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## NEWSLETTER #11

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With 2018-19 having drawn to a close, we hope that the school year has been a positive one for your child and family. Our goal continues to be to make decisions that are in the best interest of all students. We know there are times when questions may come up as to how a particular decision benefits a particular student. If you find yourself wondering about this type of question, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school – we would be happy to sit down with you to try to work through whatever the situation might be.

As we look back on this past school year, we see that we started the year with 471 students, and are ending with 503. We had registered 25 new students before school started this past September, then added an additional 74 students throughout the year. We also saw 67 students leave over the course of the year. As we look ahead to next year, we know that our numbers will go through another change when Neepawa Middle School opens and we say goodbye to the grade 5 classes.

With the ongoing construction of Neepawa Middle School, we find ourselves on the brink of a major change in the Neepawa Schools! The general contractor in charge of building the school continues to tell the division that construction will be completed by early September. In order to do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition to the new school, the student start date is being pushed back to mid-October (at the earliest – this could still change based on actual construction timelines).

Having a later student start date will allow various groups the time they need to make sure everything is in place before the students start (e.g. custodial staff will need to clean and prepare the floors; computer technicians need to set up interactive projectors, computers, wireless data points; furniture and supplies need to be moved in and organized; classrooms need to be set up; etc).

This means that our current grade 4 students will start grade 5 here at HMK in September. Neepawa Middle School will oversee scheduling the grade 5 classes and staff for the fall, but the classes will be here at HMK until the new school is ready to be moved into.

The Neepawa administration team (superintendent, senior administration, Neepawa Middle School, NACI, HMK) will continue to plan for the successful transition of grade 5 to Neepawa Middle School, and will inform parents as updates come available.

It is such an exciting time being able to prepare for a brand new school! Students, staff, and the entire community are fortunate to have such a beautiful building taking shape before our eyes, knowing that our children will be able to utilize and enjoy it for years to come! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the new school, the move, or anything else relating to the transition!

## 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.

The main priority in this year's school plan has been to create consistent grading systems at each grade level, starting with ELA and math. We are pleased to report that all grades have met several times to work on this, and all have made significant progress towards a more consistent grading scheme. Some grades started on this initiative sooner, and thus are further along in the process (kindergarten has a completed continuum for all subject areas; grade 1 has completed both math and ELA), while others have focused on either math or ELA to start with, and will carry on from there. We feel that this is a very important initiative, so that no matter which class a student is in, we all know that the grades they receive are consistent across the entire grade.

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

- Mrs. Alison Vinnell (gr 2) is expecting a new baby over the summer, and will be on maternity leave for the entire 2019-20 school year. She will be replaced by Mrs. Lisa Papegnies for the year.
- Mrs. Tara Kerkowich, who was co-teaching grade 1 with Mrs. MacPhee this past year, will have her own grade 1 classroom for 2019-20.
- Ms. Brown (who we used to call Mrs. Doerksen) will co-teach grade 1 with Mrs. MacPhee in 2019-20. Mrs. MacPhee will be teaching the class in the mornings, while Ms. Brown will be teaching in the afternoons.
- Ms. Evecsyn (gr 1), who got married this past school year, will go by Mrs. Lazaruk starting in September.
- Mrs. Joni Vinnell (gr 4) has been hired to teach at Neepawa Middle School next year. Miss Kira Douglas has been hired to teach grade 4 until Christmas. After Christmas, Mrs. Schafer will be back from her maternity leave and will return to her grade 4 classroom.
- Ms. Bohn (secretary), who started at HMK in September, has been moved to Neepawa Middle School starting in August. Mrs. Tanya Plett will be our new secretary (afternoons) starting in the fall.
- Ms. Keilah Bergen (EA) and Mrs. Vera Rogers (EA) have both been assigned to Neepawa Middle School starting in the fall.
- Mrs. Lenny Noriega (custodian) has finished her term position. Mrs. Joan Braza will be returning from her maternity leave in the fall.
- Mrs. Moira Woods (resource) has been assigned to Neepawa Middle School starting in September.
- Our grade 5 teachers, Mrs. Tomoniko, Mrs. Boyle, Ms. Mabon, and Mr. Joye, as well as Mr. Aubrey Frohwerk (custodian) will all be reassigned to Neepawa Middle School whenever it opens in the fall.

Between maternity leaves and Neepawa Middle School, it seems like we have a lot of changes taking place! We are so pleased to be able to bring in people like Mrs. Papegnies and Miss Douglas to fill our maternity leaves, and know that our students are in good hands! For those staff members going to Neepawa Middle School, although we are sorry to see such great people leave us, we are so pleased to know that our children will continue to have the opportunity to work with each of these staff members when they transition over to NMS!

