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Dear Parents

Newsletter #6

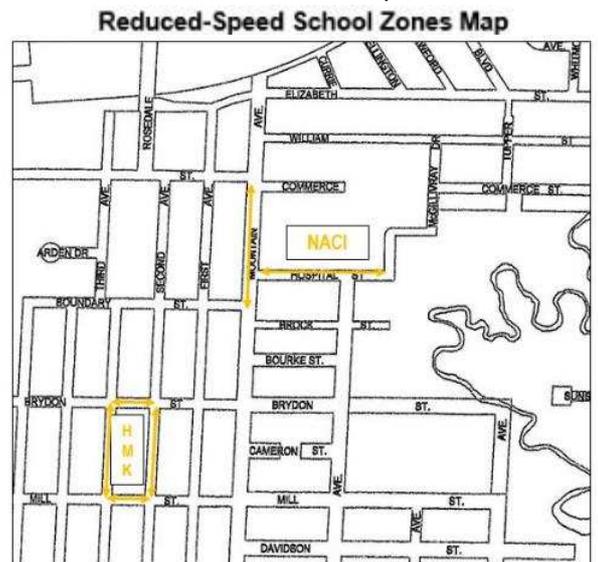
January 31st, 2018

As the first month of 2018 comes to a close, we continue to be baffled by the wild swings in weather! Please continue to monitor the forecasts each day so you can make sure children are dressed appropriately for the day!

February is always a special month in our school, as we celebrate "I Love to Read" month. You will see a number of special activities listed in the "Important Dates" section of the newsletter on page 2, as well as a short write-up on page 4 describing some of the special events. Some days involve wearing a special clothing item, and other days have a special reading activity. Reading is one of the most important aspects of a child's education, and is something that we try to promote at every opportunity. As adults, trying to make sure that your kids have opportunities to see you read, having a well-lit but comfy reading spot set up for them to read in, and talking to kids about the books they are reading are all excellent ways to promote reading at home!

This past Monday night there was a very informative session for parents on internet safety. The presenter's name was Val Caldwell – if you get the opportunity to hear her speak, it is well worth your while! Ms. Caldwell talked about several popular apps that kids and teens use, what they are using them for, and some of the common pitfalls associated with each. She also talked about kids' safety online, and encouraged parents to try out some of the apps and have children teach them how to use them. With kids growing up immersed in a digital world, they need to know how to maintain their privacy, as well as their safety! Her message for parents – most of whom did not grow up totally immersed in technology – was to know that this is the way teenagers are connecting with each other – Snapchat, Instagram, text, etc. The goal is not to try to shut down kids devices, but rather to encourage safe practices, and let our children know that they have a trusted adult who they can come to whenever they have questions or concerns.

You may have noticed the reduced speed school zone signs around both HMK as well as NACI. These reduced speed zones are in full effect now, and will run Sept 1st to June 30th (including holidays) of each school year, from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Please note that the MAXIMUM speed in a reduced speed school zone is 30 km/h. (See picture at right; reduced speed zones are in yellow. Note: paper copies of the newsletters may not show this; please see the online version of this newsletter, or go to the Town of Neepawa website for more details.)



