



# HAZEL M. KELLINGTON SCHOOL



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## Newsletter #2

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Dear Parents

The first month of 2018-19 has gone very quickly! We hope that your child has settled into the routine of school, and that the first month has been a positive one for them. If your child is having trouble settling into school this year, please be sure to talk to his or her teacher about the specific things that seem to be holding them back. Sometimes a simple conversation, along with a few minor adjustments, are all that is needed to help a child feel more secure at school. Other times, a bigger conversation might be needed, but generally the best first person to talk to is the classroom teacher. There are several people who work with the school who may be asked for input, depending on the situation. Some of these include the resource teacher, guidance counselor, principal/vice-principal, educational psychologist, speech and language pathologist, student services coordinator, occupational therapist, physical therapist, CFS worker, Children's disAbility Services – the list goes on and on. Please know that our number one priority is to do what is best for kids. With your help, we feel that we will be able to work together to create the best possible learning environment for all of our children.

As we all look to support children to do their absolute best, we would like to remind everyone how important it is that kids get enough sleep and eat healthy food on a regular basis. We know that bedtime is often not something that kids look forward to. Please be prepared to hold the line (be firm, maintain a regular time) when it comes to bedtimes, and make sure that children are getting to bed, and settling to sleep early enough so that they are well rested each day. Many articles suggest limiting screen time well before bed, so that kids brains can settle and be ready to sleep. Nutritious food is also extremely important if we want our children to do their best. Kids should be eating breakfast before school, and will need something nutritious in their lunch and at snack times. We know it can be difficult at times finding food that is nutritious and affordable, that our children will eat. Again, this is an area that will pay off if you can find nutritious items that your children like to eat. Sending a small treat for the end of their lunch is fine, but please ensure that there is something nutritious for them to eat (and that they know they need to eat the nutritious items before the treat!).

Last year at HMK we tried a new way for families to contact each other outside of school. We called the initiative the "HMK Phonebook". The idea behind it was that families do not have a readily accessible way to contact each other, as often phone numbers are not known. To make contact easier, we offered families the opportunity to share (or not share) contact information. For the lower grades (K-2), families who chose to participate were listed according to grade, then each grade's "phone book" was distributed to participating families. For grades 3 - 5, participating families filled in a sticker that was placed inside the cover of their child's organizer. Children are then able to share contact information with other children. With the positive feedback we had last year, we will be offering the "phonebook" again this year. Look for a letter early next week which will give you the opportunity to be involved.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bus Evacuation Training
Monday, Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Thanksgiving
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	FCC Drive Away Hunger Food Drive
Thursday, Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	HMK Clothing order sent home with kids
Friday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> – MTS Provincial In-Service
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	HMK Book Fair
Wednesday Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair “Family Buy Night” from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in HMK library HMK Clothing samples available for sizing
Wednesday, Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween
Friday, Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day service at 11:00
Monday, Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher sign-up sheets sent home (school wide except K)
Monday, Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pickup for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
Wednesday, Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	Noon skating begins for K-gr 1, and gr 4-5 (Wednesdays until March)
Thursday, Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Noon skating begins for K, gr 2-3 (Thursdays until March) Parent Teacher sign-up sheets due back
Friday Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> – Teacher Professional Development / Admin
Tuesday, Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in HMK staff room
Tuesday, Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Report cards sent home
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent teacher conferences
Friday, Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> – Administration Day
Early December	HMK Clothing Order arrives at school
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Plays
Friday, Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day before Christmas Holidays
Monday, Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	School starts after Christmas Holidays (Day 3)

### HMK Patrols

Our grade 5 patrols are diligently out on the four corners surrounding the playground before and after school for those students who walk to and from school. The patrols are there to cross all people – even adults! If you are walking with your child and come to a corner with patrols, please allow the patrols to cross you and your child. Not only does this give the patrols good practice in doing their job, it also shows the other children that patrols are there to help us stay safe, and that we need to follow their instructions!

