



# Cubs Corner



March 2018

## What's Happening In...

### Grade One!

By Ida H. and Macey K.

Grade one is a happy place to be! First thing in the morning, the grade ones all sit in their desk so Mrs. Kerkowich knows that they are ready to learn. After O'Canada, they scatter into their reading groups and they read all kinds of different books with kids from other classes. One of the books they read was The Life Cycle of a Frog. They also read a book called A Surprise for Mom. During this time, they also do blue stars. After this, they all go back to their own classrooms. In Mrs. Kerkowich's class it's time for 'Super Student'. This is where a student gets to answer a whole bunch of questions so the class can get to know them better. The day we were there, the Super Student was Sabrina! In all that fun, the recess bell rang. At recess, the kids play soccer, tag and other fun games. After recess, it's time for colorful art. On the day that we went, they were using glue to make swirls on black paper. When the glue dried, it was time to shade it in with chalk. The results were simply beautiful. Yasmin announced happily, "Mine looks like a pig!" After art, the kids quietly went to music. In music, Mrs. Major the kids read a St. Patrick's Day book called The Leprechaun's Gold and sang an interesting song about a bumblebee! They finished the class by playing a game called 'Leprechaun'. One student was the leprechaun and the rest were in a circle. The music would play and the leprechaun would walk around the circle. When it got to certain part of the song, they would stop and jig with a friend. Next, was math class. In math class they were working on an I Can book where they do math. The subject they were doing is putting numbers in order. They were so busy, they didn't even notice that it was already recess time! When they got back in from recess, they got out their amazing snacks and read a book called I Quit Grade One. Shortly after, they worked on their portfolios for parent teacher interviews. The last thing they did that action packed day was Buddies. Before they knew it, the day was done. They packed up their things and went home. Throughout the day, we took some time to ask the kids what they liked about their teacher the most. Hadyn said quietly, "She is nice and helps us with our work." "She is nice and funny!" responded Sam. Sabrina expressed joyfully, "She is kind" and Darby said his favorite thing was that she was his auntie! We think grade one was pretty awesome!



Mrs. Kerkowich working with a small group





# OUR MONTHLY CLASSROOM NEWS

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## The Power of Music

By Celine C. and August S.

Music is a big part of your life. All over the world, there are different types of music. In Africa, for example, many people drum and play instruments made out of gourds. Music can cheer you up when you're sad and it can also help you concentrate. Did you know music also helps your brain remember? For example, we can all sing the alphabet because it has a catchy tune. Did you know that the 'Alphabet' and 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' sound the same? In our community, kids can experience music in many ways. You can take music lessons, make a mini concert with your friends or sing karaoke!

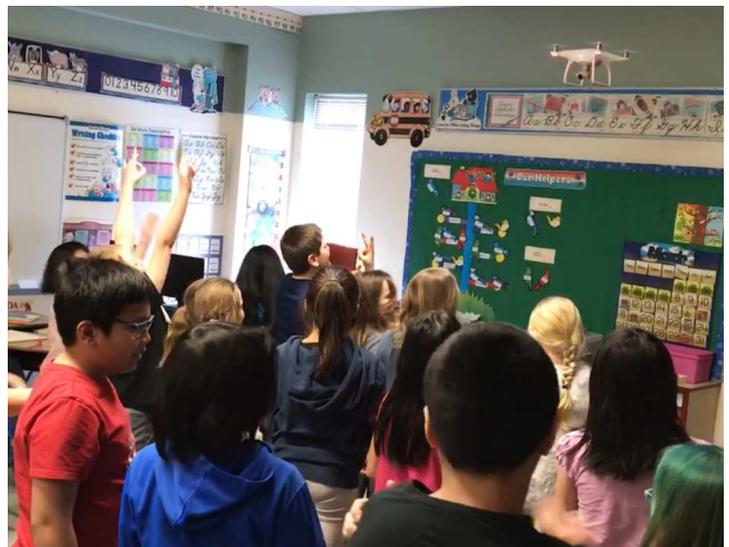
People like music because singing calms some people and is also very fun. What's your favorite part about music... listening to a favorite song, dancing to it, singing a song or playing an instrument?



## Drones

By Allison B. and Paige J.