We would like to make special mention of Mrs. Woods' long time service to HMK. Mrs. Woods has taught at HMK for over 18 years, and in that time has had some classroom teaching duties, but has primarily been a resource teacher. We have appreciated Mrs. Woods' insights when working with children, her willingness to try various methods in order to help children succeed, and her ability to connect with the children she works with. Mrs. Woods will be an excellent fit as a middle years resource teacher, and we would like to wish her, as well as all staff leaving, all the best in the years ahead!

## Important Dates

Tuesday, Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	HMK office opens for 2019-20 school year
Thursday, Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	Class lists posted outside school office
Tuesday, Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO CLASSES - ADMINISTRATION DAY ** Meet the Teacher Night at HMK from 5:30 - 6:30
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Parent - Child - Teacher appointments
Monday, Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASSES - Divisional teacher in-service
Tuesday, Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	HMK Terry Fox Day Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in HMK staff room
Wednesday, Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 1 Parent Meeting at 6:30
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Lifetouch Picture Days
Monday, Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	FCC Drive Away Hunger Food Drive
Friday, Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASSES - MTS Provincial In-Service

Our annual "Meet the Teacher Night" will be the evening before the kids' first day of school. It will be on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2019-20 kindergarten students. Kindergarten parents and students will have the opportunity to "Meet the Teacher" during their appointment which will be scheduled sometime on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child entering kindergarten this fall and have not already scheduled a kindergarten appointment, please call the office.)

## Notes to Parents:

1. Any report cards not picked up by students before dismissal (11:00) on June 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1:00 on June 28<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the local Salvation Army.
3. The school office will be open for the 2019-20 school year beginning on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.
4. Class lists for the 2019-20 school year will be posted on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2019-20 is on page 10 of this newsletter.

Grade	Teacher(s) (# classes)	Specialty	Teacher(s)
K	Mrs. Brister, Mrs. Byram, and Mrs. Poncsak (4)	Music	Mrs. Wiesgerber (K-4) Mrs. J. Vinnell (gr 5)
1	Ms. Brown/Mrs. MacPhee, Mrs. Lazaruk, Mrs. Kerkowich, and Ms. Taylor (4)	PE	Mrs. H. Douglas (K-4) Mr. B. Martin (gr 5)
2	Mrs. Funk, Ms. Keller, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Papegnies (4)	Resource	Mrs. Chapman (K-4) Mrs. Woods (gr 5)
3	Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Gillies, Ms. Jarvis, and Mrs. Pollock (4)	Early Lit	Mrs. A. Plett
4	Mrs. Farquhar, Miss K. Douglas, Mr. Pudlo, and Mrs. Rainka (4)	EAL	Mrs. Major
5	Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Joye, Ms. Mabon and Mrs. Tomoniko (4)	VP/ Guidance	Mr. Freeman
		Principal	Mr. Hanke
EA's	Mrs. de Wit, Mrs. Doble, Mrs. Kuharski (librarian), Mrs. MacDiarmid, Mrs. McPhee, Mrs. T. Plett, Mrs. Romero, and Mrs. Vasquez		
Custodians	Mrs. Braza, Mr. Frohwerk, Mr. Vicedo, and Mr. Murray (head custodian)		
Secretaries	Mrs. Ernest and Mrs. T. Plett		

## 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. Bohn, and Mrs. Ernest for all of the work that they put into track and field, and to Ms. Freeman and Miss Miller (NACI) for organizing and running both meets!!



## Grade 1 Outdoor Classroom

For the first two weeks in June the grade one classes once again took their learning outdoors for outdoor classroom! The first week was spent on and around the school grounds, and highlights included: shelter building, cloud watching, mud pies, and box day!

For the second week we spent Monday and Tuesday at Riverbend Park learning about trees, bees, boats and Manitoba animals. On Wednesday we made the long trek to the bird sanctuary. This day is always a favourite, and activities included bird watching, building nests, and exploring different kinds of bird beaks. On Thursday and Friday Mrs. MacPhee hosted us on her beautiful acreage. Students used their imaginations to create fairy gardens and memory sticks, as well as build with loose parts, search for insects, and find and create animal homes. Mrs. MacPhee's resident woodchuck had also just had 7 babies, so time was spent quietly waiting for them to appear. Of course we also found time to explore the woods, climb trees and create all sorts of interesting games. Outdoor classroom is always a highlight for both students and teachers, and we would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to help out!



## Grade 5 Chess Club

Starting in the fall, every Monday Mr. Brad Mummery has come into Mrs. Tomoniko's grade 5 classroom during the lunch hour to teach chess to all grade 5's who wanted to learn. Throughout the year they have learned the rules, learned some strategy, and had the opportunity to play against Mr. Mummery, as well as each other. For the last few weeks the grade 5 students organized a year-end chess tournament, which played down to the final match between Myra and Lian. Although there wasn't time to finish the match, it was agreed upon in advance that the winner would be determined by points at the end of the lunch hour. After a nail biting final, Lian ended up victorious, edging out Myra to become the grade 5 champ! We would like to thank Mr. Mummery for his dedication to the students, and to the game of chess!



