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Dear Parents

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It's our final newsletter of 2017 – where has the school year gone! With the mild temperatures seeming to be behind us, it is extremely important that children come to school dressed for conditions. Parkas, ski pants, snow boots, toques, neck warmers, and warm mitts (mini-gloves and thin wool mittens will not be warm enough on their own!) are all needed when the weather is this way. Having an extra pair of mitts in the backpack is also a good idea, as sometimes mitts can get wet when the kids are out playing, and having a dry pair for the next recess would be very beneficial!

School safety is also at the forefront of our minds at school, so one of the things that we practice from time to time is a lockdown drill. At the beginning of December we had two lockdown drills, so that everyone is prepared if it were ever needed. At times children may be confused or worried because of the safety drills that we conduct (we practice lockdowns, fire drills, and tornado drills at various times in the year). If this is ever the case, please contact the school and we will work together to help alleviate any fears they may have.

At our last Parent Council meeting we shared the plans for the new middle school addition to NACI. Planning is well under way for the new middle school, and thus far all timelines are being met! The plan is for construction to start in April 2018, and that the school is ready for kids in the fall of 2019. It is a very exciting project for our community, which will ultimately benefit our children for years to come!

As 2017 winds down, there are a few staffing updates we would like to share with you. We have three teachers who are going on maternity leave in the next few weeks! Ms. Jarvis (grade 3) will be starting her leave January 8th, Mrs. Poncsak (kindergarten) is expecting to start her leave towards the end of January, and Mrs. Boyle (grade 5) is expecting to start her leave in early February. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Karla Hall will be taking over Ms. Jarvis' grade 3 class; Mrs. Gwen McCaskill will take over Mrs. Poncsak's kindergarten class; and Mr. Doug Miller will be taking over Mrs. Boyle's grade 5 class. We would like to wish Ms. Jarvis, Mrs. Poncsak, and Mrs. Boyle all the best on their upcoming arrivals, and look forward to welcoming our new teachers as each of them takes over their new classrooms!

We also have one staff member who is moving on from HMK. Mrs. Lynn Cleaver has been an EA at HMK for the last 6 years, and has had the opportunity to work with countless students over those 6 years. Mrs. Cleaver has done an excellent job with the children she has worked with. Her infectious smile and easy going manner will be missed! We would like to wish Mrs. Cleaver all the best as she moves on to the next phase of her life!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Jan 8 th	School starts after Christmas Holidays (Day 3) Safety Services ATV/Snowmobile Presentations for grades 3-5 (pm)
Wednesday, Jan 10 th	Money collection for hot dog day (Wednesdays until March 7 th)
Friday, Jan 12 th	Hot dog days begin (Fridays until March 9 th)
Tuesday, Jan 23 rd	Parent Council Meeting
February	I Love to Read Month
Monday, Feb 12 th	NO CLASSES – Division wide in-service
Tuesday, Feb 13 th	MTYP performance of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" at 9:30
Feb 13 th – 15 th	Oak Hammock Marsh "On the Go" program (sponsored by Whitemud Watershed)
Monday, Feb 19 th	NO SCHOOL – Louis Riel Day
Monday, Feb 26 th	Parent Teacher sign-up sheets sent home
Wednesday, Feb 28 th	Wear Pink to Stop Bullying Day
Thursday, March 1 st	Parent Teacher sign up forms due back
Friday, March 2 nd	NO CLASSES – PD/admin
Friday, March 9 th	Last Hot Dog day of the year (BBQ hot dogs sponsored by Shop Easy)
Tuesday, March 13 th	Report cards sent home
March 14 th & 15 th	Last days for noon skating Parent teacher conferences 4:30 – 6:30
Friday, March 16 th	NO CLASSES – Administration Day
Friday, March 23 rd	Last day before Spring Break
Monday, April 2 nd	School starts after Spring Break (Day 1)

*** **Hot Dogs:** The Hot Dog Program begins on **Friday, January 12th**. This is a long standing HMK activity as well as a fund raiser for the Grade 5 camp trip.

Cost this year will be \$2.00 for each hot dog ordered.