Mr. Pudlo's grade four class had a great experience with a giant drone that was 4 tiles big! This fun time started when Mr. Pudlo invited a guest, Dan Aberhart to his class. Mr. Aberhart came in to talk to the kids about agriculture and how he uses the drone to on fields and cattle. To get more information about this event, Cub reporters, Paige J. and Allison B. thought it would be a good idea to interview the kids in his class. The spoke to Keagan, Therese and Jazmine. All the kids said the drone was really loud! We knew that was true because he heard it all the way from Mrs. Tomoniko's room! Keagan told us it looked like the propellers would cut off your fingers if you touched them! If anyone asked a question during the presentation, then Mr. Pudlo gave the student an expensive looking leather notebook. During the presentation, Mr. Aberhart flew the drone around the class and controlled it with joysticks. The class reaction to the drone was a widemouthed, "WOW!" and they were falling over with excitement! During the flight the kids could see themselves because there was a camera on the drone. Next year, the class hopes that Mr. Pudlo will bring Mr. Aberhart and his drone back and do the demonstration outside!



# THE MONTHLY



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### Community Spotlight

By Prestyn P. and Ryanne K.

On a sunny morning, cub reporters Prestyn and Ryanne walked down to the Neepawa Nursery School to find out what the kids in nursery school do. First they met Mrs. Paluch. She is their amazing great teacher! She has taught at this school for four years but in all she has taught for 32 years! Prestyn and Ryanne had a chance to play and observe the kids during their morning.

First, the kids had about 40 minutes of indoor playtime. They played cars, colored and played with squishy soft green playdoh. Next, Mrs. Paluch read a St. Patrick's Day book. All of the kids listened nicely. If anyone does talk, they need to hold the little quiet sign until they're quiet. After story time, they split into two big long lines and the first person in line got to hold a cone cup with a gold shiny fake coin in it. They had to walk down and dump it into the pot of gold. Later, in Letterland, they did the letter 'P'. Mrs. Paluch read a letterland book about the letter P to the kids who were going to Kindergarten next year. To finish the activity, they each made a P on the whiteboard type bathroom door. The kids also had a blast doing some St. Patrick's Day painting. At the end of the morning, they get ready for playtime outside. To start playtime, they have to sit on the mat at the door. When they finally get outside, some kids play in little playhouse, some help Mrs. Paluch shovel and some just like to play and run around in white fluffy snow. To get back in the school, they have to line up at the door and sing their 'good-bye' song. They come inside, take off their boots and mitts off and go to their cubby to get their stuff. Before they even know it, their eager parents have come to pick them up. We think all the kids had a great day!

We thought it would be interesting to ask Mrs. Paluch what she likes most about teaching and she replied that she likes learning about all the differences in all the children! Next, we asked her what her favorite book was. She likes to read all of the Robert Munsch books. She thought that the best part of her day was during 'free play', That is where the kids all get to play different things. Mrs. Paluch also wanted us to know that there are good safety rules. Adults only open doors and there is only walking and no running.

If you are interested in a school for your little child, go and visit Mrs. Paluch at the Neepawa Nursery School. School is on every day except for Friday.



### Athlete of the Month

She shoots! She scores! It's Ryanne Kasprick. Ryanne is 11 years old and her favorite sport is hockey. She was born in Brandon on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Ryanne has brunette hair and sparkling blue eyes. Ryanne is friendly and has many friends in our school. This year, Ryanne and her hockey team won a gold medal in Provincials. Her favorite

subject in school is gym.

Mr. Joye chose Ryanne for Athlete of the Month

because she is a great sport to others and she Won the gold medal in Provincials. Ryanne is a really fantastic hockey player!



# OUR MONTHLY NEWS

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### Teacher Feature

By Lena S. and Sarah T.

Who's the newest friendly face of Grade five? The super student teacher Miss Treloar! Miss Treloar wanted to come a teacher because she loves kids and enjoys helping them learn. As a little girl, she described herself as a person who loved school, playing soccer and swimming. In school, her favorite subjects were math and social studies. At Brandon University she enjoys Canadian history and classes on how to teach kids. In Miss Treloar's last student teaching she was in Kindergarten. We asked her what the biggest difference was between grade fives and Kindergarten kids. She thoughtfully replied that grade fives were definitely independent and taller!! We also asked her what her favorite part of student teaching at H.M.K. was and she answered happily, "The kids!" In her spare time she likes to bake. A few fun facts are her favorite color is pink and she especially loves her Tuxedo cat, Claire. Make sure you say hi to Miss Treloar soon, because she is only here until May. We think Miss Treloar will be an amazing teacher!



### St. Patrick's Day

By Breanna V. and Scarlett F.

