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NEWSLETTER #10

Dear Parents:

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It is hard to believe that we are beginning the last month of the school year – where have the months gone? June is also sure to go by quickly as there are many things planned for each classroom. Although most people think of June activities such as field trips, track meets, and Tabloid, there are also many academic activities that need to be wrapped up. Trying to keep a schedule that includes regular bedtimes and time for reading throughout the month of June is greatly appreciated!

With only one month left in the school year, many plans are being made for summer activities – swimming, summer camps, playing with friends, trips, camping, etc. As you plan for your family's summer activities, please remember to look for fun ways to encourage reading, writing, and some basic math. As a school we see many students each year come into the new school year in September with skills that have fallen back from where they left off in June. This happens very easily unless we as parents make a conscious effort to encourage our kids to keep reading and writing during the summer. Finding high interest reading materials, providing a summer writing journal, and playing games are all ideas to help maintain skills. Another common method involves using technology. With technology being more and more accessible, there are many great websites and apps that kids may want to utilize that will encourage them to read, write, and/or do some basic math. Mr. Pudlo is coordinating a collection of potentially useful websites and apps that we hope to have linked from our HMK Homepage (www.hazelmkellington.weebly.com) in time for summer. Whenever using technology, however, we need to always keep safety and responsibility first and foremost in our kids' minds. Please make sure that you know the sites that your child visits, and discuss with them the importance of being safe and respectful. Guide them as to what kind of personal information is OK for which sites and under which circumstances – there are lots of resources out there if you are unsure yourself! You can also model appropriate technology use for your kids by limiting your own screen time, and making sure that you always handle yourself online in an appropriate manner. The following are a few tips that you can use as a starting point when reviewing safe and responsible online activity with your child:

- Never give out personal information such as your name, address, telephone number, etc, without your parents' permission
- Never give out passwords to anyone (even to your best friend) other than your parents
- Tell your parents right away if anything you see online makes you feel uncomfortable
- Remember that anything you put online (e.g. blog, social media, etc) can be searched (anyone, anytime, anywhere can find it), is forever (anyone – e.g. your parent, teacher, principal – can find it today, tomorrow, or 30 years from now), and can be copied (once found, it can be copied, shared and changed)

Have a great last month of school – please be sure to contact us if you have questions about anything!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, June 2 nd	Grade 4 field trip to Brandon
Friday, June 5 th	HMK/NACI Grade 4 – 6 Track Meet (rain date June 8 th)
Monday, June 8 th	Grade 2 (Keller and Murray) field trip to Austin Museum
Tuesday, June 9 th	Grade 2 (Doerksen and Funk) field trip to Austin Museum Last day to check books out of HMK Library
June 10 th -12 th	HMK/NACI Grade 5/6 Camp Trip
Thursday, June 11 th	Grade 4 field trip to Souris
Friday, June 12 th	Grade 1 field trip to Alpaca Farm
Monday, June 15 th	All books returned to HMK Library
Tuesday, June 16 th	** HMK K-3 Tabloid at Riverbend (rain date June 18 th) (all kindergarten students attend) Noon Swimming for Kindergarten and Gr 5 Grade 4 swim instruction 1:30 – 2:30
Wednesday, June 17 th	** No kindergarten classes Noon Swimming for grades 1 and 2 Grade 4 swim instruction 1:30 – 2:30 BPSD Recognition Evening
Thursday, June 18 th	** Kindergarten field trip to Riverside Colony (all kindergarten students attend) Noon Swimming for Kindergarten and Gr 3 Grade 4 swim instruction 1:30 – 2:30
Friday, June 19 th	** No kindergarten classes Divisional Grade 4 – 6 Track meet (rain date June 22 nd)
Monday, June 22 nd	Grade 4 swim instruction 1:30 – 2:30
Tuesday, June 23 rd	Grade 3 field trip to Portage Noon Swimming for grades 2 and 5 Grade 4 swim instruction 1:30 – 2:30
Wednesday, June 24 th	Noon Swimming for grades 1 and 3 Year-end assembly at 1:30
Friday, June 26 th	NO CLASSES – Admin / PD
Monday, June 29 th	NO CLASSES – Admin
Tuesday, June 30 th	Last day – early dismissal

*** Note: All kindergarten students are to attend the HMK Tabloid on June 16th and the field trip on June 18th. There will be no kindergarten classes on June 17th and 19th.

We are looking for Track and Tabloid Volunteers. If you are available to help out at the track meets (June 5th and 19th), or the K-3 Tabloid on June 16th, please contact the school office.

