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NEWSLETTER #11

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As we wrap up the 2017-18 school year, we hope that it has been a good one for your family. Our goal at HMK is to provide the best possible learning environment for all kids, so that each student can maximize the amount of progress throughout the year. Maximizing student progress is a team effort. Progress begins with the student, parents and teacher, and branches out to support staff, extended families, and in some cases, outside agencies. Regular communication between all people involved provides a consistent message that is so important in promoting student growth and development. We would like to thank all parents for the ongoing support they show their children, as well as the school, throughout the year. We feel privileged to work in a community that values education to such a high degree, and are excited to watch the children grow and develop throughout each year!

It has been another exciting year at HMK. There have been many successes, lots of celebrations, and a few tears. We have continued to show overall growth, as the year started with an enrolment of 452 students and is finishing up with 480! Although this equates to an overall increase of 28 kids throughout the year, we have had many students both come (96) and go (68). We expect this trend of students coming and going to continue in the years to come, and know that we will continue to welcome many students in the coming year. With the announcement of the new middle school (Neepawa Middle School), 2018-19 will be our last full year with grade 5 as part of HMK. Plans are well under way for this transition, and those students who are currently moving from grade 3 to 4 will be the first grade 5's to start in Neepawa Middle School.

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

As part of the school planning process, we are mandated to report to the community on the progress we have made as a school, particularly regarding the priority areas identified in our school plan.

In our school plan we identified one priority area for the 2017-18 year: to encourage an inclusive school climate for students, staff, and families. This priority is a continuation from the last few years but continues to be a very pertinent goal, as we welcome so many students to our school each year. Although it is only one stated priority, it includes several components. It is also worth noting that the school plan is used to help focus the school on a particular area to formally work on. Of course, there are many initiatives on the go throughout our school, most of which are not included in the formal school plan.

There are many ongoing initiatives within the school that have been developed over the years geared towards welcoming new families. A new initiative this year was the creation of "phone books" to help facilitate communication between families. With more families relying entirely on cell phones, finding someone's number is no longer as simple as looking it up in the phone book or calling information. We utilized two different formats for our phone books – one for younger students, and one for older

students. The families of K-2 students wanting to be part of the phone book each received their own "grade phone book", while students in grade 3-5 wanting to participate each had a larger sticker placed in their organizer which included their contact information. These students were then able to trade information with each other to have for use outside of school. Other things that are being planned include installing a screen at the school entrance to display coming/past events, and to teach some basic phrases in other languages to help broaden the experience of all of our children.

As we wrap up the year, we would like to mention the staffing changes that will be in place for next year:

- Mrs. Kyla deWit, who was over at NACI for one year as an educational assistant, is returning to HMK in the fall.
- Mrs. Vanessa Whyte, who has been an educational assistant for most of the year here at HMK, will be heading over to NACI in the fall. We would like to thank Mrs. Whyte for the work that she has done during her time at HMK, and wish her all the best next year!
- Ms. Ali Evecsyn, who was on a one year leave of absence this past year, will be returning to her grade 1 classroom in the fall.
- Mrs. Tara Kerkowich, who was teaching grade 1 while Ms. Evecsyn was on leave, has been hired to coteach grade 1 with Mrs. MacPhee. Mrs. MacPhee has reduced her teaching time for next year and will be teaching the class in the mornings, while Mrs. Kerkowich will be teaching in the afternoons.
- We also have three teachers who will be returning part way through next year:
 - o Mrs. CJ Nicholson will teach kindergarten in the fall until Mrs. Poncsak returns.
 - o Mrs. Karla Hall will teach grade 3 until Ms. Jarvis returns.
 - o Mrs. Tawny Kerkowich will teach grade 5 until Mrs. Boyle returns.

The final staffing change is in the office, as Ms. Twyla Kopytko is the new Executive Administrative Assistant for Beautiful Plains School Division. Ms. Kopytko has worked at HMK for 10 years; seven as an educational assistant, and the last three as secretary. During her time at HMK, Ms. Kopytko has proven herself as a valuable member of the HMK team, who was willing to take on any task that was thrown her way! We are sorry to see her go, and would like to wish her all the best in her new role! With Ms. Kopytko gone, we are pleased to announce that Ms. Jessica Bohn has been hired as the new secretary at HMK. Ms. Bohn has spent the last nine years as an administrative assistant at the Neepawa Health Unit. We are excited to have her join the HMK team, and know that she will bring many skills, lots of energy, and a big smile to her new role!