Did you know St. Patrick's real name was Maewyn and he wasn't even Irish? He was born in Roman times in Britain. When he was older, he was kidnapped into slavery and brought to Ireland. He escaped from slavery after having a dream where God told him to leave Ireland, by going to the coast where he would find a ship to Britain. After his escape he entered a monastery in Gaul, France where he studied to become a priest. St. Patrick's Day started on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1762. Ever since that day, people have been celebrating it by wearing green. Traditionally, if you don't wear green, people are allowed to pinch you! To celebrate, St. Patrick's Day, Breanna and Scarlett held a little competition to test out H.M.K.'s leprechaun voices! Kids from grades 1 to 4 had to read out a part of a St. Patrick's Day poem in their best leprechaun voice! There were some exciting, cool voices! Thanks to all who participated!



### Cub Welcome

By Keyli Falk

Gabriel M. Garcia is a new cub here at H.M.K. He is in grade five in Mrs. Tomoniko's class. Gabriel is ten years old and likes the color blue. Gabriel's favorite animal is an eagle and his favorite foods are mangoes and cupcakes. Some things Gabriel likes to do are play video games and learning in school. Welcome to H.M.K. Gabriel M. Garcia!



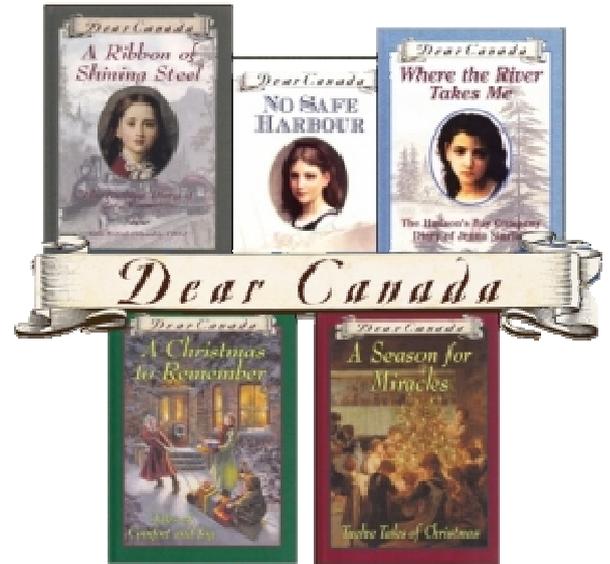
# HeadLINE NEWS

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## Singing Is Super

By Lena S. and Sarah T.

Do you ever hear singing when you're walking down the halls at lunch or recess? That beautiful sound is probably the grade three to five choir! Choir is a noon-hour activity that anyone from grades three to five can join. During choir, Mrs. Weisgerber teaches you really cool songs like 'Shooting Star' and a unique version of 'Humpty Dumpty'. We asked a couple of kids why they joined choir and they said, "We like singing and learning the songs is really cool!" If you're part of choir, you also get to do many special events. One of these is Festival where you perform in front of a singing judge and audience. Another special event that happens some years, is going to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. One year, the choir even got to sing with the orchestra! In the community, we sing at the 'Choraliers, Christmas in Song'. Because there are so many kids, the grade threes practice on Tuesdays during their lunch recess and on Thursdays the grades four and five practice. If we are preparing for a big event, we sometimes have extra practices. If you'd like to join choir, your best time is to sign up at the start of the year. If you're really interested in starting now, you can go and see Mrs. Weisgerber. If you love singing, choir is the place for you!



Stop by the HMK library to sign out this great books.

## Recommended Reads

By Danica P.

My recommended read is a series called Dear Canada. I recommend this series because it is about Canadian history through the eyes of Canadian kids in diary form.

One of my favorites is called to Stand on My Own, the polio epidemic diary of Noreen Robertson. I suggest this book because it is a heart wrenching tale of Noreen's fight against polio. In this book, Noreen makes new friends, finds out which friends are real and how to persevere through hard times. Another one of my favorites in Orphan at My Door, the home child diary of Victoria Cope. This book is about a girl named Victoria who gets a home girl named Marianna who at first is very shy and quiet but holds the secret. She has two siblings and has not seen either for almost 5 years. In this book, Victoria learns how to stand up for people.

I recommend this book series because it is important for all kids to learn more about our Canadian history. You can get these books at the public library and at the H.M.K. library.



# NEWS YOU CAN USE!



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### Curious Cub

#### Fascinating Birds

By Will C.

There are a lot of different birds in Manitoba. There Canadian geese, Mute Swans, and lots of ducks. You might never have heard about a bird called the hooded messenger! The hooded messenger is a small duck with an odd flat head that's mostly black but has a bit of white. Its black body has white stripes and underneath it, are various shades of brown. It has a smaller head, very small eyes and is fluffy. Even though it looks different, it is not a rare Manitoba bird. It eats fish, insects, crabs and crayfish. Do you think it is a very odd bird?