Hot dogs will be preordered/paid for on the **Wednesday** of each week.

We will not take any orders on Fridays.

Hot Dog Days for 2018

January 12th, 19th, 26th

February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

March 9th (Shop Easy BBQ hot dog day!)



"Paint the Town December"

Our K-4 Christmas play this year was called "Paint the Town December". We once again split the K-4 kids into two casts, with Cast 1 performing on Monday, Dec 18th, and Cast 2 performing on Tuesday, Dec 19th (with two shows each day). This year's play highlighted some of the celebrations that typically take place at this time of year (Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Los Posadas, Ramadan), and the kids did a wonderful job with each performance! A big thank you goes out to the entire staff for the help and support in putting on this year's Christmas plays. Teachers and EA's helped children learn the songs as well as their speaking lines, various people helped set up the stage and take it down, Mr. Pudlo had a work crew of grade 5 students who changed sets between shows, and of course our music teachers, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Major for grade 1, and Mrs. Weisgerber for kindergarten and grades 2 – 4. A big thank you to Mrs. Weisgerber for taking the lead on the Christmas play again this year, and overseeing the entire productions. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the silver collection at this year's Christmas plays. We are happy to report that from the proceeds collected over \$1600 is being sent to the Kilburn family to help cover some of the costs of their time in Winnipeg! The HMK Christmas Play is certainly one of the highlights of the Christmas Season around our school!



"Santa's Holiday Playlist"

Mr. Pudlo's class presented three HMK performances of "Santa's Holiday Playlist", to rave reviews! Poor Santa's old LP's are not standing the test of time, so he is looking for a new way to play his old favorites. Everyone seems to think that they have the best playlist for Santa – the elves, the toy soldiers, the reindeer, Crystal Snowflake – but none of them can get it quite the way Santa would like. Thankfully, Mrs. Clause has the solution, and gives Santa an early present – his own mp3 player – loaded with all of his favorites! We would like to thank Mr. Pudlo's class for putting so much time and effort into this year's production! The kids did an awesome job with each of the three performances! We would like to thank everyone who helped out with the play, and a big thank you to Mr. Pudlo for working with the kids and giving them the opportunity to show off their many talents in such a great way!



HMK Christmas Programs on NACTV

Our HMK Christmas productions will be shown over the holidays on NACTV (local cable channel), and will also be streamed on the NACTV website (www.nactv.tv – click the "Live" link). The schedule for the HMK plays is as follows:

Dec 25 th	4:30 pm
Dec 27 th	12:00 noon
Dec 29 th	4:45 pm
Jan 2 nd	11:00 am
Jan 4 th	9:00 pm

All of our plays ("Paint the Town December" Cast 1 and 2, as well as Mr. Pudlo's "Santa's Holiday Playlist") will be shown at each of the times listed above. Also, NACTV has DVD copies of all the Christmas plays that will be ready for purchase sometime in late January for \$15 each. Please contact NACTV at 204-476-2639 for more information.

Volleyball

The grade 5 afterschool volleyball program has come to an end. There were 38 students that took part in the program. Students learned the basic skills needed for volleyball as well as participating in game play. We will be starting an afterschool basketball program in February, more information will be sent home closer to the starting date.



Garden Club Fundraiser

In Garden Club, we try to promote eco-friendly practices, and in doing so, we are going to try a new fundraiser that promotes gardening and planting your own seeds. The program is from "Make It Sow", and involves selling high quality vegetable and flower seeds, as well as a unique renewable coco starter soils. They do not use any **GMO seeds** and only use proven species that are grown for Canadian climates. They back up all their products with a 100% quality guarantee. Fundraising packages will come out in January, so that seeds can be delivered to the school in plenty of time for those wanting to start plants inside! Additionally, the Make It Sow bonus program will plant trees on our behalf. For every ten packages we sell they will plant one tree in Canada for us with an accompanying certificate, so if we sell 200 packages they will plant 20 trees.

Now is a good time to tell neighbors, friends and relatives who want to grow flowers or gardens this spring about our new fundraiser. Any of these products make a great gift or donation. For more information on the program, go to www.makeitsow.com.