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesdays	Noon skating (gr 4 and 5; K and gr 1)
Thursdays	Noon skating (K, gr 2 and 3)
** Fridays	Hot dog days
February	I Love to Read Month – “101 Reasons to Read” HMK Parent Council Staff Appreciation
Thursday, Feb 1 st	Wear Cub clothes if you have them Kick-Off Assembly for I Love to Read Month at 2:35
February 6 th , 7 th , 8 th	Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19 school year
Tuesday, Feb 6 th	“Sit, Stay, Read” at 11:20
Friday, Feb 9 th	Wear Something With Words Day
Monday, Feb 12 th	NO CLASSES – Division wide in-service
Tuesday, Feb 13 th	100 Day MTYP performance of “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” at 9:30
Feb 13 th -15 th	Oak Hammock Marsh “On the Go” (sponsored by Whitemud Watershed)
Wednesday, Feb 14 th	Valentine’s Day / 101 Day Wear something red or pink
Monday, Feb 19 th	NO SCHOOL – Louis Riel Day
Tuesday, Feb 20 th	“Sit, Stay, Read” at 1:20
Wednesday, Feb 21 st	Grade 5’s to Festival du Voyageur
Thursday, Feb 22 nd	Dalmatian Day (wear black and white)
Friday, Feb 23 rd	PTE: “The Good, the Bad, & the Munsch”
Monday, Feb 26 th	Parent Teacher sign-up sheets sent home
Tuesday, Feb 27 th	Grade 5 Heritage Fair “Sit, Stay, Read” at 3:00
Wednesday, Feb 28 th	Wear Pink to Stop Bullying Day School Wide Pajama Day
Thursday, March 1 st	Parent Teacher sign up forms due back
Friday, March 2 nd	NO CLASSES – In school PD/admin
March 5 th – 9 th	Artist in the School – Week #1
Friday, March 9 th	Last Hot Dog Day (BBQ hot dogs sponsored by Neepawa Shop Easy)
March 12 th – 15 th	Artist in the School – Week #2
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
March 19 th – 23 rd	Artist in the School – Week #3
Tuesday, March 20 th	Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
Friday, March 23 rd	Last day before Spring Break
Monday, April 2 nd	School starts after Spring Break (Day 1)
Wednesday, April 25 th	Secretary’s Day

** Please note that hot dog days run Fridays until March 9th, but with one exception. There will be **no hot dogs** the week of March 2nd, as that week we have no school on the Friday.

Cub of the Week

Our latest winners are Jamie Monterola, Brent Ramiro of grade three and Shellwyn Urriza in grade four. Congratulations to all winners and a big thank you to all our Cubs for continuing to see the good in each other every day. We have seen lots of cubs becoming problem solvers and we encourage them to continue to use our HMK "TADDA" method!

Safety Services Presentation

On January 8th our grade 3 – 5 students started the New Year with some important safety presentations from Safety Services Manitoba. The students were broken into two groups, and each presentation included information on snowmobile safety as well as ATV safety. We would like to thank Safety Services Manitoba for providing these very useful presentations to our kids, and would like to remind all riders of snowmobiles and ATV's that safety needs to come first – always wear a helmet!



Internet Safety Presentations

Last week our grade 5 classes had internet safety presentations. Ms. Val Caldwell was the presenter – the same person who presented to parents this past Monday. The presentation to kids focused on being safe while online, making sure all privacy settings are appropriate for each app, and always going to a trusted adult if they have questions, have concerns, or are being harassed online. Please continue talking to your kids about being safe while online, and if there are apps they are using that you are not familiar with,



have them show you how it can be used. If you are unsure about an app, or how to make sure privacy settings are appropriate, Google is a great resource! If you are unsure of how to best handle a situation, feel free to contact the school. We may not have all the answers, but will certainly help try to connect you with someone who does!

Noon Skating

It is great to see so many kids and parents in the rink every Wednesday and Thursday for the noon skating program! The progress that the kids are making with their skating is truly amazing!



I Love to Read Month

February is I love to read month at HMK. Our theme this year is "**101 Reasons to Read - A Dalmatian Celebration!**" We "WOOF" books and reading at HMK, and have many activities planned to celebrate our love of reading. Classes are encouraged to read for 101 minutes, and will be participating in "SIT, STAY, READ" throughout the month. We will kick-off our reading celebration on February 1st by wearing our HMK cub clothes and "PAWSing" for a good book with our reading buddies. All students will be entered in a draw to read to either Mr. Hanke or Mr. Freeman. On February 9th students and staff are encouraged to wear something with words. Staff will be on the lookout for students who are "spotted" reading. February 14th marks the 101st day of school, as well as Valentine's Day. Students can wear red and pink to showcase their love of reading. February 22nd is Dalmatian Day, so come dressed in black and white! We will end the month with a school-wide pajama and movie day on February 28th. We hope you can "sniff" out some good books at home to share the joy of reading with your family! Happy reading!!!

Parent Council

We are pleased to announce that our raffle draw brought in over \$5,000.00 to put towards school initiatives! Congratulations to the winners and thank you so much for supporting the fundraiser.

