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## NEWSLETTER #9

Dear Parents

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Thankfully, the weather has slowly started to warm up! After a very slow thaw, we are finally getting some seasonal temperatures! We had to play on the street for approximately a week and a half while our playground dried out. It is quite a novelty for kids to be able to play on the street with the barricades up – we would like to thank the people who live on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave across from the school, as well as parents who might have been coming to the school during recess times, for their patience during the time the street was blocked off. We would also like to thank the Town of Neepawa for providing us with barricades to make sure that no cars came into the area that kids were playing in! We are very happy to be back on the playground now, as there are always a few more scrapes when using the street to play on, as the asphalt is much less forgiving than the playground!

One of the things we have noticed over the last few years is an increasing demand for service in the area of speech and language. This trend is being noticed across many parts of the world, and continues to be studied by researchers. One theory that came out in the 1990's, was that the more words a child heard, the better their language development would be. The difference between kids who heard lower numbers of words, and kids who heard higher numbers of words, was referred to as the "word gap". This "word gap" was reported to be up to a 30 million words difference in the first three years of life for kids hearing lots of words vs kids hearing fewer words. New research conducted by MIT (<http://news.mit.edu/2018/conversation-boost-childrens-brain-response-language-0214>) is showing that there is something even more important than simply the number of words that a child hears growing up. This something, is back and forth conversations between an adult and a child.

"MIT cognitive scientists have now found that conversation between an adult and a child appears to change the child's brain, and that this back-and-forth conversation is actually more critical to language development than the word gap. In a study of children between the ages of 4 and 6, they found that differences in the number of "conversational turns" accounted for a large portion of the differences in brain physiology and language skills that they found among the children. This finding applied to children regardless of parental income or education.

The findings suggest that parents can have considerable influence over their children's language and brain development by simply engaging them in conversation, the researchers say.

"The important thing is not just to talk to your child, but to talk with your child. It's not just about dumping language into your child's brain, but to actually carry on a conversation with them" ..."

As simple as it sounds, the research is showing that as adults, we need to have more conversations with our children. Simply listening to language will not give the same benefits as having conversations. This is a good reminder for all of us, as sometimes in our hectic lives, conversations get replaced with things like TV, video games, smart phones, tablets, and YouTube! Although these screen activities are fine in moderation, they will never replace the benefit that back and forth conversations between adults and kids will have!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7:00 pm
May 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Preschool screening dates – Neepawa Legion Hall; for kids born in 2014
Thursday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meeting at HMK for grade 5 camp trip at 7:00
Tuesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in HMK Staff Room
May 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Operetta at Roxy Theatre (Off Their Rockers)
Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Johnny Appleseed for grade 5 students
Monday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Eden Cross Country Run
May 28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-kindergarten appointments for incoming K's; Neepawa Library
Tuesday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 2 Bike Rodeo
Friday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Neepawa Grade 5/6 Track Meet (rain date June 4 <sup>th</sup> )
June 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery School touring HMK
Thursday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to check out books from HMK Library Farm Safety Day for grade 5 students
Friday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Divisional Track meet (rain date June 11 <sup>th</sup> )
Tuesday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	NACI Chorale performance BPSD Recognition Evening in Carberry
June 14 & 15	Gr 5 Camp Trip to Camp Assiniboia
Friday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	All books due back to HMK library
Tuesday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 field trip to Portage
Wednesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	HMK K-3 Tabloid at Riverbend (rain date June 21 <sup>st</sup> )
Thursday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	No kindergarten classes
Tuesday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year-end assembly at 1:15
Wednesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> – Admin
Thursday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> – Admin
Friday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – early dismissal

**\*\* Note:** All kindergarten students (from both days) will come to school on June 20<sup>th</sup> for the Tabloid. There will be no kindergarten classes – for any kindergarten students – on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Bicycle Safety Reminder

We would like to remind everyone that bicycle riders are expected to wear a helmet and follow all of the rules of the road, including stopping at all stop signs. We have had reports recently of children riding bikes through intersections without even looking. Needless to say, this is a practice that must stop before someone is seriously injured. All bicycle riders need to stop at all stop signs, and should not proceed through any intersection until they have looked both ways and made sure it is safe to do so. We would also like to remind all bicycle riders that bikes are **NOT** to be ridden on sidewalks. If a street is too busy to ride your bike, you should get off and walk it on the sidewalk, or find a road that has less traffic.

