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Newsletter #1

Dear Parents

September 7th, 2023

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the new school year! The summer went by like a blur – again – but the staff is all ready to kick off the new school year!

We are excited to welcome the following new staff members to the HMK team: teachers Jenna Colley, Hylin McLaren, and Emma Salmon; EAs Blake Roe, Kelly Roe, and Perline Romero; and lunch supervisors Aivie Estay and Melinda Gaza. We also have a couple of teachers in new roles this year: Megan Dyck has moved from kindergarten to grade 1, and Katrina Guillas has moved from grade 1 to grade 2. We are excited to welcome our newest staff members, and know that each of them will do great things with the children they are working with!

As we start a new school year, it is extremely important for each of us to set routines in place that will help us to be successful. Please continue to make sure that your child is getting to bed early each night so that they will come to school rested and ready to learn! Having a healthy breakfast will help your child be able to learn, as we all know how hard it is to concentrate when we are hungry or filled up on sugar! Healthy snacks and lunches will allow your child to be their best while at school throughout the day.

Another routine that I would like to mention is setting aside a regular time each night to read with your child and do some basic number work. As you read with your child, encourage good reading habits by stopping at various points and asking questions about the book, or what they think will happen next. Modeling these strategies for our children will encourage them to think about what they are reading, which is a necessity for understanding! Basic number work can take on many forms, including games. Anything that makes children count, match, or sort would be included in this!

Although there are many important routines, the last one I will mention at this time is communication between home and school. Each homeroom teacher will be using an electronic communication app to help communicate with parents. Please be sure to sign up for the app that your child's teacher is using, and check it daily. Many important messages will come to you through this app, so it is important to keep up with it through the year. The school will also send mass messages to parents by email, so it is extremely important that we have your most up to date email address on file! We hope that the coming school year is fantastic for you and your family! Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have questions at any time!

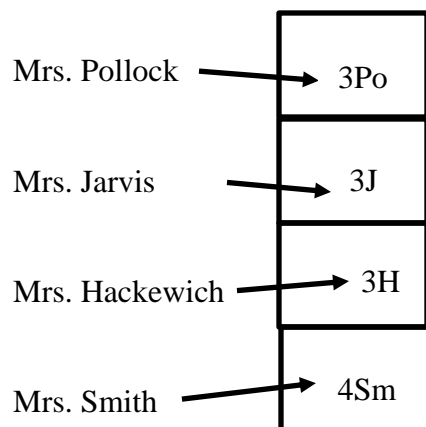
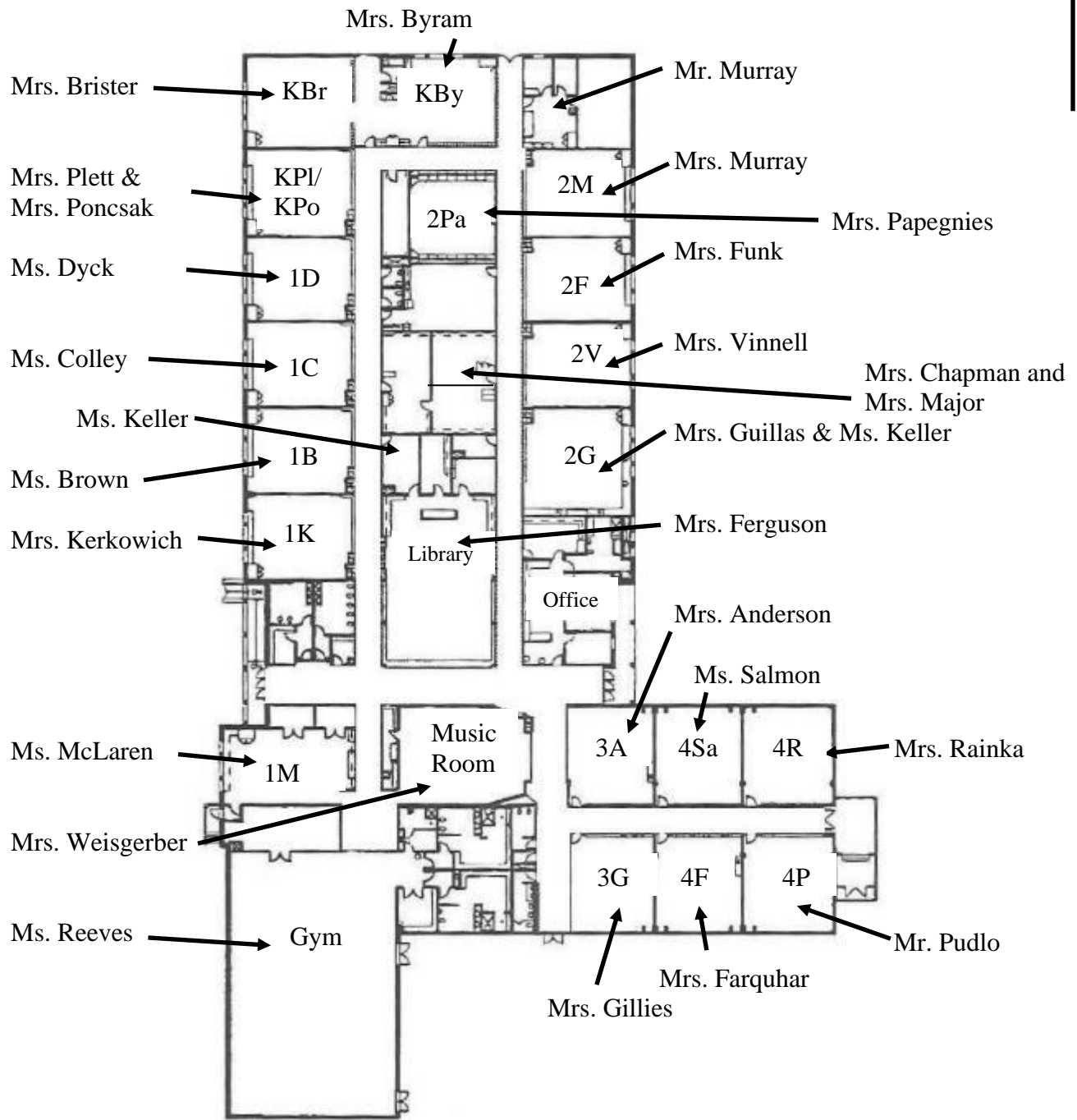
Important Dates

