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NEWSLETTER #9

Dear Parents

May 1st, 2019

With May upon us, we are still looking for an extended streak of warmer weather. Please continue to monitor outside temperatures and be sure to have your children dress appropriately. It can be very uncomfortable playing outside if the temperature is in the single digits and your child only has a thin jacket!

You may have heard that the provincial government has created a Commission on Kindergarten – Grade 12 Education. The mandate of the Commission is to carry out an independent review of the K-12 education system to improve outcomes for students, ensure long-term sustainability and enhance public confidence. The Commission will:

- propose a renewed vision for K-12 education.
- make bold recommendations to ignite change within existing systems, structures and programs which inspire excellence in teaching and learning.
- consider the continuum of early learning, post-secondary education and labour market needs as part of an integrated lifelong learning approach.

The areas that the Commission will focus on include:

- **Long-term vision** – What should the goals and purpose of K-12 education be in a rapidly changing world?
- **Student learning** – What are the conditions required to achieve excellence in student achievement and outcomes in Manitoba?
- **Teaching** – How can teachers and school leaders become most effective?
- **Accountability for student learning** – How can the education system develop a stronger sense of shared accountability for student learning?
- **Governance** – What type of governance structures are needed to create a coordinated and relevant education system?
- **Funding** – What actions are required to ensure that the education system is sustainable and provides equitable learning opportunities for all children and youth?

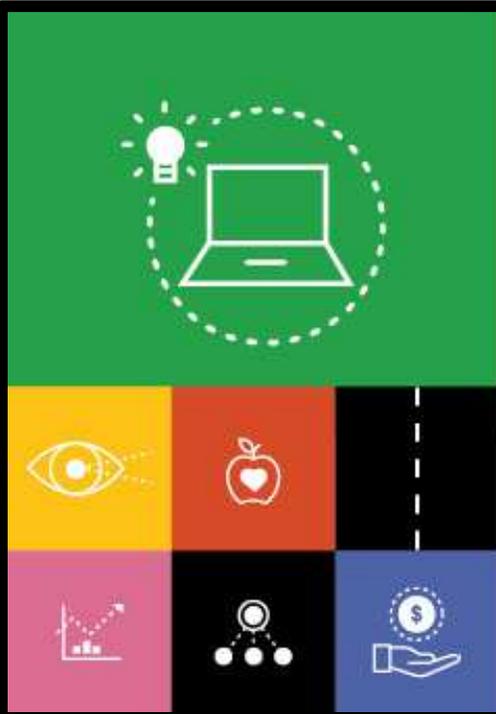
The work of the Commission will be guided by the following principles:

- **Student centered** – As a key focus of this review is to improve student achievement and student outcomes, the work of the Commission is to be centered on children and youth and on the conditions necessary to support their educational success.

- **Culturally responsive** – Respecting diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, *la francophonie*, and newcomers, valuing the critical relationships between language and culture.
- **Building on success** – The work of the Commission will build on the strengths of the existing system and will identify the areas requiring attention, improvement and change.
- **Open, engaging and accessible** – All sectors of society will be encouraged to participate and provided with opportunities to have their voices heard.
- **Evidence-informed** – In addition to the voices and perspectives of Manitobans, the Commission will ground its recommendations in research and evidence of successful educational reform initiatives in other jurisdictions.
- **Excellence** – Recommendations will be developed with the intention of achieving a high-quality education system and opportunities for all to aspire to excellence.

The Commission is asking for feedback from all Manitobans – students, parents, educators, school boards, academics, Indigenous organizations, *la francophonie*, municipal councils, professional organizations, the business community and the general public. People can provide feedback by attending one of the public meetings that have been scheduled, submitting their thoughts in writing, or participating in an online survey (<https://forms.gov.mb.ca/education-review-public/>).

As you can see, the Commission has a huge task ahead of it, one that has the potential to effect wide-sweeping changes within the educational system. Please be sure to spend some time thinking about your child's education, and add your voice to the discussion. If you have any thoughts or questions you would like to discuss, please be sure to contact the school office.



