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Dear Parents

Parent Council fundraising raffle reminder: Please return all tickets and money by Friday, Dec 7th. Thank you!

It would appear that winter is fully upon us! With the winter weather, we want to remind all parents and children that it is very important to dress properly for the cold temperatures! When children are dressed in warm outdoor clothing, they are able to have so much fun playing outside in the snow. If they are not dressed appropriately, the effects can range from discomfort to frost bite! If your child happens to need a piece of winter outerwear and you are not able to get it at this time, please be sure to contact the school office, as we do have some extras that we may be able to lend out for a period of time!

We hope that this week's parent teacher conferences have been productive for your family. Although parents are encouraged to talk with teachers throughout the school year whenever they have questions, formal conferences are only scheduled in November and March. Conversations between home and school are very important throughout the year, as they allow parents and teachers to make sure they are working together and providing a consistent message of encouragement to the child. Even though everyone knows that each child is unique, and has his or her own special gifts, strengths, and challenges, it is still at times hard, as parents, to see grades on the report card that are lower than we think our child is capable of. In these instances, it is even more important that we communicate clearly, and calmly, with the teacher, so that the grade and comments are fully understood, as are the next steps for progress in that area. Whenever your child brings home any type of grade or mark, it is best not to automatically assume that the grade is either good or bad based on the number alone. The grade by itself does not necessarily show the amount of effort that the child has put in, nor does it necessarily measure "how smart" a child is. Ask your child questions about the subject or assignment; what did they find easy, what did they find difficult? Ask them what they are doing to try to get better at the things they find hard? If at any time you get a sense that what your child is telling you is different than the conversations you have had with the teacher, checking in with the teacher is a great idea. We know that sometimes people might be apprehensive about approaching a teacher in this situation. A possible conversation starter could go something like this: "(your child's name) has been talking to me about (subject area), and seems to be having some difficulty with (particular topic). I'm wondering if you are also seeing this, or if there is something else that he/she might be missing or not understanding?". Another great question might be: "I am wondering what you feel would be the best way for me to help (child's name) better understand this?". Approaching a situation in this manner opens the door for you and your child's teacher to work together to help your child continue to make progress. It also promotes an ongoing conversation that will focus on how both home and school can work together to help your child do the best that she or he possibly can!





Important Dates

Friday, Nov 30 th	NO CLASSES – Administration Day
Early December	HMK Clothing Order arrives at school
Dec 13 th & 14 th	Christmas Play rehearsals in gym
Monday, Dec 17 th	*Cast 1: "A Holiday Moosical" 11:00 and 7:00 4 Pudlo "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas" 1:15 School performance
Tuesday, Dec 18 th	**Cast 2: "A Holiday Moosical" 11:00 and 7:00 4 Pudlo "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas" 1:00 Parent performance; 2:35 School performance
Friday, Dec 21 st	Last day before Christmas Holidays
Monday, Jan 7 th	School starts after Christmas Holidays (Day 3)
Wednesday, Jan 9 th	Money collection for hot dog day (Wednesdays until March 6 th)
Friday, Jan 11 th	Hot dog days begin (Fridays until March 8 th)
Tuesday, Jan 15 th	Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in HMK Staff Room
Jan 28 th – 30 th	Oak Hammock Marsh "On the Go" program
February	I Love to Read Month
February 5 th , 6 th , 7 th	Kindergarten Registration for 2019-20 school year
Monday, Feb 11 th	NO CLASSES – Division wide in-service
Thursday, Feb 14 th	Valentine's Day
Monday, Feb 18 th	NO SCHOOL – Louis Riel Day
Wednesday, Feb 27 th	Wear Pink to Stop Bullying
Friday, March 1 st	NO CLASSES – In school PD/admin

*Cast 1 for "A Holiday Moosical" (Dec 17th):

K Brister (2,4,6), K Byram

Grade 1 – 3: students whose last names start with A – J

4 Farquhar and 4 Vinnell (half of class)

**Cast 2 for "A Holiday Moosical" (Dec 18th):

K Brister (1,3,5), K Nicholson.

Grade 1 – 3: students whose last names start with K – Z

4 Rainka and 4 Vinnell (other half of class)

**NOTE: kids wanting to practice their "Moosical" songs at home can go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8DJfjvIYn8brrOI8DGuJBuKujIndbPAY>

Christmas Play update: Please note that for the evening performances of "A Holiday Moosical", the doors will open at 6:40. We would like all of the students who are performing that night in their designated classrooms by 6:50. At the end of the play, we ask that one parent or guardian go to the designated classroom to pick up each child. This will help reduce confusion after the play – with so many people around, children can have a very hard time finding their parents if they are not picked up at the classroom!