Run Club

The first year for the HMK Run Club was a huge success! Even the weather cooperated. Over 120 students took part in a weekly run at noon hour. NACI students Ben Perrett, Amy Todoruk and Logan Young were on hand to warm up with students and pace the run. These young athletes are great mentors and role models for our Run Club as they all became interested in running at an early age and are leading active healthy lifestyles. They all spoke to the group about their first experience with running being at HMK and how that sparked a dedication to running as a means to stay conditioned for other sports as well as to stay healthy. They are all currently competing in running events at track meets and we wish them the best of luck! For our final run, the Run Club headed down to Riverbend at noon hour for a run around the walking path. Students enjoyed walking to the park with friends, running the trail and eating lunch at the playground. It was a great way to wrap things up. We would like to thank all the parents that came during lunch to run. It really speaks to the students to see adults participate in a healthy active lifestyle. Encourage your child to continue running as exercise and to be ready for run club next year!



HMK Choir Performs with Winnipeg Symphony

On Tues. May 12th, the HMK Choir had the amazing opportunity to sing on stage at the Winnipeg Symphony performance in Brandon. The choir was part of a mass choir consisting of approximately 90 Westman area students. The choirs sang 6 pieces with the Symphony musicians at this year's concert titled "One Voice". Every year the WSO hosts student concerts in Winnipeg and Brandon featuring student involvement through singing and dance.

The choir did a fantastic job of singing and they were great ambassadors for our school as they interacted with other Westman students and the WSO musicians.

A Big thank you to Dalyse Robertson, Leslie Dyke, Kelli Smith, Jocelyn Bray, Sharon Asselstine, and Jennifer Cargo for being our Chaperones!



Johnny Appleseed

Our grade 5 students were able to participate in the Johnny Appleseed program again this year. This program is an environmental tree planting initiative which is sponsored by the Whitemud Watershed Conservation District. Chris Reynolds, the district manager for Whitemud Watershed, talked to the grade 5's about trees and their benefits, told them how to plant a tree, and then gave each grade 5 student an edible apple tree! Thank you Whitemud Watershed Conservation District for offering yet another opportunity for our kids to learn about conservation in such a practical way!!

"Pirates" (Grade 5 Operetta)

Our grade 5 students (along with their teachers) did a fabulous job of putting on the Operetta "Pirates" on May 20th and 21st. The play was about a stowaway who wants nothing more than to be a pirate, but her/his dreams are dashed as he/she gets thrown in the brig! Fortunately for the stowaway, the Queen/King of the High C's comes down with laryngitis, and the stowaway is called upon to go into the big pirate singing competition and save the day for the ship, and thus earns the right to become a full-fledged pirate!

The kids did such a wonderful job with the lines, singing, and acting –

well done! Thanks goes out to everyone who helped put the operetta together, and especially the grade 5 teachers – Mrs. Tomoniko, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Farquhar, and Mr. Parrott – for all of the work that they did with their classes. Special thanks go out to Miss Tester for

coordinating the entire show and pulling it all together!



Roots of Empathy at HMK

We had a very successful 'Roots of Empathy' year at HMK. Two babies came to teach grade two students about Empathy and development of children.

Thank you to baby Alexandra and baby Queen Kiera and their moms, who came for nine visits each in Ms. Keller's and Mrs. Murray's classes. The students learned about feelings, communication, safety, and milestones. It was wonderful to watch the babies grow and change throughout the year!

We are looking for volunteers to help with next year's program!

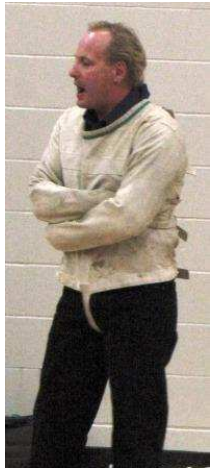
We are hoping to expand the program to include two more classes. Anyone whose child will be 2-5 months in September and would like to take part in this program please call HMK at 476-2323 and ask for Kim Chapman, Moira Woods or Scott Freeman. We would love to meet you!



Dean Gunnarson – Escape Artist – Performs for HMK

HMK was very fortunate to have Dean Gunnarson – world famous escape artist and star of the OLN show "Escape or Die" – perform for our school on Friday. Jeff Gunnarson – father of grade 5 student Kiana – works with Dean traveling around the world. The HMK performance was done for no charge – it was Dean's way of thanking Kiana for letting her Dad travel with him. We

would like to thank Dean and Jeff for coming to our school! Everyone in attendance was amazed with the magic and escapes that were performed!



