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Newsletter #8

Dear Parents

March 22nd, 2024

Our last round of parent teacher conferences has wrapped up for the year! We hope that your conversations were productive, and that you have a good understanding of where your child is at going into the last term of the school year. Although formal parent-teacher conferences are finished for the year, we welcome your questions and conversations at any time of the school year. Please be sure to keep in communication with your child's teacher through this last term, and if you have questions about the school in general, be sure to contact the school office and ask to speak to one of the administrators. We are curious to hear what you thought of the new online booking program that we used for this past round of conferences. Did you find it easy to use, or was it a challenge; was it convenient for you, or was it a pain; would you like us to continue with School Interviews next year, or go back to papers being sent home and back to line up conference times. Please feel free to either let your child's teacher know how you found the program (and they will pass your feedback to the office), or contact one of the administrators directly to provide your thoughts.



We have some sad news to share with you. If you have had a child go through kindergarten at HMK in the last few years, and particularly with Mrs. Brister, you will no doubt know who Honey Bunny is! Unfortunately, at the age of almost 9 years old, Honey Bunny passed away this past weekend. Honey Bunny was Mrs. Brister's class pet for the last several years, and quietly provided comfort to many young students over the years. It has been a common occurrence for children in older grades to drop by Mrs. Brister's room for a quick visit, both with Mrs. Brister as well as Honey Bunny – she will be missed!



As we head into Spring Break, we will return to the final few months of the school year. These months are extremely important in children's learning, as concepts and information are reviewed and consolidated. Please continue to support your child's academic growth, even as the weather starts to turn nicer and the days get longer. It is easy to get busy and push bed time a little later as the days get longer, but children still need enough sleep so they can do their best work. Thank you for all that you do to support your children, as well as the school! Working together we will help your child do the absolute best that they can!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 1 st	School starts after Spring Break (Day 6)
April 1 st -3 rd	Pre-kindergarten screening for incoming Kindergarten students
Thursday, April 11 th	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm
Monday, April 15 th	Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in HMK staff room
Wednesday, April 24 th	Secretary's Day
Wednesday, May 8 th	MTYP presentation of Snow White for gr 2 - 4
May 21 st and 22 nd (tentative)	Spring Play for Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 3
Monday, May 20 th	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
May 29 th and 30 th	Bicycle Rodeo for Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4
Tuesday, June 4 th	Seed Survivor for all gr 3 classes
Thursday, Jun 20 th	Tabloid Day (rain date June 21 st)
Thursday, June 27 th	Students last day of school for the year
Friday, June 28 th	NO CLASSES – Admin / PD Day

Noon Skating – Skates and Helmet Reminder

If you borrowed skates and/or a helmet from the school, please be sure to return them to the school so other kids can use them next year! Thank you for your ongoing support of the noon skating program!

Ag in the Classroom

March is Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month. Thanks to Andrea Wilson from MASC (Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation) for coming and presenting to Mrs. Hackewich and Mr. Pudlo's classes on Watersheds this month. The students learned what a Watershed is and how we all depend on watersheds to be healthy. The students learned how they can keep our waters clean so that we can have a healthy watershed. This presentation was made possible through Agriculture in the Classroom



Reader's Theatre in Ms. Brown's Class

Ms. Brown's grade 1 class invited other classes to come to their classroom to hear their versions of the Three Little Pigs. The grade 1 students did such a great job with their performances! Thanks for the invitation to attend!!



Bridge Building in Mrs. Jarvis' Class

Mrs. Jarvis' students were busy building bridges in their science classes. After the bridges are built, they test to see how much weight they can hold!



HMK Spring Play

Our students in kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 3 will be performing a spring play again this year. The grade 3 students will take the lead roles, with kindergarten and grade 1 making up the chorus. The dates for this year's Spring Play are still being worked out, but we have **tentatively** set May 21st and 22nd for this year's spring play - we will confirm these dates in the April newsletter. We are excited to have this opportunity for our children, and would like to thank Mrs. Weisgerber for taking charge of the spring play once again!



