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NEWSLETTER #10

Dear Parents

May 31st, 2018

With only one month of school left, we find ourselves wondering how it has gotten to this point in the year so quickly! We hope that the year has been a good one thus far and know that June will hold many fun and educational days and activities!

As we enter the last month of the school year, we know that many kids (and some of us adults!) are a little more tired than at the start of the year! It is because of this that we encourage all families to maintain regular routines as much as possible! We sometimes hear people comment that their child/student "is just done". This can be a common feeling towards the end of a school year, but one that we, as adults, need to work hard to push back against. With a full month of school left, we all certainly want to see kids get the most out of June that they possibly can. There are many educational activities taking place that are meant to consolidate students' learning, which will ultimately help them be better prepared for their next grade in September. If your child seems to be a little more resistant when heading off to school each day, please be sure to talk with them to make sure that nothing bigger is going on, but it may be that they are tired and could use a little extra rest! With the days continuing to get longer, all parents know that it is harder getting kids ready and into bed at their regular time! Knowing this, we need to be vigilant in setting routines that help our children to be successful. Another area that can sometimes be a challenge is ensuring kids are eating nutritiously throughout the day. With many summer activities on the go, it can sometimes just be easier to grab something that is quick. Balancing busy schedules with good nutrition can be tricky, especially if your family has a busy schedule at this time of year. Eating a healthy breakfast, packing nutritious lunches, and having a well-balanced supper will help give our busy kids the energy they need to be successful in all areas of their life!

We have a few staffing updates we would like to share. Mrs. MacPhee (grade 1) is reducing her teaching time, and we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Tara Kerkowich has been hired to fill in the time that Mrs. MacPhee is reducing. Ms. Evecsny is returning in the fall to teach grade 1 – she has been on a year leave of absence this year. Mrs. CJ Nicholson has been hired to finish Mrs. Poncsak's maternity leave in the fall; Mrs. Karla Hall will finish off Ms. Jarvis maternity leave; and Mrs. Tawny Kerkowich will finish off Mrs. Boyle's maternity leave. The final staffing change to report at this time, is that Ms. Kopytko will be leaving us – this is her last week – to become the Executive Secretary for Beautiful Plains School Division. Ms. Kopytko has worked at HMK for 10 years, and in that time has been an Educational Assistant, and more recently, one of our secretaries. We are very sorry to see Ms. Kopytko leave, but know that she will do a fantastic job in her new role for the school division! Congratulations Ms. Kopytko!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, June 1 st	Neepawa Grade 5/6 Track Meet (rain date June 4 th)
Tuesday, June 5 th	NACI Jazz Band performance
June 5 th and 6 th	Nursery School touring HMK
Wednesday, June 6 th	Grade 4 field trip to Brandon
Thursday, June 7 th	Farm Safety Day for grade 5 students Last day to check out books from HMK Library
Friday, June 8 th	Divisional Track meet (rain date June 11 th)
Tuesday, June 12 th	NACI Chorale performance BPSD Recognition Evening in Carberry
* Thursday, June 14 th	Kindergarten field trip to Arden
June 14 & 15	Gr 5 Camp Trip to Camp Assiniboia Grade 1's to Gardenview Farm
* Friday, June 15 th	No kindergarten classes All HMK library books need to be returned
Monday, June 18 th	Grade 2 field trip to Minnedosa
Tuesday, June 19 th	Grade 3 field trip to Portage
** Wednesday, June 20 th	HMK K-3 Tabloid at Riverbend (Gr 1 – 3 rain date June 21 st) Noon swim for kindergarten
** Thursday, June 21 st	No kindergarten classes
Friday, June 22 nd	Grade 4 field trip to Souris
Monday, June 25 th	Grade 1's to Gardenview Farm
Tuesday, June 26 th	Year-end assembly at 1:15
Wednesday, June 27 th	NO CLASSES – Admin
Thursday, June 28 th	NO CLASSES – Admin
Friday, June 29 th	Last day – early dismissal at 11:00 am

* Note: All kindergarten students are to attend the kindergarten field trip on June 14th.
There will be no kindergarten classes on June 15th.

** Note: All kindergarten students are to attend the HMK Tabloid on June 20th.
Kindergarten kids will have their Tabloid on June 20th RAIN or SHINE! There will be no kindergarten classes on June 21st.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY AT HMK

We had another very successful 'Roots of Empathy' year at HMK. Four babies came to teach grade two students about empathy and the development of children.

Thank you to babies Kacey, Leighton, Ivy, and Kolby and their moms, who came for nine visits each in Ms. Keller's, Mrs. Vinnell's, Mrs. Murray's and Mrs. Funk'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 need four babies and their parents to help run the program next year. 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!

"Off Their Rocker" (Grade 5 Operetta)

This year's grade 5 operetta, "Off Their Rocker", was another overwhelming success! Personal Care Homes will never be the same! The kids did a great job, and the energy they showed was contagious. Everyone in the audience couldn't help but tapping their feet as the old favorites kept coming and coming! The grade 5 teachers did a fantastic job working with students on their lines, creating all of the awesome props (way to go Mr. Miller and crew), and practicing all of the songs! Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Weisgerber for taking the lead with the operetta, and coordinating it all. It is a huge team effort putting a production such as this on, and we would like to thank everyone who helped out!