Sept 6 th – 11 th	Kindergarten Parent – Teacher appointments
Thursday, Sept 21 st	HMK Terry Fox Walk/Run/BBQ
Sept 21 st and 22 nd	Lifetouch Picture Days
Friday, Sept 29 th	HMK Orange Shirt Day
September 30 th	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Tuesday, Oct 3 rd	NO CLASSES – Divisional Inservice for all BPSD Employees
Monday, Oct 9 th	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
Friday, Oct 20 th	NO CLASSES – MTS PD Day

It may seem as though you are being bombarded by paperwork, emails, and messages in this first week – please bear with us! Along with this newsletter being emailed to you, you will also receive some papers: a pink information verification form, our Code of Conduct and Behaviour Plan information, as well as a student accident insurance letter. Although it may seem like a lot, it is all extremely important! Here is a brief explanation of the papers you received:

- **Hazel M. Kellington Student Information Verification Form (pink)**
 - This form contains the information that we currently have in our computer system for your child/family – it is extremely important that our records are accurate!
 - Please cross out anything that is incorrect and write the correct information in the right hand column.
 - Once completed, please return it to the classroom teacher – we hope to get all forms back this week!
- **HMK Student Code of Conduct and Behaviour Plan**
 - Please review these with your child this week, and keep them on hand to periodically review throughout the year.
 - Please contact the school if you have any questions.
- **Student Accident Insurance letter**
 - There are two types of student accident insurance: voluntary accident insurance and universal accident insurance. The letter will go over each type of insurance
 - Voluntary student accident insurance is strongly encouraged for all students. For a relatively small fee you will receive 24/7 coverage for a variety of accidents. Please read through the online brochure at:
<https://www.hubinternational.com/-/media/HUB-International/Programs-and-Associations/MSBA/Vol-Student-Accident---6-panel---English.pdf>
 - Please go to the website listed in the pamphlet to purchase student accident insurance (www.manitobastudentinsurance.ca)
 - The letter also outlines the Universal Student Accident Insurance policy that Beautiful Plains School Division carries. Please note that this is very basic insurance and does not cover all types of accidents, and only applies when students are actually at school.
 - Please read over the letter to better understand the difference between the voluntary insurance and the universal coverage. If you have any questions, please be sure to call the school!