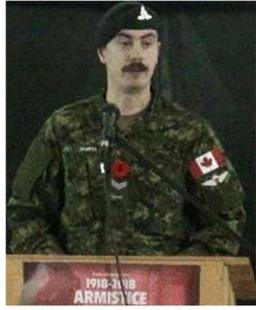




Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a solemn occasion, and the service that the students and staff put together for this year's Remembrance Day ceremony showed how important it still is. With this year marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, it was yet another reminder of how lucky we are to live in a free country. This year's program included readings, music, and multi-media displays. Our guest speaker, Bombardier Roberto Garcia, from PPCLI out of CFB Shilo, spoke to the children in a way they were able to understand, as he recounted the origin of the story of Winnie the

Pooh and the significance it had to the war. We would like to thank Bombardier Garcia for taking the time to drive out and speak to our students. We would also like to thank the grade 5 teachers and Mrs. Weisgerber for their musical contributions, Dawson Jakubowski for playing the bagpipes, Kailyn Hanke for playing the last post, and Mr. Freeman for organizing and running our Remembrance Day program. If you are interested, the link to a shortened version of the service is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtDAsuYGWbA>



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a program that gives groups of kids the opportunity to pack a shoe box that gets sent overseas to be distributed to children who may not be as fortunate as we are here. We are very proud of our students as this year they packed and sent 98 boxes! We would like to thank the local Baptist Church for picking up our boxes at the school and delivering them to the collection centre in Brandon. This is such a great project that helps our children develop a sense of empathy towards others who may not be as fortunate as we are. Thank you to everyone who helped make Operation Christmas Child such a great success!



Gym Competitions

This past month Mrs. Douglas has been having a few different competitions at recess time in the gym. There was the volleyball serving competition in grade 4, the wall sit in grade 3, and the plank hold competition in grade 2.





Parent Council

The parent council executive would like to Thank Darcy Wood for his service on our board as Treasurer. Stepping into his place is Nicole Credo. Thank you Nicole!

For fundraising this year, Parent Council will be doing a raffle with chances to win local prizes. Prizes include: a stay at Elkhorn resort, 6 local gift card draws, Neepawa Recreation Credit, a customized snack fridge, and VIP front row seating at the HMK Christmas concert (or Grade 5 Operetta in May)!

Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Tickets are on sale now, but need to be turned in, along with all money collected, by December 7th. The draws will all take place on Friday, December 14th.

Thank you in advance for your support. The money raised by Parent Council goes toward initiatives that benefit the whole school.

Our next Parent council meeting is January 15th, 2019 at HMK in the staff room. Coffee and babysitters will be provided.

Noon Skating

Our noon skating program is off to a great start again this year. We have been averaging well over 100 skaters every skating day we've had so far, and look forward to an ongoing strong turnout. Mrs. Ernest and Ms. Bohn have been very busy in the office over the last few weeks trying to fit kids with skates and helmets. We are still looking for helmets, and a few more pairs of skates. If you have either, or know someone who does, please consider giving them to the school so we can match them up with a child who needs them. This year the kids have been doing a better job of staying off the cement with their skates on (walking in your skates on cement is not good for the blades of the skate). We would also like to make sure that everyone knows that skates need to be sharpened from time to time, and a special machine is required for this. Skates can be sharpened at the Yellowhead Centre at Ed's Skate Sharpening booth. Ed is often there in the evening for a period of time, as well as spending some time there during the weekend. It costs \$5 to get a set of skates sharpened.

We have also been asked to try to limit the number of people on the ice in their shoes/boots. If your child needs help, please feel free to have one parent go out on the ice to help them. If your child does not need help, we ask that you watch from the stands or waiting room. Parents and younger siblings are always welcome to skate with their children, but we would like to limit the number of people on the ice with shoes/boots. Thank you for your cooperation with this! If you have any questions about skates, helmets, or skating in general, please do not hesitate to talk to us at the school – we would be happy to help you and your family with any questions you might have!





Grade 5 Volleyball

Our grade 5's have finished up their after school volleyball intramurals. We would like to thank the teachers who have volunteered their time to make this possible: Mrs. Vinnell, Mr. Joye, and Mrs. Douglas!



Winter Updates

Whenever possible, we will send the kids outside for recesses as the fresh air and exercise are both extremely beneficial to their overall development and well-being! Having said that, we realize there will be times that the kids do have to stay indoors for recesses due to extreme cold. We have set a -30°C wind-chill temperature as the temperature that kids will not be allowed outside for recesses. This is also the temperature at which we will cancel the grade 5 patrols. We know that having wind-chill values in the upper -20 's is quite cold, but as long as the kids are properly dressed, they will be fine for the short amount of time they are out during recesses! Please be sure that your children come to school dressed to play outside – warm parka, snow boots, ski pants, toque and mitts will be a necessity! Thank you!!