## Grade 5 Camp Trip

This year on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, our grade 5 students went on the final HMK Camp Trip! There were organized activities, opportunities to explore the camp, great food, and lots of fun! The weather cooperated, and the trip was an overwhelming success! On Friday morning the kids ate breakfast, packed up, and headed off for a day at the Manitoba Museum, Planetarium, and Touch the Universe. 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. Bohn 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!!



### The end of an era!

The HMK Camp Trip originated in 1979, and originally took place every two years with all of the grade 5 and 6 students. The last two years it has only been the grade 5's, as all of the grade 5 and 6 students no longer fit at the camp! With grade 5 set to move over to Neepawa Middle School next year, HMK will no longer be running a camp trip. We would like to thank all of the past HMK administrators – particularly Ron Jesson and John Nelson, and all of the grade 5 and 6 teachers who have supported the camp trip over the years. We would also like to thank the Board of Trustees for their ongoing support of the camp trip for all of these years!



## HMK Swimming

We were very pleased to once again offer a noon swim program, as well as grade 4 swim instruction. Each grade (other than grade 4) had the opportunity to take a lunch hour and swim at the Neepawa Pool! The weather was great – other than a little bit of rain Friday with the grade 2's – and the kids had lots of fun!

Each of our grade 4 classes had a half hour slot each day from June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, during which they had swimming instruction from a life guard. The kids made excellent progress, and each of them progressed with their abilities in the water!!



## Tabloid

This year's Tabloid Day was on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!!



## Horizon String Quartet

HMK was pleased to host the Horizon String Quartet in June. The Quartet was made up of three violins and a cello. The musicianship was outstanding as they played several pieces in their approximately 45 minute set. We would like to thank the Horizon String Quartet for making HMK a stop on their spring tour this year – we hope to be able to have them come back another year!



## Year End Assembly

We had our final assembly of the year on June 24<sup>th</sup>. 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!

We also recognized the various staff members who are leaving. Mrs. Chapman had a special tribute for Mrs. Woods – it was a letter that she has written to Neepawa Middle School telling them about all of the wonderful characteristics that Mrs. Woods possesses! We also had a special presentation from Mrs. Bradley, who comes every year to make a donation to the HMK Library in memory of her late husband, Mr. Bob Bradley, who was a teacher, guidance counselor, and vice principal at HMK many years ago!

## 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.

THANK YOU TO:

Classroom volunteers: Gail Wutke and Lisa Martin.

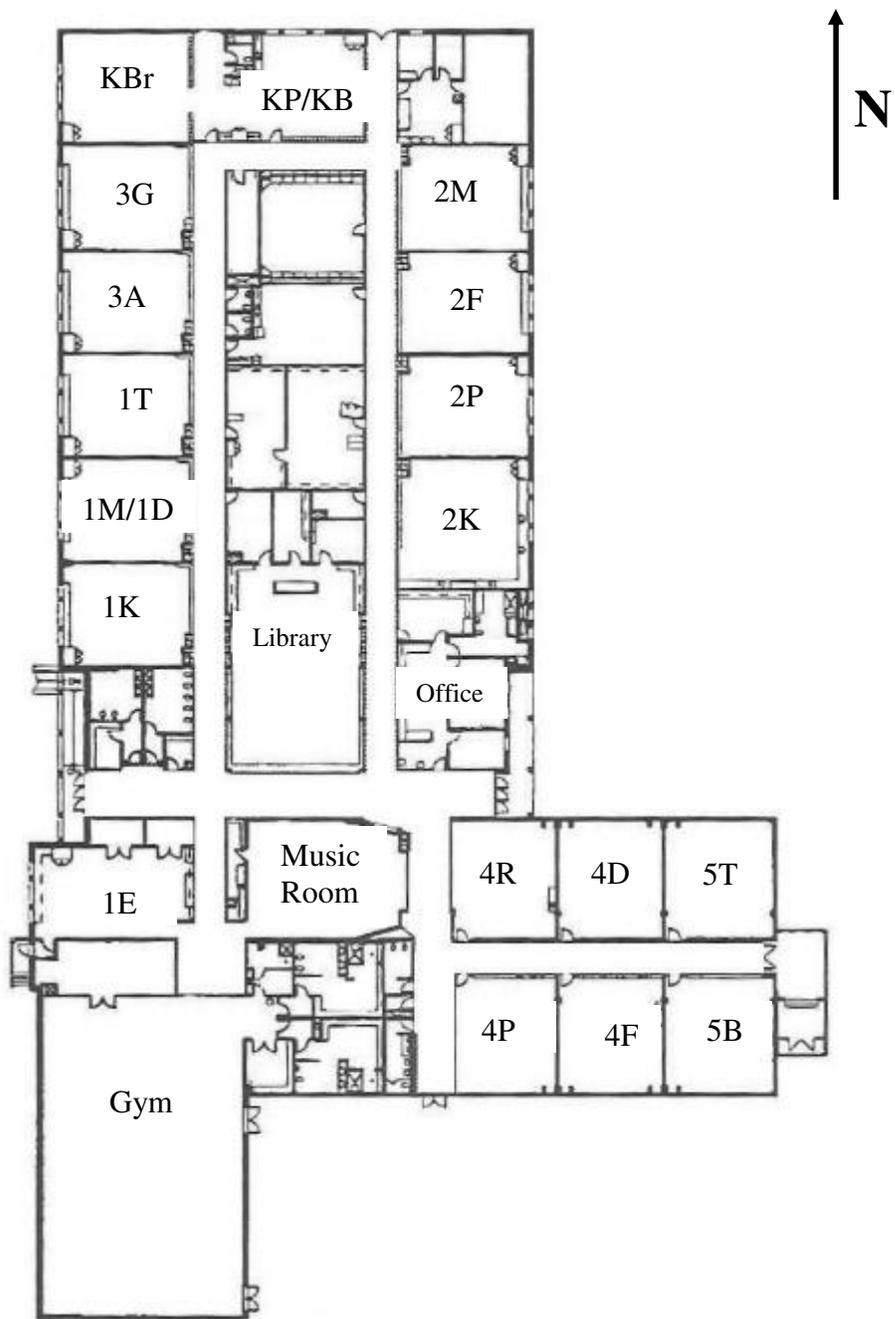
All of the **parents who helped out with field trips** this year. These trips are not possible without your continued support!!

