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## Newsletter #7

Dear Parents

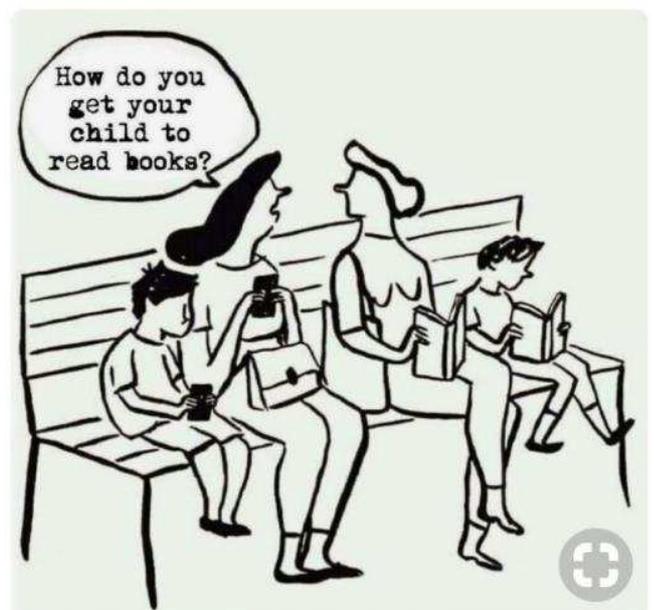
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

As you'll see in the following pages, February was a busy month at HMK! Along with "I Love to Read" month, there were numerous presentations and celebrations, along with a festival and a fair! Kids and staff were certainly kept busy throughout the entire month!

Along with all of the additional activities this month, teachers have been busy assessing students' progress in preparation for the upcoming March report card. Parent/Teacher conference signup sheets are out this week and due back on Thursday, so as to allow time for teachers to schedule all of the conferences, and try to coordinate conferences for families with more than one child in school. When filling out the conference signup sheet, please select the times that would work best for your family, and indicate on the sheet which other teachers you are trying to coordinate with – thank you! Parent/Teacher conferences are a very important part of the school year – for parents, teachers, and students alike! It is a time to celebrate your child's learning thus far, set goals for the final term of the school year, and make a plan for attaining those goals. With many things to talk about in a relatively short amount of time, it is extremely important for conferences to run on time. Please plan to be outside your teachers classroom a few minutes before the scheduled time, and then keep an eye on the clock to make sure that you do not go into someone else's time. If you do happen to run out of time, please talk to your child's teacher about setting an additional time to finish the conversation.

With "I Love to Read" month drawing to a close, we would like to thank all of the guest readers and staff who worked together to make the month of February such a special reading month! As noted in an earlier newsletter, reading is one of the most important academic endeavors that we work on in school, and is something that only gets better with ongoing practice. In addition to setting aside a time and place for our kids to read each day, it is also important for them to see us reading as well!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Council, as well as all of the parents who contributed food items this month, in support of Staff Appreciation. Parents provided two separate lunches, as well as several treats throughout the month of February. Your generosity was very much appreciated by the entire staff – THANK YOU!!



## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesdays	Noon skating for Kindergarten-Gr 1 and Gr 4-5 (March 14 <sup>th</sup> last day)
Thursdays	Noon skating for Kindergarten; Grade 2-3 (March 15 <sup>th</sup> last day)
Thursday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Teacher sign up forms due back
Friday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO CLASSES - In school PD/admin
Friday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last Hot Dog day of the year (BBQ hot dogs sponsored by Neepawa Shop Easy)
Tuesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Report cards sent home
March 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last days for noon skating Parent teacher conferences 4:30 - 6:30
Friday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASSES - Administration Day
March 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Artist in the School - Week #1
Tuesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
Friday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day before Spring Break
Monday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School starts after Spring Break (Day 1)
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Artist in the School - Week #2
April 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	Artist in the School - Week #3
April 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 to Career Trek
Wednesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Secretary's Day
Friday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling
Thursday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7:00 pm
May 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Operetta at Roxy Theatre
Monday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

Our last hot dog day on March 9<sup>th</sup> will be compliments of Neepawa Shop Easy - they are donating everything - wieners, buns, condiments, napkins - so all proceeds can go towards field trips! They are also BBQing the wieners for us!

- **THANK YOU NEEPAWA SHOP EASY!!**

### Green Thumbs Garden Club

Thank you to all who helped with our "Make It Sow" seed and soil fund raiser. We had a wonderful response. Almost all the orders have been filled and delivered now. If there were any seed errors please let us know. We would also appreciate any feedback you have so that we know whether to try it again. The funds raised will be used to support the Garden club projects and beautify our school grounds. Happy Growing!

Garden Club is in need of some empty CD **cases** (preferably those that are a little thicker) for a garden club project. If you have some you no longer need, please send them to Mrs. MacPhee or deliver them to the office.



## MTYP: "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

On February 13<sup>th</sup> we were very fortunate to host the Manitoba Theatre for Young People's performance of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". The story is based on C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia", and follows the adventures of four siblings as they discover the magical world of Narnia.

We would like to thank the Beautiful Plains School Division for providing us the opportunity to experience live theatre of such a high caliber – right in our own school!



## Oak Hammock Marsh

HMK was fortunate to host two interpreters from Oak Hammock Marsh for three days. During the three days, they offered sessions to each class. Sessions included Neat Feet and Beaks, Surviving the Freeze, Project WET, Plant Ecology, Aboriginal Games, and World of Wetlands. It was an educational three days with our guests from Oak Hammock Marsh, and we look forward to having them back again next year! A special thank you goes out to Whitemud Watershed for sponsoring one of the days with the Oak Hammock Marsh interpreters!