HMK Map for 2023-24



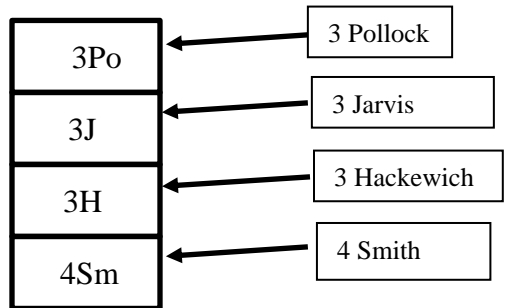
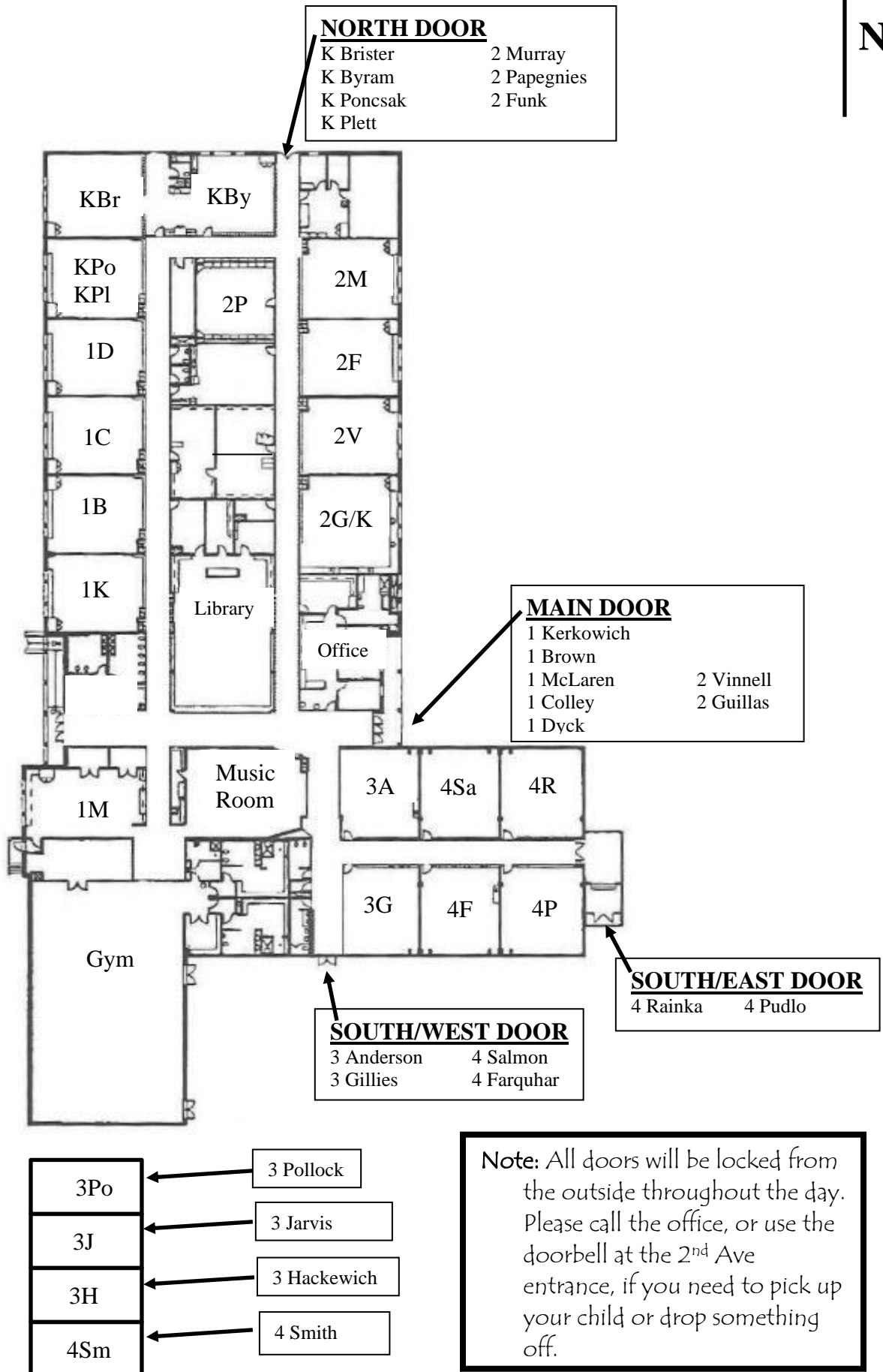
Our staff personnel are as follows:

Grade	Teacher(s) (# classes)	Specialty	Teacher(s)
K	Mrs. Brister (2 classes), Mrs. Byram, Mrs. Plett, Mrs. Poncsak (5)	Music	Mrs. Weisgerber (K-4) Mrs. Major (gr 1), Mrs. Chapman (gr 1)
1	Ms. Brown, Ms. Colley, Ms. Dyck, Mrs. Kerkowich, Ms. McLaren (5)	PE	Ms. Reeves (K-4); Mr. Freeman (Gr 1)
2	Mrs. Funk, Mrs. Guillas/Ms. Keller, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Papegnies, Mrs. Vinnell (5)	Resource	Mrs. Chapman (K-4)
3	Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Hackewich, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Pollock (5)	Early Literacy	Ms. Keller
4	Mrs. Farquhar, Mr. Pudlo, Mrs. Rainka, Ms. Salmon, Mrs. Smith (5)	English as an Additional Language	Mrs. Major
VP/ Guidance	Mr. Freeman	Principal	Mr. Hanke
EA's	Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ferguson (librarian), Mrs. Filipchuk, Mrs. MacDiarmid, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. McCharles, Mrs. McPhee, Miss S. Moulson, Ms. T. Moulson, Mr. Roe, Mrs. Roe, Mrs. Romero, Mrs. Vasquez, Mrs. Virtudazo		
Lunch Supervisors	Mrs. Estay, Mrs. Gaza		
Custodians	Mrs. Braza, Mrs. Gaza, Mr. Murray (head custodian), Ms. Zechowski		
Secretaries	Mrs. T. Plett, Mrs. Filipchuk		
Divisional Speech and Language Pathologist: Mrs. Dana Ginter	Divisional Mental Health Facilitator: Mrs. Tess Lelond	Divisional Educational Psychologist: Mrs. Britton Nugent	

School Hours:

8:40	Doors open for student entry
8:55	Opening exercises – classes begin
9:55-10:10	Gr 2 and 4 recess (Gr 2 north playground; Gr 4 south playground)
10:25-10:40	K, Gr 1 and 3 recess (K & Gr 1 north playground; Gr 3 south playground)
11:40-12:10	Gr 2 and 4 lunch recess (Gr 2 north playground; Gr 4 south playground)
12:10-12:40	Lunch for all grades (in classrooms)
12:40-1:10	K, Gr 1 and 3 lunch recess (K & Gr 1 north playground; Gr 3 south playground)
1:40-1:55	Gr 2 and 4 recess (Gr 2 north playground; Gr 4 south playground)
2:10-2:25	K, Gr 1 and 3 recess (K & Gr 1 north playground; Gr 3 south playground)
3:20	Dismissal of ALL bus students
3:25	Dismissal of K, Gr 1 and 3 town students
3:30	Dismissal of Gr 2 and 4 town students

HMK Doors for Student Use 2023-24



If there are any changes to your child's normal end of day routine (e.g. not on bus, someone different picking up, etc), it is extremely important that the school receive a message from a parent indicating what that change will be. If you know in advance you can message your child's teacher. If the change comes up throughout the day, please be sure to call the school office as early as possible. It is extremely important that the school has the most up to date information regarding children's end of day routine!

Town students should ideally arrive in the morning between 8:45 and 8:50. They should not be on the playground before 8:35. Town students will enter the school through their assigned doors and head directly to their classroom any time after 8:40. We are going to ask parents to stay out of the school and off the playground during drop off and pick up times, unless you need to talk to someone in the office, or have an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. These are both very busy times, and we would like to minimize the number of people on the playground and in the school during these times – thank you for your understanding with this!

After school, town students need to have a plan as to where they are going. Students should not be staying on the playground after school. If town students need to wait to be picked up, they will wait outside in their class assigned spot.

The play structures and swings will be closed both before and after school.

Please be aware that we do not provide supervision on the playground before 8:35 am, or after school.