Another Manitoba bird is the yellow-billed cuckoo. It's a skinny bird with a brown top and white bottom. It has black eyes, a yellow bill and a spotted tail. They like to eat bugs like caterpillars. They also eat lizards, frogs, eggs and even other small birds. But guess what? The yellow-billed cuckoo is endangered so if you see one, don't harm it!



### Tricky Tongue Twisters and Egg-siting Jokes

By the sly leprechauns Makenna S. and Ella K.

Q: How does the Easter Bunny stay fit? A: Egg-sersize and Hare-rabics!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? A: Because it might crack up!

Q: How does easter end? A: With the letter R!

Betty Botter bought some butter  
But she said, "The butter's bitter; If I put it in my batter,  
It will make my batter bitter.  
But, a bit of better butter will make my batter better."  
So, she bought a bit of Butter Better than her bitter  
butter,  
And she put it in her batter and the batter was not bitter.  
So' 'twas better Betty Botter  
Bought a bit of better butter!

### Ask HMK Cub

"Dear Cub, my friends talk about stuff that I don't even know about. I feel left out of conversations. What should I do?" - Feeling Left Out

Dear Feeling Left Out, when your friends talk about stuff you don't know about, try checking out the topic on the Internet or reading a book and learn more about it. On the Internet, if you come across things that aren't appropriate to talk about at school, talk about it with an adult and try and make sure that nobody talks about it anymore.

"Dear Cub, I was just playing with my friend and we were playing a game. My friend made rules that I did not like so I planned to change it, but he didn't want me changing the rules. What should I do?"- Feeling Depressed

Dear Feeling Depressed, you could tell your friend that maybe you can each change the rules to be a bit different. Give the new rules a try because they might make the game more fun. If that doesn't work, maybe try playing a different game.



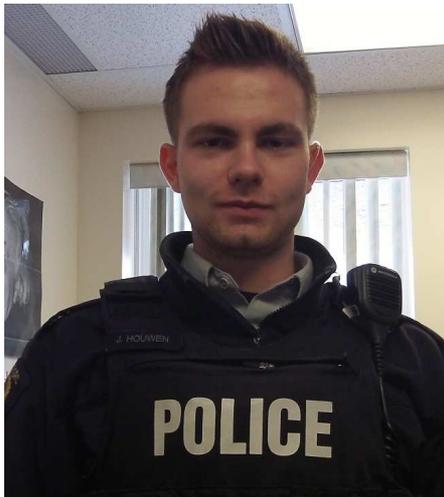


# MONTHLY NEWS

## In the Zone!

By Jett T. and Austin M.

Has anybody noticed the new street signs around Neepawa? If you haven't maybe watch out for the new 30 km/hour zones in front of the Neepawa schools. To find out more about this, Cub reporters, Austin and Jett met with a R.C.M.P officer from the Neepawa detachment. We asked him why the speed changed around the schools. He replied that if there was a 50 km/hr zone it would be harder to stop if a kid ran in front of your car and with 30 km/hr, it would be easier to slow down in time. He told us that if someone speeds in this zone, the ticket is huge, serious fine of \$300-\$400. We wondered if drivers would get a warning first or an automatic ticket. The constable answered that it depends. If the driver already has a lot of traffic offenses then they would probably be ticketed. If you don't have any penalties in the past, they would probably give you a first warning. Another thing that drivers should be aware of is that if the huge blinking red stop sign is out on a school bus, DO NOT PASS IT! The ticket is.....\$672.00! Ouch! Our curiosity jumped up about traffic in general and we asked what tickets do the R.C.M.P. give out the most? Our minds raced with possibilities- was it reckless driving, texting and driving, drinking and driving, not wearing your seatbelt or super speeding. He told us, it was plain old speeding. Next time you are driving with your parents, remind them about the speed zones and to slow down please.



## Guess the Cub

Celine C.

This year's guess the cub is 7. She has one older brother and two younger sisters. Her favorite animal is an elephant and her favorite color is red. She loves to play on her iPad and loves to be busy! Can you guess who the cub is?



## Whats Trending in HMK

By Jomeru U.

Do you know what the most popular video game for H.M.K. students is? You might be surprised at the results!

- Grade Five: Minecraft
- Grade Four: NHL
- Grade Three: Fortnite
- Grade Two: Roblox
- Grade One: Minecraft
- Kindergarten: Pacman

The most trending videogame overall was.....ROBLOX!!!

