey

There are other mini-tournaments planned for Oct. 10 in Shoal Lake, Oct. 17 in Birtle, Oct. 26 in Strathclair, Nov. 2 in Miniota and Nov. 9 in Hamiota. All teams will not play at all of these tournaments.

Playoffs are Nov. 4 with finals Nov. 21.



SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

There will be both boys and girls JV and Varsity teams this year. The teams have already been to tournaments this fall. Their League Schedules are listed below. Come out and see some great volleyball action!!

Varsity Girls Schedule

October 11th

Hamiota @ Russell

October 16th

Strathclair @ Hamiota

October 18th

Hamiota @ Birtle

October 23rd

Hamiota @ Shoal Lake

October 25th

Rosburn @ Hamiota

Varsity Boys Schedule

October 11th

Hamiota @ Russell

October 16th

Strathclair @ Hamiota

October 25th

Rosburn @ Hamiota

JV Girls Schedule

October 11th

5:00 pm - Birtle @ Hamiota

October 16th

5:00 pm - Hamiota @ Birtle

October 18th

5:00 pm - Birtle @ Hamiota

October 30th

5:00 pm - Hamiota @ Birtle

JV Boys Schedule

October 11th

7:00 pm – Birtle @ Hamiota

October 18th

7:00 pm – Russell @ Hamiota

October 23rd

5:00 pm – Hamiota @ Rosburn

November 1st

5:00 pm – Hamiota @ Strathclair

Home Tournaments: Girls- October 13 & 14
Boys- November 10 & 11



HCI students and staff enjoyed the 'Welcome Back Barbeque' provided by the Senior

Student Council.

It was a great way to kick off the 2017-18 school year!!!



MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The middle years student council has been formed for the 2017-2018 school year. We have twelve members. Our goals for this year are: to help organize and run the intramurals, create a positive school environment, plan social activities for the middle years students, capture our memories on camera and, of course, have fun! Our council is busy making plans for the first intramurals activity, deciding on some random acts of kindness to spread throughout the school, figuring out fun ideas for our social activity,

and making lists of the important moments that need to be photographed. They will be busy in the coming months.



Back: Mrs. Facey, Kyia Knight, Danika Smith, Kaitlyn Campbell, Kate-Leigh Heapy, McKenna Laberge, Ryan Donohoe, Ms. Cowling.

Front: Reanna Gage, Rylee McNabb, Jacob Clark, Shirley Johnson, Surrey Smith, Trinity Lints.

SENIOR COUNCIL NEWS By: Holden Norrie



Korinne Alexander, Yearbook; Michelle Bell, Canteen; Ashlyn Kirk, President; Sydney Murray, Sports; Carly Shamray, Secretary; Emily Lints, Treasurer; Ben Murray, Social; Holden Norrie, Gr. 12 Room Rep; Chantelle Chappell, Junior Vice; Kara Kent, Vice.

With school starting back up, student council has been incredibly hard at work making new students feel welcome, and planning new events for this year. As well with the new year, students have noticed two new stu-

dents "Marv" and "Harry" swimming in the fish tank located in the lobby. Starting off the year, suckers attached with encouraging messages were left in students lockers and a free *Welcome Back* barbecue was held at the end of the first week. Student council has also organized house teams. With these teams, students will be participating in fun activities year round earning their team points for the prize at the end of the year. Activities in September have consisted of a school wide scavenger hunt, and a food bank donation competition. Teams will bring in non-perishable food items and will be awarded one point for each pound of food. Ending off September is a hat day as well as a taco hot lunch being held on the 28th for all the students to enjoy.

GLOBAL READ-ALoud



One Book to Connect the World

Hamiota Schools are very excited to have 6 classes participating in the program this year: Mrs. McNabb's Kindergarten Class, Mrs. Dixon's Grade Three, Ms. Shettler's Grade Fives, Ms. Cowling's Grade Sevens, Mrs. Facey's Grade Sevens and Mrs. Brown's Grade Nines. The program begins on October 2. Mrs. Leah Hunter, the LwICT Teacher Leader, has been instrumental in helping get the classes signed up and making sure the correct technology is in place so that the program can run smoothly. Books are selected by GRA and classes choose the books that are appropriate for grade levels and topics.

Below is some information on the program

What is the Global Read Aloud (GRA)?

"The premise is simple; we pick a book to read aloud to our students during a set 6-week period and during that time we try to make as many global connections as possible. Each teacher decides how much time they would like to dedicate and how involved they would like to be. Some people choose to connect with just one class, while others go for as many. The scope and depth of the project is up to you. In the past we have used Twitter, Skype, Edmodo, our wiki, email, regular mail, Kidblog, Tackk, and any other tools we can think of to make these connections. But you choose which tools you want to use. Teachers get a community of other educators to do a global project with, hopefully inspiring them to continue these connections through the year.

Why participate?

This is meant to make the world a little smaller, to open our eyes to the rest of the world and look at all of our shared experiences. How phenomenal for a child to know that the same book they are reading is being read in classrooms across the globe. It is also a great way to integrate technology in a meaningful way without having to figure it out alone."



SEPTEMBER 30-ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Every Child Matters

For the first time this year Hamiota Collegiate will be taking part in Orange Shirt Day.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

At our Monday morning assembly students watched the YouTube video of Phyllis Webstad's story. As September 30 is a Saturday, on Friday, September 29 students at the collegiate will pin on a small orange t-shirt to commemorate the day and remind us all to remember the residential schools students, many of whom are still trying to heal from their experiences today.