Important Dates

Tuesday, Aug 21 st	HMK office opens for 2018-19 school year
Thursday, Aug 30 th	Class lists posted outside school office
Tuesday, Sept. 4 th	NO CLASSES - ADMINISTRATION DAY ** Meet the Teacher Night at HMK from 5:30 – 6:30
Wednesday, Sept 5 th	Day 1 – First day of classes for 2018-19
Friday, Sept 14 th	Terry Fox Run/Walk/BBQ
Monday, September 17 th	NO CLASSES - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday, Sept 18 th	First Parent Council meeting of the year
September 26 th and 27 th	Lifetouch Picture Days

Our annual "**Meet the Teacher Night**" will be the evening before the kids' first day of school. It will be on Tuesday, September 4th from 5:30 – 6:30 for all grade 1 – 5 students. We hope that having "Meet the Teacher" before the kids' first day of school will give an opportunity for kids (and parents) to meet their new teacher, find their coat hook and desk, drop off any supplies that are needed for school (including indoor shoes and gym clothes), and ask any questions they might have. We will also have a table set up so that school fees can be paid that evening. Please plan to attend!

(**NOTE:** Meet the Teacher Night is not for our 2018-19 kindergarten students.

Kindergarten parents and students will have the opportunity to "Meet the Teacher" during their interview time which will be scheduled sometime on Sept 5th, 6th, or 7th. If you have a child entering kindergarten this fall and have not already scheduled a kindergarten interview, please call the office to make an appointment.)

Notes to Parents:

1. Any report cards not picked up by students before dismissal (11:00) on June 29th can be picked up at the school office between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm that day (note: the office will be closed for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00). Any report cards left at the school by 3:00 pm on Friday, June 29th will be taken to the Division Office at 213 Mountain Ave, and can be picked up there over the summer.
2. Any lost and found items remaining at the school at 3:00 on June 29th will be donated to the local Salvation Army.
3. The school office will be open for the 2018-19 school year beginning on Tuesday, August 21st.
4. Class lists for the 2018-19 school year will be posted on Thursday, August 30th outside Mrs. Ernest's office.

Staffing for Next Year

We have tentatively completed our staffing for next year. Please keep in mind that these assignments are tentative – a few students coming or going could lead to changes over the summer!! A map of classrooms for 2018-19 is on page 10 of this newsletter.

Grade	Teacher(s) (# classes)	Specialty	Teacher(s)
K	Mrs. Byram, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Brister (4)	Music	Mrs. Wiesgerber (K-5), Mrs. Major (gr 1) and Mrs. Chapman (gr 1)
1	Mrs. Doerksen, Ms. Evecsyn, Mrs. Tara Kerkowich/Mrs. MacPhee, and Ms. Taylor (4)	PE	Mrs. Douglas (K-5), Mrs. Hall (gr 3) and Mr. Joye (Gr 5)
2	Mrs. Funk, Ms. Keller, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Vinnell (4)	Resource	Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Woods
3	Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Pollock (4)	Early Lit	Mrs. A. Plett
4	Mrs. Farquhar, Mrs. Schafer, Mr. Pudlo, and Mrs. Rajinka (4)	EAL	Mrs. Major
5	Mrs. Tawny Kerkowich, Mr. Joye, Ms. Mabon and Mrs. Tomoniko (4)	VP/ Guidance	Mr. Freeman
		Principal	Mr. Hanke
EA's	Ms. Bergen, Mrs. deWit, Mrs. Doble, Mrs. Kuharski (librarian), Mrs. MacDiarmid, Mrs. McPhee, Ms. Pope, Mrs. T. Plett, Mrs. Romero, and Mrs. Vasquez		
Custodians	Mrs. Braza, Mr. Frohwerk, Mr. Vicedo, and Mr. Murray (head custodian)		
Secretaries	Mrs. Ernest and Ms. Bohn		

NACI Jazz Band

On June 5th the NACI Jazz Band, conducted by Mr. John Hodge, visited HMK, and put on a great show for the K – 5 students. The kids were tapping their feet to the lively selection of tunes, and really enjoyed watching older students they have seen around the community perform for them. The Jazz Band introduced a whole new genre of music to some of the students, and gave our students a glimpse of what they could

achieve musically in the future. We would like to thank Mr. Hodge and all of the members of the Jazz Band for getting all of our hands clapping!