Help Shape Our Education System!

Manitoba's Independent Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education invites you to participate in the review of our education system.

manitoba.ca/educationreview

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TOLL FREE: 1-877-491-2657

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, May 2 nd	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7:00 pm in HMK Music Room
May 7 th and 8 th	Preschool screening dates – Neepawa Legion Hall for kids born in 2015
May 15 th and 16 th	Grade 5 Operetta "Rats" (at Roxy Theatre)
Thursday, May 16 th	Bicycle Rodeo for Grade 2 Classes
Monday, May 20 th	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
Tuesday, May 21 st	Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in HMK Staff Room
May 21 st -24 th	Book Fair
Thursday, May 23 rd	Eden Cross Country Run
May 27 th & 28 th	Grade 2 field trip to Austin (2 classes each day) Nursery School touring HMK at 10:30 and 2:30 each day
Friday, May 31 st	Neepawa Grade 5/6 Track Meet (rain date June 3 rd)
June 3 rd – 5 th	Pre-kindergarten appointments for incoming K's
Thursday, June 6 th	Grade 4 field trip to Brandon
June 6 th & 7 th	Grade 5 Camp Trip
Wednesday, June 12 th	BPSD Recognition Evening
Friday, June 14 th	Divisional Track meet (rain date June 17 th)
Wednesday, June 19 th	HMK K-4 Tabloid at Riverbend (Gr 1-4 rain date: June 20 th)
Monday, June 24 th	Year-end assembly at 1:15
Wednesday, June 26 th	NO CLASSES – Admin / PD
Thursday, June 27 th	NO CLASSES – Admin Day
Friday, June 28 th	Last day – early dismissal

**** Note:** All kindergarten students (from both days) will come to school on June 19th for the Tabloid (rain or shine). There will be no kindergarten classes – for any kindergarten students – on June 20th.

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.

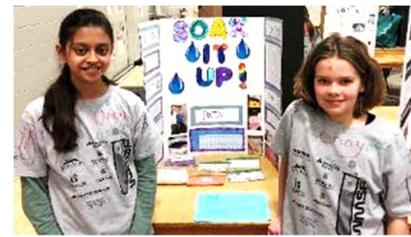
Neepawa and District Fine Arts Festival

HMK had several classes, as well as the HMK Choir, participate in the Neepawa and District Fine arts Festival again this year. Some classes participated in the choral music part of the festival, while others took part in the speech arts section. Practicing a piece, and then performing it for others, is such a wonderful opportunity for children, and we are fortunate to have the Fine Arts Festival for our children to participate in! A big thank you to the teachers who had their classes participate in the speech arts portion of the festival, and to Mrs. Weisgerber for directing the choral portions!



Westman Science Fair

On April 9th, some of our grade 5 students packed up their science fair projects and ventured to the Western Manitoba science Fair in Brandon. Almost 30 HMK students participated in the regional science fair and had a great day! Judging of the projects took the entire morning. The kids were entertained by the Bubbleman at lunch, and then had a tour of Brandon University in the afternoon. Thanks to Mr. Joye and Mrs. Woods for taking our eager grade 5's to the Science Fair in Brandon!



Grade 1 to Gardenview Farm

On April 17 the grade one classes took their learning outdoors and spent the afternoon at Gardenview Farm (Mrs. MacPhee's) for a maple syrup day! Mrs. MacPhee tapped 22 maple trees in her yard, and we joined her to learn about the process of collecting sap and turning it into maple syrup. Did you know it takes 40 liters of sap to make 1 liter of syrup? Each class had the chance to collect sap from 5 maple trees, and then rotated through 4 different stations. At Ms. Evecsyn and Mrs. Kerk's station students were able to pour maple taffy on clean snow to make a taffy stick! At Ms. Taylor and Mrs. McCaskill's station students used their sense of taste to try sap straight from the tree, as well as dip a pancake in maple syrup. At Mrs. MacPhee's station she demonstrated how the sap is turned into syrup. At Mrs. Doerksen's station each student got to make a special maple tree wood slice necklace as a keepsake from our fun day. Along with the maple syrup fun, the teachers had hidden 107 plastic Easter eggs all over Mrs. MacPhee's yard for the students to find. They were able to find a total of 100, so hopefully when we go back to Mrs. MacPhee's in June for outdoor classroom, we will find the missing 7! A special thank you to our parent helpers, and Mrs. McCaskill who volunteered her time to make pancakes for everyone!