Grade 5 Tours NACI

On Friday, May 29th our grade 5 students had their first official tour of NACI as they prepare to start school there in the fall. Some of the NACI grade 6 teachers, as well as their resource teachers and administration, have already been over to HMK observing students and asking questions of our staff. We would like to thank Miss Parayeski for organizing the tours, and look forward to her upcoming visits to each grade 5 classroom when she will review some of the NACI procedures and rules with them!

HMK Library Notice

In order to account for all of the books in our library, we are asking that all HMK library books be returned by Monday, June 15th. Books will not be checked out after Tuesday, June 9th.

Please remind your children to get all library books returned by June 15th – even those that have appeared from weeks gone by – it is greatly appreciated!

Bicycle Reminder

Please remind your children to ride their bikes on the street and not on the sidewalk. According to the RCMP, bicycles should not be ridden on any sidewalk – they should be ridden on the street in the same direction as traffic. If a particular street is too busy for someone to comfortably ride their bike, the bike should be walked on the sidewalk. Parental judgment is always the key in determining which streets kids are allowed to ride their bike on. Please go over this with your children and explain how important it is that we all ride our bikes safely.

We would also remind parents that students are not to ride their bikes to school until they are in Grade 2. If parents are riding with students younger than grade 2, this is OK, providing parents are there for both the trip to school as well as the trip home.

If students in grade 2 and up are riding their bike to school, we ask that they use the bike rack on the side of school that corresponds to the end of town they live in (i.e. kids living south of the school should use the south bike rack; kids living north of the school use the north bike rack). The reason for this is to minimize bike traffic during the very busy drop off and pick up times. Please review this with your child(ren) to ensure they are using the proper bike rack – thanks. We would also like to encourage kids to keep their bikes locked while at school.

Garden Club

Thank you to all those who bought plants at the Green Thumbs Plant Sale. The money goes to beautifying our school grounds as well as providing funds for our garden club projects.



Swim Program

We are hopeful that students will have the opportunity to swim again this year. There are some complications right now at the pool, and we know that town staff are working hard to make sure that the pool will be available for everyone to use as soon as possible! For our noon swim times we have booked June 16th - 18th and June 23rd - 24th, with all grades (other than grade 4) having two noon hour swims during that time (see schedule below). A separate information/permission letter will be sent home in the next week or so.

The grade 4's will take part in a separate swim program from June 16th - 18th and June 22nd - 23rd, which includes some instruction. The grade 4's will be in the pool from 1:30 - 2:30 each day.

We hope that a number of parents will come to the pool on their child(ren)'s swim days to help supervise. Along with the classroom teachers and lifeguards on duty, we need additional adults poolside in order to run this program. Adult supervisors will not need to go in the water, but would need to be on the pool deck helping to keep an eye on the kids. Thanks in advance for helping out with our swim program!

HMK Swimming Schedule June 2015

Date	Grades
Tuesday, June 16 th	K (all classes, tabloid day), Grade 5
Wednesday, June 17 th	Grade 1, Grade 2
Thursday, June 18 th	K (all classes, field trip day), Grade 3
Tuesday, June 23 rd	Grade 2, Grade 5
Wednesday, June 24 th	Grade 1, Grade 3

Note: all swimming times (other than grade 4) are from 11:55 - 12:40

Outdoor Classroom

Studies show that children spend too much time indoors and are losing touch with the amazing world around them. So Mrs. MacPhee has taken up a Two Week Outdoor challenge with her class this year. For the last week of May and the first week of June her class is spending as much time as possible outside...rain or shine. They still spend time reading, writing and doing math but also get to sit quietly to observe and explore as well as build a shelter. This past week they have stayed on the school yard while the children learn to follow new routines. Next week they will head off to explore other areas. Check out the website to follow their daily adventures. <http://mrsmacphee1.weebly.com/tales-from-grade-one>. Thank you to parent council for providing some funds for this undertaking.



Grade 5 Town Cleanup

As a community service and thanks to the Town of Neepawa for all they do for our school, our grade fives spent a day in two 42 kid groups working two shifts each, and managed to clean up all the debris from the former CN Site. Well done grade 5's!



THANKS TO:

Classroom Volunteers **Gail Wutke and Cathy McCutcheon**

Lukas Mears and his family for donating the book "The Bulliest Dozer" to the library and the kindergarten room!



PUBLIC SERVICE

Bursaries are available for the **Manitoba Holiday Festival of the Arts**, which takes place July 6th -10th, from 9:00 - 3:30 each day. Contact the Viscount Cultural Centre at 204-476-3232 for more information.

Students: Return this slip by Friday, June 5th signed by your parents and be eligible for Newsletter Draws.

Student

Parent