Farm Safety Day

On June 7th our grade 5 students were off to the Fairgrounds to participate in a Farm Safety Day. They were joined there by students from NACI and Carberry, where they were broken into smaller groups to rotate through each of the 16 stations that were set up. It was a very informative day, with students learning many valuable lessons and having the opportunity to ask many questions. We would like to thank all of the various presenters who made the Farm Safety Day stations so worthwhile. We would like to thank the local UCT for providing lunch for all participants, and give a big thank you to Scott Lancaster and the local EMS personal who organized the entire day!



Track and Field

We had another great track season, with many kids achieving multiple personal bests! We would like to thank all of the teachers, parents and student volunteers who helped out with the various track meets – having the support of so many makes a huge difference in the success of the overall day! A big thank you also goes out to Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Joye, Ms. Kopytko, and Mrs. Ernest for all of the work that they put into organizing and/or running the track meets!

NACI Chorale

The NACI Chorale, directed by Mr. Blair Chapman, gave an outstanding performance when they came to HMK on June 12th. They performed a variety of modern and classic choir pieces that our students loved. Their performance definitely inspired many of our students, as many of the students were heard humming and singing the rest of the afternoon! We would like to thank Mr. Chapman and the NACI Chorale for taking time out of their busy schedules to come over and perform for us!



Grade 1 Outdoor Classroom

The grade one classes spent two wonderful weeks learning outdoors. While we did not get a rain day to make mud pie recipes and dance in the rain, the weather was generally very good for other activities. Some favorites included setting up shelters on the school grounds, box day, the day at the bird sanctuary, cloud gazing, worms, exploring animal homes and creating a variety of things with natural material. The fresh air and long walks made for tired children and teachers at the end of each day but there was very little complaining and lots of enthusiasm.



No Child Without – Medic Alert Bracelet program

The “No Child Without” program is one in which kids up to the age of 14 can obtain, free of charge, a Medic Alert Bracelet for certain medical conditions. If your child has a serious medical condition and you would like information as to whether or not they qualify, please contact the school. This is a great program that many people are not aware of – please let us know if you would like more information.

Grade 5/6 Camp Trip

Every two years since 1979 HMK has taken all of the grade 5 and 6 students on a camp trip. This year was a little different though, as it was the first time that we only had the grade 5's. On June 14th and 15th, our grade 5 students went on a two day trip to Camp Assiniboia. There were organized activities, opportunities to explore the camp, great meals, and lots of fun!

Although we had a thunderstorm on the evening of the 14th, most people were in their cabins before getting too wet! On the 15th the kids ate breakfast, packed up, and headed off for a day at the Manitoba Museum and Planetarium.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the staff and parents who went on the trip – a major undertaking such as this cannot happen without the support of everyone involved! Special thanks goes to Ms. Kopytko and Mrs. Ernest in the office for all of the work and organizing they did prior to the trip. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Freeman for all of the work he did as the main camp trip organizer. His work ensured that everyone was left with great memories of another successful camp trip!!



Tabloid

This year's Tabloid Day was on June 20th, and it was a hot one! Fortunately, the kids were prepared for the weather, with sunscreen flowing readily throughout the day. It also helped that Mrs. Douglas incorporated several activities involving water throughout the day!



This year's theme was "Barnyard Blast", and the kids really did have a blast! Our kindergarten and grade 1 classes did their Tabloid activities in the morning, while grade 2, 3, and 4 did theirs in the afternoon. Our grade 5 students helped run all of the stations – thank you grade 5's for doing such a great job with Tabloid this year! After heading back to the school, everyone was treated to a freezie which really hit the spot after a long hot walk back up that hill! Our teachers, EA's and parents all deserve a huge round of applause for encouraging the kids throughout the day, and helping to keep them on track. Mr. Murray was there in the morning and again at the end of the day to help haul equipment to and from the park – thank you Mr. Murray! We would also like to thank the Town of Neepawa for allowing us to utilize the Park for our Tabloid – it is a perfect setting for this kind of event! Our biggest thank you goes out to Mrs. Douglas who creates, organizes, and sets up all of the stations for Tabloid! She also works with the grade 5 students to help them understand the station they are running. Thank you, Mrs. Douglas, for all that you do to keep everyone active in such a fun way!!