Chess Club

Our grade 5 students have the opportunity to play chess on Mondays at lunch time. Thank you to Mr. Brad Mummery for coming in and teaching the kids how to play chess every Monday!!

HMK Parent Council

Thank you, thank you, thank you to parents, families, and friends who supported the Parent Council fundraiser raffle! We raised over \$5,000 to go towards the school, and kept money in the area in doing so!

The winners of this year's raffle were:



Elkhorn resort getaway	Haven Villanueva
Neepawa business Gift Cards	Brett Wilson
Town of Neepawa Recreation credit	Max Funk
Snack Fridge	Andrew Gonzales
Front row Christmas concert seats	Gabbi Sol

Decisions on how we will allocate will be made in upcoming meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend to give input.

Upcoming parent council activities include Teacher Appreciation in February, and the Spring Fling in April. If you are interested in helping with these activities please contact Parent Council.

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for January 23rd, 2018 at 7 pm in the HMK staff room.

Coffee and babysitters will be provided – hope to see you there!

NOTICE:

1. Please note that school patrols will not be on the corners if the wind chill temperature is -30°C or colder, or if we are experiencing a major storm and/or have cancelled school busses. (Signs will be posted on the doors if patrols are not expected to be out.)
2. Remember to listen to local radio stations (Neepawa and Brandon) for information on busses, closures, storm billeting, etc. On days that busses are cancelled or we have a storm billet situation, we would ask that town parents use their discretion as to whether to send kids to school or not. If you decide to keep your kids at home, please either call (476-2323) or email (hmk@bpsd.mb.ca) to let us know that they will not be in!
3. Please do not drive past busses (in either direction) when the red lights are flashing and the STOP sign is out. Not only is it extremely unsafe, it also carries with it a fine of over \$600, as well as two demerits on your license!



4. Our lost and found from the fall term has been bagged up and is ready to be sent to the Salvation Army. We will keep it at the school until Friday, January 12th in case anyone realizes over the holidays that something is missing. On January 12th, it will all be donated to the Salvation Army.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Classroom and Library Volunteers: **Gail Wutke and Donna Huck.**

Karen Dyck and "Your Dollar Store With More" for donating props and costumes for this year's Christmas plays!

All parents who have been tying skates in the noon skating program. Your help is greatly appreciated!!



Allison Beaumont and JC Luciano for doing such a great job with the sound for the K-4 Christmas plays, and **Lena Stadnyk** for running the data projector during the plays!

Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Ernest for helping with the silver collection at the Christmas Plays, and **Michael Weisgerber** for handing out the programs both nights!

Addison McIntosh, Cohen Kulbacki, Kyle Hutton, Tyler Doble, Bogdan Khomenko, Will Cabak, Cianna Larsen, Shyla Eleptico, Frances Tulab, Celine Cristobal, Paige Johnson for moving risers, sets, and chairs for the Christmas Plays.

Mrs. Weisgerber, Mrs. Rainka, Mrs. Farquhar, Mrs. Kerkowich, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Pudlo for their musical/theatrical contributions to our school.

Mrs. Davidson for playing Christmas Carols at our Christmas assembly.

Congratulations to **Makenzie Driedger** on winning the Bus #24 annual art contest!

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PARTICIPANTS WILL GET TO TAKE HOME THEIR EXPERIMENTS!

JANUARY 20th 10:00am—3:00pm **NEEPAWA LEGION** 425 Brown Avenue **AGES 4-16 WELCOME** Free Event

If you are interested in attending this FREE event, please contact us before January 8th to be added to the list.
Town of Neepawa - Recreation Services: rec@wcgwave.ca or (204) 476-7614

FREE!!

Open to all kids in grades 3-6

Limited space available so register early

Includes free t-shirt

Join us in attending the Brandon Bobcats season finale January 27th

EMAIL minnedosaybc@gmail.com
to register or for more information

JAN 20TH 10AM - NOON (CONTINUES SATURDAYS FOR 6 WEEKS)

MINNEDOSA YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

Have a Great Holiday!!!

Students: Return this slip by Friday, January 12th, 2018 to be eligible for newsletter draws.

Student

Parent