As far as children riding bikes to school goes, bikes are only to be ridden to school by students in grade 2 and up. Even though a number of students in kindergarten and grade 1 may be very good bike riders, only students in grade 2 or older are allowed to ride their bikes to school! We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this.



## Artist in the School Program

This year's Artist in the School program wrapped up in April. Our African drumming residency was a big hit with the kids! Over a three week period, Mr. Jay Stoller spent 30 minutes per day for one week with each class, with a wrap up assembly at the end of each of each week. It was amazing to hear how far each class was able to come with just one week of instruction on the drums! We would like to thank Jay for sharing his talents with our students, and would also like to thank the Manitoba Arts Council, which subsidizes the Artist in the School program making it affordable for schools to bring in such great artists!



## Oak Hammock Marsh – French Revitalization Grant

This month we were pleased to be able to bring Voyageur Games to each of the grade 3 classes through the French Second Language Revitalization Grant. Interpreters from Oak Hammock Marsh came to our school on April 6<sup>th</sup> and taught each grade 3 class about some of the games that the Voyageurs might have played. Although the day wasn't the warmest, each class bundled up and the kids had a great time. We are very appreciative of the French Second Language Revitalization grant, which allowed us to bring this program in for our grade 3 students!



## Career Trek

This month all of our grade 5 classes had the opportunity to participate in a program called Career Trek for a day. Career Trek is a not-for-profit organization that helps young people discover the importance of education and career development by providing career oriented programming in post-secondary educational settings. Career Trek exposes children to occupations and professions that ignite their passion for learning and inspires them to recognize their own potential. The sessions took place at Brandon University. Each grade 5 student participated in four mini-sessions throughout the day: lawyer, climatologist, forensic officer, and forensic anthropologist. It was a very interesting day for our grade 5 students – we hope that spending the day at Career Trek gave them an insight into a few careers that they may not have thought of before!



## Spring Fling

This year's Spring Fling took place on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Yellowhead Hall. There was an excellent turnout for the Spring Fling again this year, even though it unfortunately conflicted with the Jets first game of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round! Parent Council did a phenomenal job of arranging for the venue and making sure everything at the hall was ready to go! Mrs. Douglas had been spending time during Phys Ed classes in April teaching various dances that the kids were able to showcase throughout the evening! We also had a special performance by the Dance Club during the Spring Fling! The camp trip raffle was drawn that evening – congratulations to Dorothy Lyon who won the Monster Bluetooth Speaker (winning ticket sold by Dezarae Tacan), and to Renzo Gonzales who won the Samsung Tablet. We would like to thank Mrs. Ernest, Mrs. Chapman, and Mrs. Dyke for sitting at the raffle table throughout the evening; Erin Warwaruk for looking after the display of labels and reusable snack bags that Parent Council is selling; Mrs. Douglas for working with the kids on their dances, setting up the play list, and running the Dance Club; and the HMK Parent Council for organizing the Spring Fling and looking after the setup and take down!



## Parent Council

At our March Parent Council meeting, we were busy with preparations for the Spring Fling family dance and looking at allocations of our fundraising money.

Reusable snack/sandwich bags are available for purchase at the office. They are available in various pattern options. Cost is \$8, with \$4 going directly to Parent council.

We also have our lovable labels offer going on. Get your labels for next school year and benefit HMK at the same time! Parent council gets 20% and free shipping to you.

[www.hmk.lovablelabels.ca](http://www.hmk.lovablelabels.ca)

At our upcoming May meeting we will be making decisions about allocating the remainder of our fundraiser money to various school uses.

**Our final meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the HMK Staff Room. Babysitting and coffee will be provided**



## THANKS TO:

Classroom Volunteers: **Gail Wutke.**

The **HMK Parent Council** for organizing the Spring Fling, and always being a positive presence around the school!