Year End Assembly

We had our final assembly of the year on June 26th. This is an annual tradition at HMK where we recognize the grade 5 students who are leaving us, and also pay tribute to staff who are leaving. Each grade 5 student received an HMK pin as well as a special certificate to recognize all of the ways in which they help to make HMK a better place! In addition to being our school patrols, lunch helpers, hot dog day helpers, big buddies, and gym helpers, they are also usually the ones who get asked any time something needs to be done! We want to thank all of the grade 5 students for being such willing helpers during their time at HMK, and encourage them to continue helping out in the years to come!

With only a few staff members not returning next year, the farewell portion of the assembly was rather short! Mrs. McCaskill and Mr. Miller have both wrapped up their term positions as of June 29th. Mrs. McCaskill is going to give retirement, substituting, and being a grandmother another go, while Mr. Miller is going to be teaching in Pine Creek next year. We wish them both all the best! Mrs. Whyte was recognized for her year at HMK as an educational assistant. She has done an excellent job working with several students and classes, and we wish her all the best next year as an EA at NACI! Our final recognition was for Ms. Kopytko. After approximately 10 years at HMK, she is heading over to the Division Office to be their Executive Secretary. Mrs. Ernest presented her with a farewell gift, and we wish her all the best in her new role!

THANK YOU TO:

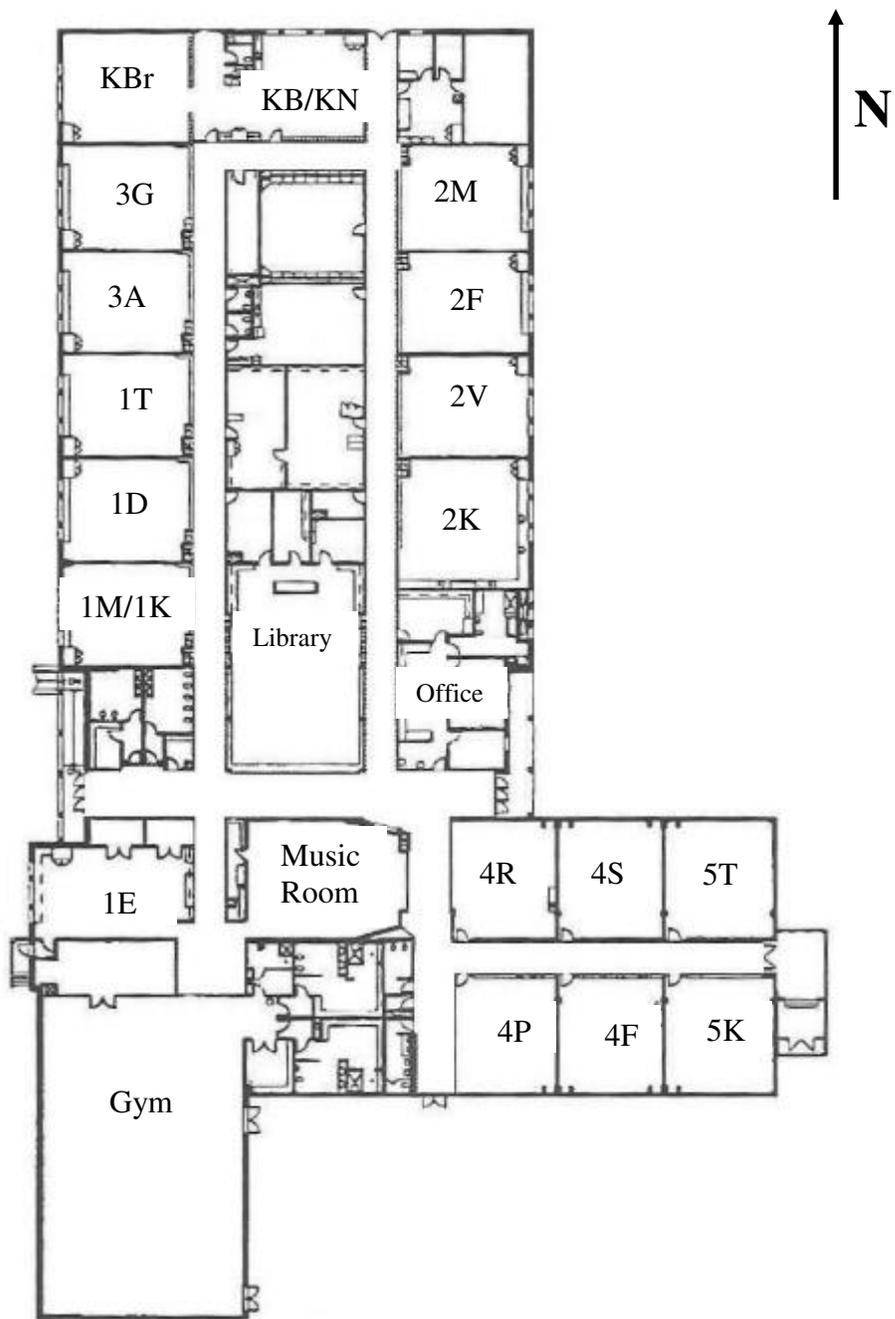
Classroom volunteers: **Gail Wutke and Mac MacDiarmid.**