### SWIS Presentations

Earlier this month the SWIS workers (Settlement Workers In Schools) gave two presentations geared towards our newcomer families. They talked about school in general and focused on HMK and the various things that families will be able to expect over the course of the coming year. We would like to thank Myla, Patricia, and Iris for presenting to the families in attendance, and are very pleased to be able to offer another form of support to parents. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact the school, or any of the SWIS workers (204-476-2055)



## A Kid's Guide to Canada

Last year, Mr. Pudlo's grade 4 class participated in something called "A Kid's Guide to Canada". In this project, classes from across Canada created projects telling about the land and people of their neighborhood. The projects can then be uploaded to their website, so that other kids across Canada and the world can learn about the different parts of Canada. Mr. Pudlo's class also participated in a live presentation of communities from different parts of the Canadian Prairies (see the presentation on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3R5hs7fjbc>). This project was recently recognized and included in the Fall 2018 edition of "Canadian Teacher Magazine", complete with a picture of Mr. Pudlo's class doing their presentation! Here is the link to the magazine if you would like a further look: <https://canadianteachermagazine.com/issues/2018/CTM-Fall18/#page=10>

## Terry Fox Day at HMK

Our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk/BBQ was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> this year. We were fortunate to have such a great day for our school Terry Fox event, and were pleased to see such a great turnout again this year in support of the kids, and Terry Fox! With the support of the entire community – businesses who donated, parents who helped out, the Neepawa Natives who ran/walked with the kids and helped out, and relatives and friends who attended – it was a success in every way! We are pleased to be able to donate over \$1300 to the Terry Fox Foundation! We wouldn't be able to donate so much towards Terry's dream of curing cancer if it weren't for all of the generous sponsors who donate all of the hot dogs and buns (Neepawa Shop Easy), drinks (Neepawa Gladstone Co Op and Neepawa Safeway), and condiments/napkins/water (Giant Tiger).



## Birthday Reminder

We would like to remind all parents not to bring in special treats for your child's birthday. Although we very much appreciate the gesture, there are a few reasons we ask that treats not be brought to school:

- We have a number of allergies in the school, some of which are life threatening, and want parents to know that their children are only eating the food that they send to school
- We do not want other parents feeling obligated to bring treats in for the class. Money is often tight for families, and no one should feel pressured to provide something for the entire class.
- We would like to keep birthday acknowledgements small. Teachers will recognize birthdays in the classroom when they are announced to the school, and each classroom has its own thing it does. Having a big celebration often disrupts the learning, as kids find it very hard to concentrate when there has been a big celebration.

## Drive Away Hunger

Our school has decided to participate in the FCC Drive Away Hunger program by collecting donations of food for people who are hungry in our area. We would like you to send a food item to school with your child during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> to support this program. Below is a list of most needed food items according to Food Banks Canada:

- pasta products and rice
- canned meats and fish
- dry and canned soups and stews
- canned fruits and vegetables
- flour
- breakfast cereal
- canned/powdered milk
- fruit juices
- pasta sauce
- beans and legumes
- infant formula and baby food

For more information on FCC Drive Away Hunger, visit [www.fccdriawayhunger.ca](http://www.fccdriawayhunger.ca).

Thank you for your support. Working together, we can drive away hunger!



Canada

FCC Drive  
Away Hunger



## Bus Passes For Occasional Bus Riding

Our school division has adopted the practice of using bus passes to help keep track of who is on a given bus for each trip, in case of an accident or incident.

Each driver has a list of those students who ride their bus regularly. All other students require a bus pass before being allowed to ride (e.g. bus students who ride a different bus to a different location, non-bus students who ride occasionally to a friend's, etc).

Please inform the school office, preferably in writing, if your child needs a bus pass. If there is room on the bus, we will issue the student a bus pass to be given to the driver so he/she knows it has been approved.

## **HMK Choir**

Once again this year there will be a voluntary choir, "The HMK Noon-Hour Choir" for students in grades 3-5.

**We will have 2 different slots for choir.**

Slot 1: September-Christmas Break

Slot 2: January-May

Throughout the year, the choir will have various opportunities to sing at assemblies, concerts, festivals and other community events.

Gr. 3 rehearsal: Tuesdays 12:15-12:35

Gr. 4 & 5 rehearsal: Thursdays 12:10-12:35

CHOIR STARTS...