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 from 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!!



Junior Achievement

We were pleased to host Junior Achievement sessions in two of our grade 2 classes this year. These sessions are focused on "Our Community". The program helps students to understand how they can contribute to Canada's future prosperity. Many Canadian youth leave their communities, or the country, to look for work because they don't realize the opportunities they have at home. "Our Community" gives students the building blocks for a successful career – right here at home! The program shows students how business shapes our lives and strengthens society. We would like to thank Lenema Perez from Neepawa Settlement Services, as well as Kelly McGhie and Ashley Huntley from CIBC, for coming in and working with two of our grade 2 classes!



Bike Rodeo

We were very pleased to partner with Settlement Services once again to bring in the MPI Bicycle Rodeo for our grade 2 students again this year. Grade 2 students had a session together in the gym where our two instructors went over bicycles, safety, and the rules of the road. Each class then had the opportunity to go out to the basketball court where the instructors had set up a course which allowed them to practice their new skills! The kids did an excellent job trying to ride their bikes safely, and we hope that this continues as they ride their bikes in the coming months! A big thank you goes out to Neepawa Settlement Services for contacting MPI and arranging for the Bike Rodeo to take place. We would also like to thank MPI for offering this service to our children – it is greatly appreciated!



Jump Rope for Heart

We were fortunate that the weather held out for our Jump Rope for Heart event on May 30th! Although the weather looked threatening throughout the day, it was perfect jumping weather! After collecting pledges from friends and family for the past two weeks on behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Jump Day finally arrived! All students and staff were out on the playgrounds participating in Jump Rope for Heart. We would like to thank everyone who made donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and to the entire staff for leading the kids through the afternoon of jumping. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Douglas, who organized all of the various jump stations, and coordinated the entire afternoon!



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 Friday, June 15th. Books will not be checked out after Thursday, June 7th. Please remind your children to get all library books returned by June 15th – even those that may have appeared from weeks gone by – it is greatly appreciated!

Outdoor Classroom

Studies show that children spend too much time indoors and are losing touch with the amazing world around them, so the grade one classes have taken up a Two Week Outdoor Challenge this year. For the first two weeks of June the classes are 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. The first week they are staying on the school yard while the children learn to follow new routines and endure the weather (hot, windy, wet and cold). The following week they will explore areas off the school grounds.

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 like to put out reminders about obeying all traffic signs (e.g. stop signs), and that wearing a helmet is the law for anyone under the age of 18. Please be sure to review all bike safety rules with your child – we want all children to be as safe as possible!

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 park their bike in the south bike rack; kids living north of the school should park in the north bike rack). The reason for this is to minimize bike traffic in front of the school 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.



Parent Council

Parent Council had our final meeting for the school year May 15, 2018. We were glad to see some new faces and welcome back some familiar ones.

At this meeting we decided how to allocate the surplus fundraising money to the school. We had \$4,500.00 to allocate to various school initiatives.

Requests were made by Ms. Taylor, Mrs. Weisgerber, Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Freeman.

We allocated the following:

- \$250.00 to Butterfly project
- \$1,200.00 for mini trampoline and gymnastics equipment
- \$1,500.00 for camp
- \$750.00 towards Xylophone replacement in music
- \$800.00 towards flexible seating

Just a reminder that we still have reusable snack bags for sale in various patterns at the office. We also have our Lovable Labels fundraiser that is ongoing. Get your labels for next school year, the lost and found pile is getting big!!! You just have to go to www.hmk.lovablelabels.ca and anything that you buy under that site will have a portion go to our school.

We will be looking for new board members next year. Our current Secretary, Leah Sumner, and Treasurer, Darcy Woods, will be moving on. Thank you to both of them for their contributions.

Thank you all for your ongoing support to our school! Have a great rest of the school year.

Parent council will start back up in September, with the first meeting being September 18, 2018 at 7 pm in the staff room.

THANKS TO:

Classroom Volunteers **Gail Wutke** and **Brenda Nelson**

Griffin Kuharski for building our new return bin for the library, and **Parker Roe** for painting it. The kids love their new Snoopy return bin!

Chicken Delight for donating pizzas for the grade 4 pizza reading program in June



PUBLIC SERVICE



Coach-In-Training Course

Offered By the Neepawa Gymnastics Club

- ❖ The main focus of this course, above all else, is to develop skills as a leader-setting up for success as a coach or whatever leadership role you may take on in the future.
- ❖ We will be covering topics like safety practices, respect & professionalism, teaching styles, coaching strategies, working with children and basic spotting techniques!
- ❖ There is a volunteer component to the course from September to December, approximately 11 hours to practice the skills we develop during training sessions.