Adult Crossing Guards

To help ensure children's safety, Beautiful Plains School Division will have adult crossing guards at the following corners according to this schedule:

Location	Time(s)
2 nd and Mill	8:30 – 8:45 and 3:25 – 3:40
2 nd and Brydon	8:30 – 8:45 and 3:25 – 3:40
2 nd and Main (Highway 16)	8:15 – 8:45 and 3:30 – 4:00
Mountain and Hospital	8:30 – 8:45 and 3:30 – 3:45
Brown and Hospital	8:30 – 8:45 and 3:30 – 3:45

It is recommended that:

- all students living south of Main St who walk to school use the 2nd Ave cross walk at the designated times.
- all students living north of the school who need to cross Mountain Ave use the Hospital St crossing at the designated times

Attendance

If your child will be missing school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. You can talk to your child's teacher directly, leave a note in the organizer (if the class is using organizers), or call the school and talk to Mrs. Plett or Mrs. Filipchuk. It is very important that we know when students will not be in school, as we track attendance diligently. As a safety measure, we need to know if a child will not be in school that day. If a student does not come to school, and there has not been prior communication from the parent, the school will call home to verify the absence. As you can well imagine, this takes a fair amount of time – we would prefer that all absences are reported to the office as soon as you know your child will not be in school! For our records, an absence will be recorded as excused when a parent contacts us.

Bicycles

For safety reasons, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are not allowed to ride bicycles to school. All bicycles must be parked in the bicycle racks provided in the lots available.

Students who live north of the school – please park in north bike racks

Students who live south of the school – please park in south bike racks

Noon Hour Guidelines

Since we have many students staying for lunch, please be guided by the following:

If possible, town students can go home for lunch – this gives them a break and also reduces school supervision.

Students who stay for lunch do so as a privilege. If students are misbehaving during lunch, the formal warning system is as follows:

1st warning – review guidelines, note home to be signed by parent

2nd warning – administrative phone call home, note home to be signed by parent

3rd warning – withdrawal of noon privilege for a specified time – eg: 1 month

Street Smarts for Kids

Please review these street safety rules with your children:

- Go directly to and from school – parents need to know where you are and that you are safe.
- Do not accept rides, gifts or candy from strangers or from other people along the way. Do not go with a stranger into a yard, house, or vehicle for any reason. If you need help, get away from the situation and tell a person you can trust.

***** If for some reason your child does not arrive home at the expected time, please contact the school right away.**

School Supply Fees

You will see a wide variation on school supply fees at each grade level. The fee for most grades covers all of their initial school supplies – the only exceptions are grades 3 and 4 (some supplies provided). We would like to have all fees collected by September 22nd. If you would prefer to pay in installments, please contact the office.

Grade	Amount
Kindergarten	\$20
Grade 1	\$45
Grade 2	\$40
Grade 3	\$20
Grade 4	\$25

NOTE: Fees can be paid by sending either cash or a cheque with your child (cheques can be made payable to HMK). When sending money for supplies or fees throughout the year, please try to, as much as possible, send correct change. We do our best to make change for families, but do not generally have a lot of change at the school. Once school fees have been received, it may take a few weeks before a receipt gets sent home.

Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to accept e-transfers or online payments at this time.

Settlement Workers In Schools (SWIS)

The SWIS program is a free, school-based outreach program aimed at facilitating the settlement of newcomer students and their families, as well as their integration into school and the community. SWIS focuses on serving:

- Newcomer students and families who have been in Canada for a short time.
- Newcomer students and families with unresolved first-year settlement needs; and
- Immigrant families experiencing ongoing, long-term settlement issues and those in need of intensive support regardless of arrival date.

SWIS creates a bridge between school, home and community, and provides:

- Orientation & referrals to essential resources and organizations in the community;
- Information required for successful transition to the Canadian school setting and activities;
- Practical guidance and advice, as well as immediate intervention in crisis situations;
- Advocacy for newcomer students and their families in the school and community;
- Personal outreach to newly-arrived families to help enhance the settlement process.

SWIS is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). It is a partnership between Neepawa & Area Immigrant Settlement Services, Inc. (NAISS, Inc.) and the local school division.

You can contact a SWIS worker by calling 204 476-2055.

Allergies (Peanuts, Nuts and Other Things)

I would like to remind parents that our entire school is a peanut and nut free zone. With the increase in the number of children with life threatening allergies, our goal is to keep all children safe. There are many serious allergies in the school (peanuts, nuts, eggs, seafood, sesame, legumes, sunflower seeds, green peas, latex, and wasp/bee stings) – you will receive a letter if your child is in a class that has someone with a severe allergy. **Please read all ingredient labels before sending any items to school.** We also ask that you talk to your child about the importance of not sharing their lunch or snacks, as they may not know whether a child is allergic or not. As an additional precaution, we ask that everyone wash their hands both before and after eating. The safety of students with allergies depends on all of us doing our part!