Parent Council will be hosting staff appreciation month throughout February. This is an annual event where parents show their appreciation to the staff for all the hard work and dedication they show to our children throughout the year.

- February 6 will be soup and biscuits.
- February 13 will be desserts, veggie tray, appetizers.
- February 20 will be chilli and buns.
- February 27th will be desserts, veggie tray, appetizers.

If you would like to help with this please text or call Leslie at 204-761-8108. Thank you for your support!!

Parent council will also be offering reusable sandwich/snack bags for purchase at the office. We are doing this as an environmental initiative, and funds made will also go to school initiatives. Order forms will be made available soon if you are interested.

Parent council is pleased to support the Spring Fling at the Yellowhead again this year. More details will follow in the upcoming month.

At our next meeting, we will be deciding ways to allocate money from our draw fundraiser to benefit students in the school. All are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting will be March 20th in the HMK staff room at 7:00 pm.
Baby-sitters and coffee are provided.

Pictures from around the school:



Reminder

Please do not leave unattended vehicles running around the school – even if you only need to run into the school for a minute or two. With so many children around, we do not want any kind of accident to happen – thank you!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Classroom and Library Volunteers: Donna Huck and Gail Wutke.

January hotdog volunteers: Willy Guevarra, Shawn Kopytko, Yvonne Doble, Lisa Mann, Chelsea Plett, Larissa Koshel, and Ashlee Plett.

Janie Levandoski for donating hats to the school!

All of the parents and staff who come out every Wednesday and Thursday to help tie skates during our noon skating program!

Public Service

Neepawa Cooperative Play Centre

FUNDRAISER **Family Valentine's Dance**



The Neepawa Cooperative Play Centre invites all friends and families to join us for our annual Family Valentine's Dance.

Raffle prizes, 50/50, snacks, dancing and fun!

Saturday, February 10th

Neepawa Legion

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$5 per person or \$20 per family

Canadian Red Cross BABYSITTING COURSE

Help your child build valuable skills for a lifetime. As a trained babysitter, your child will learn: basic skills to care for infants, preschoolers and school aged children, how to create a safe environment, deal with unexpected visitors, cope with common issues such as crying, tantrums and much more!



Date: **Saturday, February 10th, 2018**
Time: **9:00am - 5:00pm**
Cost: **\$50/ Participant**
Location: **Neepawa Town Office**

Must be **11 years** or older to attend.



Neepawa and Area's Winter Wonderland Festival

Monday, February 19th, 2018
At the Flats!
12:00 pm - 3:00pm

Sleigh Rides
Face Painting
Public Skating
Crafts

Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate
Snow man & Snow Angel building
And much more!



FREE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
SEE YOU THERE!

FUN TIME POTTERY

IN-SERVICE DAY ACTIVITY

Spend your afternoon off of school with us
creating one of a kind pottery pieces!

Monday, February 12th, 2018
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
ARTS FORWARD



AGES 6-14 WELCOME | \$30/PARTICIPANT | POTTERY & SNACKS INCLUDED

HOW IT WORKS:



Pick your favorite
ceramic piece

Choose some paint
colors

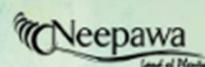
Design your
masterpiece

Art will be sent to
Brandon to be
fired in a kiln

The finished product
is ready for pick up!

To register for this event, please contact:

Town of Neepawa - Recreation Services
(204) 476-7614 or rec@wcgwave.ca



Wiggle, Giggle & Munch!

Parent-Child Program

Free

Join us weekly for a free parent-child program that will focus on physical activity and nutrition.

Every session will offer games, songs, crafts and snacks!

Children 5 years or younger welcome to attend.



To register for this program please contact
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FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1, 2018
THURSDAY MORNINGS
9:30 - 11:30am
ARTS FORWARD





Standard First Aid & CPR Training

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

9:00am - 5:00 pm
Neepawa Town Office (Board Room)

Cost: \$145/Participant
Must Pre-Register to Attend.



For more information, or to register contact:
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Students: Please return this slip by Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 to be eligible for newsletter draws.

Student

Parent