Course Dates:

June 18 th	5:00-6:30pm
July 16 th	5:00-7:00pm
August 13 th	5:00-6:30pm
September 7 th	5:00-7:00pm
October 12 th	5:00-6:30pm
November 9 th	5:00-6:30pm



Age Requirement: 12 Years Old & Up

Course Fee: \$35 (Includes Booklet & T-Shirt)

For more information or to register, please contact
Amanda LeBoutillier 204-212-0210 or email neepawagymnastics@hotmail.com

FUN.NEW.EXCITING.

We are excited to announce that this year's camps will be totally new and exciting! Camps will consist of weekly themes that will center around: outdoor fun, arts, exploration, water play, sensory experiences and much more!

- Camps will run on a weekly basis from:
July 3rd - August 24th
Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm
- August 13-17 is Swimming Lesson Week
- Registration Costs: \$20/Day or \$85/Week
\$125 on Swimming Lesson Week
- Registration will open on May 22nd, 2018
Forms will be available on our website, www.neepawa.ca, as well as on our Facebook page or in person at 275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa MB.

Spots are held on a first come, first PAID basis.
We accept cash, cheque, debit or credit.

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Make it a summer to remember!

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Neepawa
Land of Plenty

Town of Neepawa - Recreational Services
275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa MB

Phone: (204) 476-7600
Fax: (204) 476-7624

Email: neepawadaycamp@hotmail.com
Website: www.neepawa.ca

For children ages 5 - 12
Join us for one week, or all summer long!

July & August 2018

July Camps

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Inuit Canada Day No Camp	3	4	5	6
		Holiday Extravaganza		
9	10	11	12	13
		Stupendous Sports		
16	17	18	19	20
		Artful Antics		
23	24	25	26	27
		Around the World in Five Days		

August Camps

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Over Holiday No Camp	31	1	2	3
		Water World		
6	7	8	9	10
		Mad Science		
13	14	15	16	17
		Swimming Lesson Week		
20	21	22	23	24
		Games Galore		

Week 1: Holiday Extravaganza

Celebrate holidays such as Christmas, National Coffee Day, and Chinese New Year! Activities include game, crafts, swimming, and a movie afternoon!

Week 2: Stupendous Sports

This camp week is jam packed with physical activity such as sports, obstacle courses, games, swimming, and archery!

Week 3: Artful Antics

Artists of all skill levels, join us this week at camp! You'll make tons of cool crafts, play games, dance, swim, bake, and have an awesome paint night inspired activity!

Week 4: Around the World in Five Days

Experience games, food, facts, dances, and crafts from all over the world! We'll also go swimming at the pool and test your smarts with an escape the room challenge!

Week 5: Water World

Get ready to get soaked during this week of water themed activities! Swimming, water wars, experiments, crafts, games, and possibly a trip to Minnedosa for kayaking!

Week 6: Mad Science

Who doesn't love science?! This week will be focused on Science themed games, crafts, and of course EXPERIMENTS! You will also go swimming, bake, and see a magic show!

Week 7: Swimming Lesson Week

You'll have a swimming lesson in the morning and one in the afternoon each day with activities at Riverbend Park in between! We'll finish off the week with a fire and s'mores!

Week 8: Games Galore

Put your game face on for trivia, game shows, sports, Minute to Win it, Fear Factor, and more! Motion Zone will also be out from Winnipeg to play with us on the 22nd!

Activities are subject to change



June 6–10, 2018

**ONE
CHILD**
(Age 6–12)

**DAILY HAND STAMP REQUIRED
FOR FURTHER ADMISSION**



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Aaltos

Purchase one adult buffet and a beverage and receive a
Complimentary Kid's Meal

for children 12 and under

No cash value; valid only at Aaltos located at Canad Inns Destination Centre Brandon, 1125–18th Street, Brandon, Manitoba. Connected to the Keystone Centre. Valid June 3 to 30, 2018.



Heritage

5 cents/litre off

Valid for retail pump purchase only. One per visit with
max 100 litre fill. Redeemable at Heritage Co-op locations
only (Brandon, Minnedosa, Erickson & Wawanesa).
Coupon valid from June 1 to 22, 2018.

MONTANA'S™
BBQ & BAR

Free Kid's Meal

One free kid's meal with purchase of adult entrée.
Max value of \$7.99.
Not valid with other discounts or promotions.
Expiry: June 30, 2018

Manitoba Summer Fair

The 2018 Manitoba Summer Fair is quickly approaching and is scheduled for Wednesday June 6th until Sunday June 10th, 2018 at the Brandon's Keystone Centre. The Manitoba Summer Fair features a midway, educational displays, a petting zoo, sideshow acts, live music, and agricultural shows. Due to the generous support of sponsors, the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba is able to provide **FREE** children's admission tickets to students ages 6 to 12. Just print copies of this ticket as you need and present it at the gate, or you can download a copy from their website <http://www.provincialexhibition.com/free-child-ticket-download/>. For more information, check out their website: www.manitobasummerfair.com

Students: Return this slip by Friday, June 8th signed by your parents and be eligible for Newsletter Draws.

Student

Parent