We would also like to remind parents that our general policy is that if a child is well enough to be in school, they are well enough to go out for recess. If you feel that your child is not well enough to go outside for recess, chances are they should not be in school that day! Of course there are obvious exceptions to this (e.g. broken leg causing loss of mobility as well as problems getting dressed/undressed for outside; cold induced asthma, etc). If you are unsure, please contact the school office and ask to speak to one of the administrators prior to sending your child to school. With so many people in the school, the last thing we want is to spread germs which will make other people sick! We appreciate your cooperation with this, as we want our kids staying as healthy as possible!

HMK Notices/Reminders:

- If you are coming into the school to pick your child up at the end of the day, we would ask that you wait on the mats at one of the entrances until the 3:25 bell goes. When people wait in the hall outside a classroom, it can often be a distraction to those inside the room! Thanks for your cooperation with this!





- Please remember to check all food labels before sending items to school. One item that we see at school from time to time is Nutella. Please do not send anything with Nutella in it (including Nutella snack packs), as this contains nuts. Thank you.
- Please leave gym clothes at school. They only need to go home at Christmas Break to be washed! Thank you.
- Please be sure to send a spoon in your child's lunch kit if there is anything that needs to be eaten with a spoon. Thank you!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Library and Classroom Volunteers: **Brenda Nelson and Gail Wutke.**

Junior Achievement volunteers **Lenema Perez, Kelly McGhie, and Ashley Huntley** for coming and talking to Mrs. Funk's and Mrs. Vinnell's grade 2 classes!

All parents who come out to help with the noon skating program. The extra hands tying skates helps them get out on the ice a little sooner!! Thank you!

The grade 9 students who joined our staff on November 1st for "Take Your Kid to Work Day"!

PUBLIC SERVICE



Minnedosa Youth Basketball Camp

FREE! Open to all kids grade 3-6
 Begins Saturday, January 12th.
 10am-12noon for 6 weeks
 Email minnedosaybc@gmail.com to register.
 Join us for our 5th season!

Students: Return this slip by Friday, Dec. 7th signed by your parents and be eligible for our newsletter draw!

Student: _____ Parent: _____

REMINDER: Please return your Parent Council raffle tickets – even if the book is not completely sold – by Friday, December 7th, along with all money. Thank you!





Introduction to Hockey Program

The biggest barriers to kids taking up hockey have been identified as the initial cost of equipment and "how do I learn to play?" Neepawa Minor Hockey is pleased to offer the "Introduction to Hockey Program" - an initiative that will strive to eliminate these barriers!

All registered participants will get:

1 hockey equipment fitting session (February)

6 on-ice coaching sessions (Feb/Mar) with coaches from the Neepawa Natives and Neepawa Farmers hockey teams

Full equipment to keep (Hockey bag with skates, shin pads, jock/jill shorts, pants, elbow and shoulder pads, neck guard, helmet, socks, jersey, stick)

Cost \$125/participant

The program is open to children aged 4-12.

Please register by Jan 4/2019 by downloading the registration form from

www.NeepawaMinorHockey.ca

Questions: Call Jamie Denbow at 204-212-0587

Space will be limited to 25-30 participants

Introduction to Hockey Program

Ang pinakamalaking hadlang para sa mga kabataan na gustong matuto ng larong *hockey* ay ang gastos para sa kagamitan at ang tanong kung "paano ako matutong maglaro nito?" Ang Neepawa Minor Hockey ay malugod na nag-aalok ng "**Introduction to Hockey Program**" - isang inisyatibo na nagsusumikap na matanggal ang mga naturang hadlang!

Lahat ng mga rehistradong kalahok ay makakakuha ng mga sumusunod:

- Isang (1) *hockey equipment fitting session* (buwan ng Pebrero)
- Anim (6) na *on-ice coaching sessions* (buwan ng Pebrero/Marso) kasama ang mga *coaches* mula sa *hockey teams* ng Neepawa Natives at Neepawa Farmers, at
- Buong kagamitan na mapapasainyo (*Hockey bag* na may kasamang *skates, shin pads, jock/jill shorts, pants, elbow at shoulder pads, neck guard, helmet, medyas, jersey at stick*).

Halaga \$125 / bawat kalahok

Ang programang ito ay para sa mga batang may edad na 4 (apat) hanggang 12 (labindalawang) taong gulang.

Mangyaring magparehistro hanggang Enero 4, 2019 sa pamamagitan ng pag *download ng registration form* sa NeepawaMinorHockey.ca.

Kung may mga katanungan - tumawag kay Jamie Denbow sa telepono 204-212-0587.

Ito ay limitado sa 25-30 na kalahok lamang.