Plant Workshops – French Revitalization Grant

This month we were pleased to be able to bring Suzanne Simpson of Sage Garden Greenhouse to each of the grade 3 classes through the French Second Language Revitalization Grant. The presentations focused on plant anatomy, planting techniques, and caring for plants. We are very appreciative of the French Second Language Revitalization grant, which allowed us to bring this program in for our grade 3 students!



Austin Jump Team Visits HMK

On April 29th we were very pleased to host the Jump Team from Austin to our school. The Jump Team demonstrated many different kinds of skipping – individual, long rope, pairs, double dutch, and egg beater, to name a few! The kids were in grades 5 – 8 and did an amazing job!



Spring Fling

This year's Spring Fling took place on April 26th 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 2nd 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 Benjamin Hulley-Oberholzer who won the Monster Bluetooth Speaker (winning ticket sold by Benjamin Hulley-Oberholzer), and to Karen Tessa Lagare who won the Samsung Tablet (winning ticket sold by Althea Caberte). We would like to thank Mrs. Ernest, Ms. Bohn, Mrs. Chapman, and Mrs. Funk for sitting at the raffle table and silver collection throughout the evening; Mrs. Douglas for working with the kids on their dances, and setting up the play list; and the HMK Parent Council for organizing the Spring Fling and looking after the setup and take down!



Fractured Fairy Tales

Mrs. Freeman's Grade 6 class from NACI came and presented two fractured fairy tales to the Grade 4 classes.



Parent Council

We have had another fun and successful Spring Fling! Thank you to parent council members and teachers for their work on this.

At our March meeting, HMK staff gave us many great ideas for allocating parent council fundraising money.

We decided to give money to grade 5 camp trip, iPads and tech to ESL/resource, egg hatching equipment to kindergarten, butterfly kits to grade 1, gymnastics vault/jumping equipment for phys ed. all ages.

Just a reminder that 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

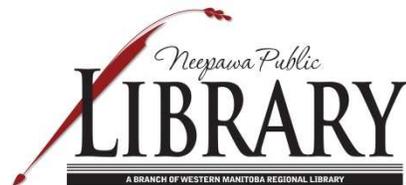
Our final meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, May 21st, at 7:00 pm in the HMK Staff Room. Babysitting and coffee will be provided

THANKS TO:

Classroom Volunteers: Gail Wutke and Lisa Martin.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE



Coder Dojo is coming to Neepawa Library this summer!

CoderDojo is a global, volunteer-led movement of free, open coding clubs (Dojos) for young people!

At a Dojo, the participant, who we call Ninjas, learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, and games, and explore technology in a fun and creative way. Ninjas also meet like-minded peers, work on exciting team and individual projects, and learn valuable social and transferable skills for the future.

CoderDojo's mission is to give young people around the world the opportunity to learn to program computers within a social and safe environment.

If you have a potential Ninja in your family aged 8 to 12 who wants to learn how to code this summer, please call the Neepawa Library at 204-476-5648 to register. And of course, it's free!



Arden Crocus

Festival

May 4, 2019

Rainbow Auction, Games
Entertainment(Bubble Man)

Approx. 3 p.m.

Petting zoo, pony rides

Pooh Stick Race 2 p.m.

Breakfast 8-10 a.m. \$7

Lunch: Hot Dog \$2

Supper 5:30 \$10

All meals free to kids under 14

Wagon rides to crocus
monument

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6th Annual
Chamber Fair



MAY 24, 25, & 26, 2019

Neepawa Fair Grounds

Guaranteed fun for
the whole family!

Students: Return this page by Wednesday, May 8th signed by your parents and be eligible for Newsletter Draws.

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Parent