## Festival du Voyageur

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, our grade five students went to Festival du Voyageur. The kids had a perfect day to be at the Festival – the weather was warm enough to be comfortable, but cold enough that the snow and ice was not melting! Students had the opportunity to learn about the Voyageurs, the fur trade, and Metis life! We would like to mention the contribution of the French Second Language Revitalization Program, which helped cover part of the cost of this trip. A big thank you to all of the supervisors who helped out!



## PTE: The Good, the Bad, and the Munsch

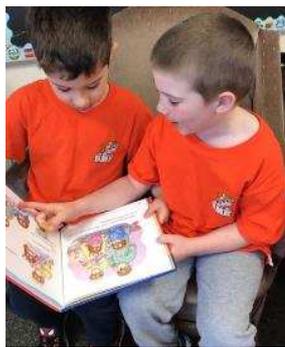
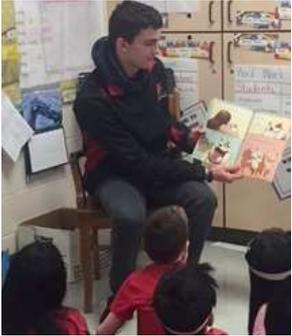
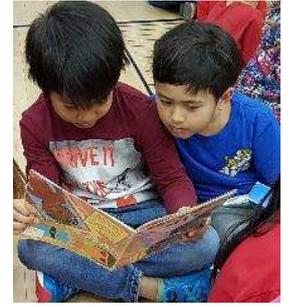
On February 23<sup>rd</sup> HMK welcomed performers from Prairie Theatre Exchange as they performed "The Good, the Bad, and the Munsch". The play consisted of five Robert Munsch stories, as told by two food truck vendors and the one customer they were vying for! The Munsch stories included Andrew's Loose Tooth, Pigs, David's Father, Mmm Cookies and Swamp Water. Special thanks goes to Beautiful Plains School Division for bringing Prairie Theatre Exchange to HMK for all of the kindergarten – grade 4 students to enjoy!

## Heritage Fair

Our grade 5 students celebrated their heritage by having a Heritage Fair on February 27<sup>th</sup>. For the Heritage Fair, students worked either by themselves or in partners, and created a project that told about their own personal heritage, the heritage of the community, or the heritage of something that interested them. The students worked hard on their projects, and their hard work was evident in each of the 63 projects that were on display! We would like to congratulate the grade 5 students on their awesome projects, the parents/grandparents/relatives who were busy helping behind the scenes, and the grade 5 teachers for creating the Heritage Fair and supporting the students through all of their hard work!



"I Love to Read" at HMK



## Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-19 School Year

We have had many families already register their child for kindergarten in the fall. If you have not yet done this, please come to the school office. Kindergarten this fall is for students born in 2013. When coming to register your child for kindergarten, please bring his or her birth certificate, as well as any immigration documents that you have.

### Parent Council

Parent Council held our annual Staff Appreciation every Tuesday in the month of February.

Parents brought in treats, veggie and fruit trays, a soup and biscuit lunch and a chili lunch.

We would like to thank the entire staff of HMK for all their hard work throughout the year!!!!

We would also like to thank all of the parents who brought in food throughout the month.

We are working on a few fundraising ideas that will contribute to the school.

Reuseable snack/sandwich bags will be made available in April in time for earth day!

**Our next meeting is on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the HMK staff room – we would love to have you join us! Coffee and free babysitting are provided.**

Our meetings are very relaxed and enjoyable, and are open to everyone.

### THANKS TO:

**HMK Parent Council** for the wonderful treats during Staff Appreciation Month, as well as the delicious chili/garlic bread and soup/biscuit lunches!! It was greatly appreciated by the entire staff!!

Classroom/Library Volunteers: **Cathy McCutcheon, Jacqui Acree, Brenda Nelson, Donna Huck and Gail Wutke**

**Pat Martin & family** for donating their drum set to the music room.

**Mr. John Nelson** (former HMK principal) for sharing his Olympic Torch and story with Mrs. Kerkowich's grade 1's!

The **Neepawa Natives** for coming in and reading to classes the week of Feb 13 – 16 for "I Love to Read" month.

February Hot Dog Volunteers: **Larissa Koshel, Shelly Williams, Cherie Thomson, and Nenet Arceo.**



All of the **noon skating helpers** who have come out over the year! It is wonderful that we get so much support from parents and relatives in making the noon skating program a success. Please note that March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> are the last days for noon skating this year. We hope to have a great turnout for the last few days of noon skating!

PUBLIC SERVICE

## **FREE All-Girls Codemakers Camp**

Thanks to CanCode funding via Actua we are taking this show on the road for FREE! Learn the basics of coding while expanding your computational thinking and digital literacy skills while playing with gadgets like Snap Circuits, littleBits, Cue Robots, Cozmo Robots, and Lego Mindstorms.

**WHO:** Girls ages 13-15 (by Dec. 31, 2018)

**WHERE & WHEN:**

Dauphin	July 23-27	Whitmore School
Flin Flon	July 30-Aug. 3	Ecole McIsaac School
Morden	July 23-27	Ecole Morden Middle School
Thompson	July 9-13	R.D. Parker Collegiate
Winnipeg	July 9-13	University of Manitoba, Faculty of Engineering
Winnipeg	Aug. 13-17	University of Manitoba, Faculty of Engineering

**COST:** FREE

<http://www.wisekidneticenergy.ca/codemakers-all-girls-camps/>

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Students: Return this slip by Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for newsletter draws.

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Parent