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!

### Field Trip Pictures



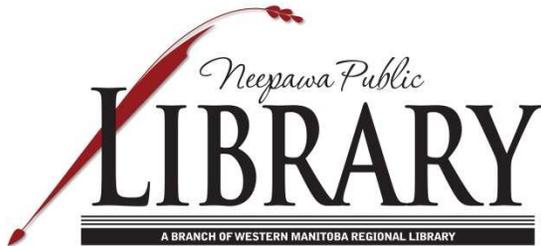
# HMK Map for 2019-20



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## PUBLIC SERVICE

For information about summer camp opportunities in Manitoba, visit the Manitoba Camps website at: [www.mbcamping.ca](http://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.

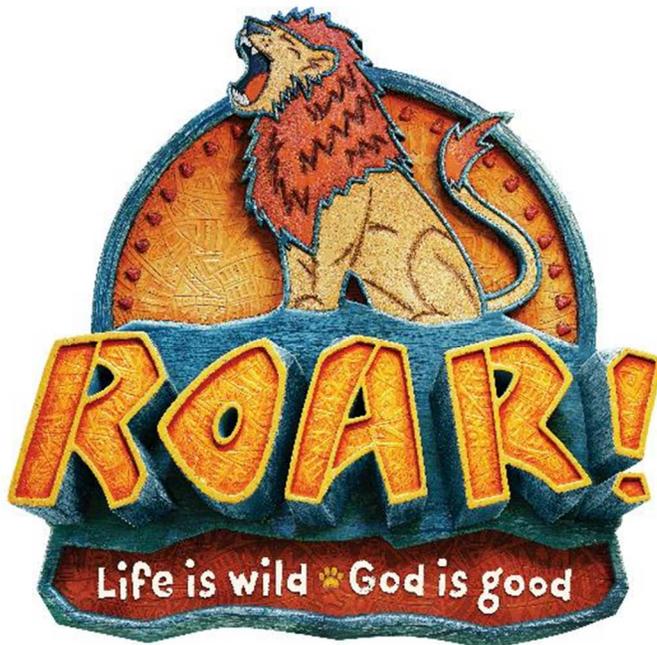


Be sure to sign up your readers for the Summer Reading Program at Neepawa Library this summer! All ages are welcome.

The Summer Reading Program encourages children to read by providing incentives (prizes!) for books and pages read. In addition, children from age 6 to 12 are invited to register for craft and activity programming throughout the summer at the library.

Research has shown that children who continue to read through the summer maintain their comprehension skills and have a better start in September than children who stop reading at the end of June.

Free registration for the program starts on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Drop in to the library or call 204.476.5648 for more information anytime.



### **Kids in K – Gr. 6 are invited to This Summer's Mane Event!!**

**New Friends - Fun Experiments -  
Stampede Sports - Delicious Snacks -  
Wild Bible Adventures - Incredible  
Music**

**at Vacation Bible School!!**

**Sun, July 7 – Thurs, July  
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**6:30 – 8:45 pm**

**Neepawa First Baptist  
Church**

## 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!**