A very special thanks to the management and staff of **Chicken Delight** for providing a pizza and ice cream party for the Grade 4 students!

All of the **parents who helped out with field trips** this year. These trips are not possible without your continued support!!

The **entire staff at HMK** for always going the extra mile for our kids! The atmosphere of acceptance, hard work, empathy, doing your best, and kindness that is created through the efforts of the entire staff is something we are very proud of! Our children are in such good hands – thank you for all that you do!

HMK Map for 2018-19



3P
3H
5J
5M

PUBLIC SERVICE

For information about summer camp opportunities in Manitoba, visit the Manitoba Camps website at: www.mbcamping.ca. You will find information on the various camps in Manitoba, including location, activities, and cost. There is also information regarding financial assistance opportunities.

School Boards

Leadership, Service &
Advocacy for Kids
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School Trustee Elections - October 24, 2018

School Board Candidate Information Sessions

Interested in running for your school board, but want to learn more?
Plan on attending a candidate information session!

7:00 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2018
Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion St., Winnipeg, MB

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Victoria Inn, 3550 Victoria Ave., Brandon, MB

Can't make either of these sessions? Visit mbschoolboards.ca
for information about school boards and school trustee elections.

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Kids in K – Gr. 6
are invited to
Vacation Bible School!!

New Friends - Cool Crafts -
Untamed Games - Lip-Smacking Snacks -
Surprising Adventures - Incredible Music

Sun, July 22 – Thurs, July 26
6:30 – 8:45 pm
Neepawa First Baptist Church

BRANDON: KIRKALDY SCHOOL
JULY 23-27, 2018

MINNEDOSA: TANNER'S CROSSING SCHOOL
JULY 30- AUG 3, 2018

Registration Deadline: July 9th, 2018



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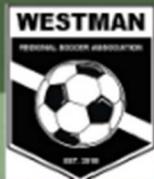
**Bring water & sunscreen!

Developmentally appropriate training groups

2010-2012 born - 9am-12pm --- \$125.00 (pack snacks)
2006-2009 born - 9am-4pm --- \$200 (pack lunch & snacks)
2003-2005 born - 9am -12pm ---\$150.00 (pack snacks)

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PTM Sessions - Skill Development

-Brandon & Minnedosa Locations -

- U4-U6 Brandon & Minnedosa (1 session/week): \$55
- U7-U8 Minnedosa (1 session/week) : \$70
- U7-U8 Brandon (2 sessions/week) : \$125
- U9-U12 Brandon (2 sessions/week): \$125
- U13-U18 Brandon (1 session/week): \$70

START DATE: WEEK OF JULY 23RD, 2018
END DATE: WEEK OF AUGUST 27TH, 2018

Registration Deadline: June 22nd, 2018

JOIN THE FUN!
VISIT: WWW.WESTMANSOCCER.CA
FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

Water Safety Reminders from Manitoba Conservation

During summer vacation, remember these water safety tips:

- Swim with a buddy.
- Know your limits – swim a safe distance and duration.
- Younger students and weaker swimmers should always be watched by a parent or supervisor. If you are not within arm's reach, you've gone too far into the water.
- Familiarize yourself with the water before diving or swimming.
- Weaker swimmers and younger children should always wear a life jacket or personal flotation device – this is not a substitute for staying within arm's reach.
- The best way to be safe in or near the water is to learn how to swim.

Have a Great Summer!!
See you in September!