TUES. OCT. 2ND FOR GRADE 3'S

THURS. OCT. 4TH FOR GRADE 4/5'S

## **Michele Borba**

On September 17<sup>th</sup> our school division hosted Michele Borba. Dr. Borba presented to the entire Beautiful Plains staff during the day, then had a special parent presentation at NACI in the evening. The response from both staff and parents was excellent, as Dr. Borba talked about the importance that empathy plays in today's world, and gave many strategies for ways we can try to keep raising the level of empathy in our kids. If you would like more information on this, you can either contact the school, or go to Dr. Borba's website (<http://micheleborba.com/>) where you will find information, blog posts, resources, videos, and much more!

## Parent Council



Parent Council had our first meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Leah Sumner and Darcy Wood as past members of our Board! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be on the board this year:

- Leslie Dyke - President
- Larissa Koshel - Vice President
- Sarah Rose– Secretary
- Erin Warwaruk – Fundraising
- **Vacant Position** - Treasurer

Check out the H.M.K. website for posted minutes from our meetings (<http://hazelmkellington.weebly.com/parent-council.html>) and upcoming events. Parent council is a place to talk with other parents and administration about what is important for our children by allocating fundraising funds, giving feedback about different programs within the school, and taking action to make the school a great place to learn. We do coordinate two events during the school year – one fundraiser and teacher appreciation week. We also help out with the Spring Fling, which is the one family dance of the year!

If parents come to the meetings, they are not obligated to volunteer. Getting parent feedback is the most important part of Parent Council. Our next meeting is planned for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the HMK Staff Room. We look forward to meeting you!



## **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE 24hrs—7 days a week**

Further information is available at:

[www.studentaccidentinsurance.ca](http://www.studentaccidentinsurance.ca)

or the link at

[www.beautifulplainssd.mb.ca](http://www.beautifulplainssd.mb.ca)

## REMINDERS:

1. School fees are due and can be paid at the school office. Please try to get these cleared up as soon as possible. We understand that money is tight for everyone - if you would like the opportunity to pay your family's school fees in installments, please contact the office.
2. As per divisional policy, all visitors are asked to sign in at the office and then wear a visitor ID tag while they are in the school. The only exceptions to this would be if you drop something off at the office for your child, if you have come to pick them up from the office, or if it is some kind of special event at the school (e.g. Meet the Teacher, Halloween, Christmas performances, parent teacher interviews, etc). Please note that during school hours you will need to enter through the main doors near the office (facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave). For after school/evening activities, use the doors on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
3. Please do not drive past a bus as it is loading or unloading. It is illegal to pass a bus (in either direction!) when the red lights are flashing!! (Note that the fine for passing a bus when its red lights are flashing is over \$600.00!)
4. Our busses unload in the morning on Third Avenue between 8:30 and 8:50, and then load in the afternoon between 3:20 and 3:35. Please avoid dropping students off or picking them up on Third Avenue during these times.
5. As you know, we have students in our school with severe life threatening allergies to nuts and foods containing nuts, which is why we are a nut free school. We also have students with life threatening allergies to eggs, fish/seafood, legumes, soy, peas, and sunflower seeds (students in those classes have received letters about this). It is important that everyone remain vigilant in checking labels and talking to their kids about how dangerous these allergies are. We would like to stress the importance of checking labels on all foods that are coming to school with kids. The next newsletter will not be out before Halloween, so we would like to remind parents who will be bringing in special Halloween treats to check all ingredient labels so we make sure that the day remains safe for all kids in the school!

## THANKS TO:

Classroom/School Volunteers: **Gail Wutke.**

The **Neepawa Natives** for donating season passes to each of our students who wanted one!