No Child Without

Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's *No Child Without* program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and whose ages are from 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy, or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should take a look at this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information contact the office to have a brochure sent home, or go to www.nochildwithout.ca (to register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office).

If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program, you can call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 to update your child's file.

THANK YOU:

Gary and Darlene Barber for donating backpacks filled with school supplies to help families in need!!



Beautiful Plains School Division requires school bus drivers for regular routes and extracurricular sporting/educational trips.

Route #12 & #13 - Permanent for the Eden Catchment Area
Route #2 - Permanent for the Neepawa Area

Regular route school bus drivers earn from \$75.⁰⁰ to \$130.⁰⁰ per day depending on the length of the bus route.

No experience is necessary other than having a good driving record for the previous three years. Beautiful Plains will provide a training program for applicants to become a licensed school bus driver.

Upon successful completion of the licensing requirements and the commencement of duties with the school division a reimbursement of \$750 for time and licensing costs will be provided.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Warren Rainka at 204-476-5009.

See Division website for more details at www.beautifulplainssd.ca
Click on Job Postings.

Little BALLERS is an early childhood developmental program that offers classes out of the HMK gym on Saturdays starting this Saturday! This is a program that is designed to get kids moving and learning!! Opportunities for grants exist through Jordan's Principle, Canadian Tires' Jumpstart program, and KidSport. Register for the program and/or apply for the grants by clicking on this link:

[Little Ballers Registration](#)

Little BALLERS EXPANSION

NEEPAWA

@HAZEL M KELLINGTON SCHOOL

Baby Ballers (10m-2.5) 9:15am

Little Ballers (2.5-3.5) 10:15am

Mini Ballers (3.5-5) 11:15am

Big Ballers (5-8) 12:15pm

**Classes start on Saturday, September 9th*

Early Childhood Developmental Basketball Program for ages 10M - 8yrs

Register Now

Little BALLERS

Where Kids Thrive!



KidSport™ Canada

With the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation causing uncertainty for all Canadian citizens throughout the country, KidSport is committed to assisting families as best we can during these unprecedented times.

Most Provincial/Local KidSport Chapters are accepting and reviewing submitted applications at this time, however, with the uncertainty around the commencement and resumption of fall/winter sports leagues and how long those sport seasons will be, KidSport may not be issuing cheques to sport clubs on behalf of families until sport resumes.

As specific measures may vary by Province/Territory, please contact your provincial/territorial KidSport Chapter for more information.

KidSport™ believes that no kid should be left on the sidelines and all should be given the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of organized sports.

KidSport™ provides support to children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport.

KidSport™ is about Kids...Success will be measured by the number of children who have been helped as a result of KidSport™'s initiatives.

KidSport™ is about Fun...The primary goal of children's sport programming is that each child should have so much fun that they can't wait to play again next season!

KidSport™ is about the Future...All kids should be given the opportunity to develop healthy lifestyles, no matter the financial, physical or language barriers that may exist! Staying physically active helps encourage children to maintain healthy habits throughout their whole lives. The challenges that come with playing sports also teach children valuable life lessons and skills including leadership, practice, hard work, dedication and self-confidence.

Based on demonstrated need, assistance of up to \$300 per individual is available to children ages 18 and under to help offset the cost of registration fees. Provincial Sport Organizations must recognize planned activities. Equipment is also available to eligible KidSport applicants who have been identified by their Provincial Sport Organizations.

The application deadline for all regions is the 15th of each month. Applications for registrations as well as equipment can be found at: <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/manitoba/>

Applications should be mailed or faxed to:

Rm. 335, 340 – 9 th St. Brandon MB, R7A 6C2

OR

(Fax) 1-888-280-1240

For more information, or help to fill out the forms, call 204-726-6072 or 1-866-774-2220.

PLEASE NOTE: HMK is happy to include short messages in the "Public Service" section of the newsletter for child related / non-profit organizations.

Newsletters go out at the end of each month, and submissions need to be emailed to the office (hmk@bpsd.mb.ca) approximately one week before month end. We do not send out notes or stickers between newsletters for outside groups/organizations.