## PUBLIC SERVICE

**It pays to shop local!**  
Check out these businesses for some great deals during the fair weekend:

<b>HARRIS PHARMACY</b> 424 Mountain Ave 20% off all in stock sandals and flip flops
<b>SALVATION ARMY THRIFT STORE</b> 342 Mountain Ave 50% off all in store merchandise (Saturday Only)
<b>FARMERY ESTATE BREWERY</b> #480 Highway 5 North 50% off Combine Tours (\$10/Tour) Includes a Brewery Tour, Beer Flights (Samples), Farmery Beer Glass & 1 Package of Flour Mix.
<b>NEEPAWA CHICKEN CORRAL</b> 51 Main Street East Family-Sized Chicken, Pizza & Fries Special - \$39.99 9 Pieces of our Signature Chicken, 1 Large 2-Topping Pizza & Large Box of Fries
<b>NEEPAWA DAIRY QUEEN</b> 103 Main Street East Buy 1, get 1 FREE Smoothie / Julius Products
<b>T.I.C. PARTS &amp; SERVICE</b> #220 Highway 5 North Rotella T 15W40 - \$71.00 for 18.9L Pail
<b>YOUR DOLLAR STORE WITH MORE</b> 247 Hamilton Street In Store Specials available all weekend!

### THANK YOU

to this year's sponsors...

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**Chamber Fair**



**MAY 25, 26, & 27, 2018**

**Neepawa Fair Grounds**

**Guaranteed fun for the whole family!**

**Nothing beats fair food!**



**FRIDAY, MAY 25**

4pm Midway Opens  
Food Trucks Open  
@ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)

**SATURDAY, MAY 26**

7:00am Pancake Breakfast  
@ Neepawa Rifle Range  
Ag Grounds (4th Ave)

8:00am Town Wide Garage Sales  
Maps available at various  
locations around town or at  
neepawa.ca

9:00am Enns Brothers - Day of Play  
@ Enns Brothers  
#187 Highway 16 West

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

10:30am -3:00pm	Spring Into Summer Sale TNR Rescue @ Yellowhead Center Hall 175 Mountain Ave
11:00am	Parade Route: Starts at Yellowhead Center, south down Mountain Ave, east on Davidson St, south on Simon Ave, west on Hamilton St, ends at 40th & Bloom Gardens.
12:00pm	Midway Opens Food Trucks Open @ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)
12:00pm -2:00pm	Classic Car and Tractor Show & Shine @ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)
12:00pm -4:00pm	Small Animal Fair Pony Rides Face Painting @ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)
1:00pm	Beer Gardens Open @ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)
1:00pm	Crack & Chase Barrel Race @ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)
1:00pm	Slo Pitch Tournament @ Ag Grounds (4th Ave) To register a team contact Andrea at andrea.wilson@hotmail.com

1:00pm Turkey Shoot Fundraiser  
-3:00pm Neepawa Bird Sanctuary  
@ Neepawa Rifle Range  
Ag Grounds (4th Ave)

1:30pm Neepawa Fair - Fling & Food  
@ Neepawa Legion  
Music by: The Fugitives  
Dinner Served @ 5:30pm  
Tickets: \$25 each  
Available at Neepawa Legion Club

8pm Live Entertainment & Social  
Music By: The Clabbing Fuggles  
@ Ag Barn (4th Ave)

**SUNDAY, MAY 27**

10am Crack & Chase Barrel Race  
@ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)

12pm Midway Opens  
Food Trucks Open  
@ Ag Grounds (4th Ave)

1pm Children's Bike Parade  
@ Home Hardware (268 Hamilton St)

2pm Matinee at Roxy Theatre







IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN IN 2014  
PLEASE ATTEND OUR  
DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING DAY

**PLEASE CALL SHEILA AT 204-476-2455**

**OR EMAIL: [bremners@bpsd.mb.ca](mailto:bremners@bpsd.mb.ca)**

**TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**



NEEPAWA LEGION HALL 425 BROWN AVENUE – NEEPAWA

TUESDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. & WEDNESDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



**\*THIS SCREENING DAY IS FREE FOR ALL FAMILIES\***

**\*DROP-INS WELCOME\***



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**Students:** Return this page by Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> signed by your parents and be eligible for Newsletter Draws.

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Student

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Parent