Vision screening volunteers: **Cherie Thomson, Amanda Roels, Tracy Murray, Amanda LeBoutillier, Diana Davidson, Pat Fedoruk, Joanne Greer, Gayle Johnston, Amanda Baskerville, and Sherry Osborne**



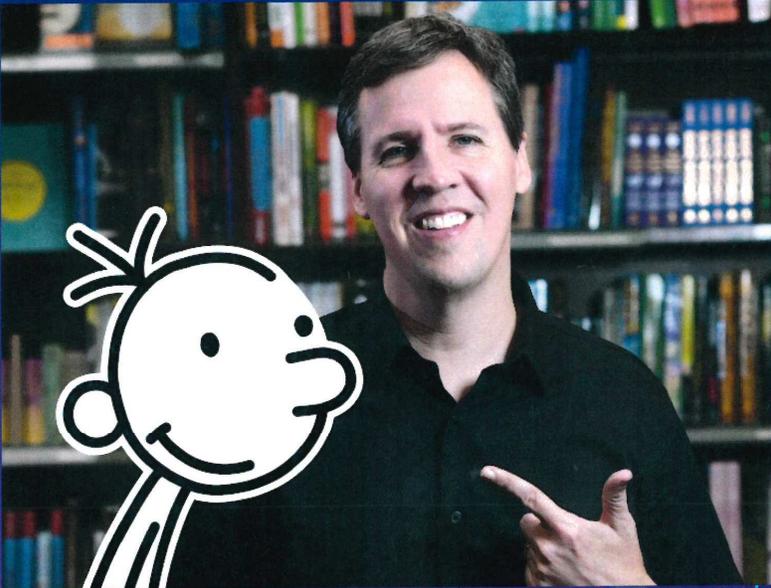
**Hazel M. Kellington School**  
would like to thank the following for  
supporting our Terry Fox activities:

**Shop Easy; Giant Tiger;  
Neepawa Natives; N.A.C.I.; Co-op; Safeway;  
Neepawa RCMP; Neepawa Banner/Press and  
all of our Community and Parent Volunteers.**

**With your help, we were able to send over \$1300 to the  
Terry Fox Foundation! Thank you!**

## PUBLIC SERVICE

**MCNALLY ROBINSON BOOKSELLERS**



AN EVENING WITH  
**Jeff Kinney**  
author of  
**DIARY of a Wimpy Kid**  
**THE MELTDOWN**

Tickets available at  
McNally Robinson Booksellers Grant Park and The Forks  
Tickets are \$30 and include 2 admissions and 1 copy of the new book

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8, 7:00 PM | DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**  
2nd Floor Ballroom, RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Ave.

[www.mcnallyrobinson.com](http://www.mcnallyrobinson.com)

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please telephone 204-475-0483. We would be happy to have him sign a copy for you.



Starts Friday, October 5, 2018

HMK Gym

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

# KidZone



- ▶ An exciting evening of character building activities
- ▶ Games, Bible Stories, Movies, Snacks
- ▶ For Children Grades K - 5
- ▶ Meeting Fridays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- ▶ Sponsored by Calvary Chapel
- ▶ For information, call 204-476-3245 or Sandra Unger at 204-476-6903 or Margaret Fehr at 204-476-2144



# KidZone



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT HMK

Parent assistance is extremely valuable in operating many school programs. Our school has a long history of **volunteer involvement**. Attached is a list of potential volunteer activities. If you would like to volunteer for something, please check off (on the next page) the activities you are willing to help with and return the list to the school.

- Would you be interested in assisting in the library on a regular basis?
- Would you be able to assist a teacher on a regular basis?  
e.g.: photocopying, listening to reading, etc
- Would you prepare hotdogs for our winter hot dog program? (Fridays January to March).
- Would you accompany teachers and classes on a field trip to assist and supervise?
- Do you have special skills to share at school? E.g.: crafts, carpentry, hobbies, etc.
- Would you help count money for special events?
- Would you assist with the upcoming Book Fair?
- Would you like to help with Parent Council initiatives such as fundraising, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spring Fling, etc.
- Would you be willing to help at the grade 5 – 6 track meets in June?
- Will you help with the K – 4 tabloid in June?
- Other

**Parents:** Please return this entire page.  
If you receive the newsletter via email, please  
print this page and have your child return the  
entire page. Thank you!!

Volunteers

I would like to assist with the volunteer program in the areas I have checked below:

- Library
  - Book Fair
  - Classroom
  - Preparing hot dogs
  - Track & Field
  - Field Trips
  - Counting Money
  - Special Skills
  - Tabloid
  - Parent Council Activities
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENTS:** Return this entire page by Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> signed by your parents to be eligible for newsletter draws!!

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_