Crossing Guards

We wanted to remind parents that we have adult crossing guards on some of the busier corners both before and after school – please see the corners and times listed in the chart below. Please note that there may be times that there is no crossing guard, as we do not have anyone to replace our crossing guards if they happen to be away. We wanted to make sure parents knew that this may be a possibility from time to time. If you happen to know anyone who might be willing to do crossing guard duties on a casual basis, please have them contact the school office and ask to speak to Mr. Hanke. Our crossing guards do an excellent job helping children cross the streets safely, and we would like to thank them for the care that is put into this each and every day!

Crossing Guard Location	Times
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

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Classroom and library volunteers: **Sheena Johnson and Gwen Williams.**

Greg and Brenda Nelson for donating snacks, winter gear and clothing, and for each coming in and reading to Mrs. Kerkowich's grade 1 class!!



The Neepawa Salvation Army for donating fruit, vegetables and snacks to our school nutrition program.

Blair Chapman for coming in and helping with some grade 1 music classes!

Maureen Sneddon for donating homemade jam for our lunch program!

PUBLIC SERVICE



GET YOUR KIDS MOVING IN LITTLE BALLERS CLASSES

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Where Kids Thrive!

NEEPAWA YELLOW HEAD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

CLASSES START IN **May**
Ages 10m - 8

Spring Registration Now Open
www.littleballersbasketball.com
Follow us @ [littleballersmb](https://www.instagram.com/littleballersmb)
8 week semester

The poster features a blue background with images of children playing basketball, two women with a child, and a child holding a basketball. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a yellow box for the start date.

Little Ballers is an early childhood developmental basketball program for kids 10 months old to 8 years old. The program is a great way to keep kids moving. Last winter little BALLERS offered classes out of Hazel M Kellington gymnasium and many kids benefited from their program. Classes start up on May 4th for spring semester. This year Classes will be offered out of the Yellow Head Community Centre! Check out their promotional video/poster and click the link to register:

<https://littleballersbasketball.com/spring-registration-2024>

For more information email info@littleballersbasketball.com



Neepawa Minor Baseball Softball: Registration Now OPEN

Baseball	Softball
Register @ https://www.rampregistrations.com/baseballmanitoba/	Register @ https://www.rampregistrations.com/softballmanitoba/
Rally Caps ages 4-7 (Coed) Mondays U9-Grand Slam Monday & Wednesday U11 Tuesday & Thursday U13 Monday & Wednesday U15 Tuesday & Thursday U18 TBD	U9 (ages 7-9) Tuesday & Thursday U11 Tuesday & Thursday U13 Monday & Wednesday U15 Tuesday & Thursday U17 Tuesday & Thursday
	
*Games are not limited to the days above	
Questions? Email: neepawaminorball@gmail.com Website: https://neepawaminorball.wixsite.com/home Facebook: Neepawa Minor Baseball Softball	

The poster features a large grey silhouette of a baseball player in the background. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner with distinct sections for each sport and their respective schedules.



“LETTUCE” GET GROWING!

It is often easier to convince children to try foods that they have helped to grow so get them involved in the process of choosing the seeds and growing the produce this year.

This next month is a perfect time to consider ways to grow some of your own food whether it is in a garden plot or in containers. Lettuce, spinach and radishes grow quickly, prefer cooler spring weather and will tolerate some shade. Get those seeds in the ground as soon as the soil dries out enough. They don't mind a bit of frost. Peas also like an early cooler start. Carrots could be planted in early May but be sure to keep the soil damp for good germination. Tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers need warmer temperatures and a longer growing season but both can do well in containers in a sunny spot. Start them from seed in a sunny window now or head to a greenhouse in May to pick up plants that are already started for quicker harvests. Beans are another plant that grow quickly but you need to wait until the end of May to plant them. If growing in containers try pole beans!



And remember.... that we often need to try new foods several times or perhaps prepared in different ways before we learn to love them! Fill your spring and summer with delicious and colourful vegetables!



Best Breakfast Burritos

Total time: 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4



INGREDIENTS

- 1 - 750 g bag frozen shredded potatoes (any cooked potatoes, mashed, shredded or diced)
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- pinch red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 sweet bell pepper
- 4 large flour tortillas
- 1 cup fresh spinach
- 9 eggs
- 1/2 cup salsa or pico de gallo
- 1 ripe avocado (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro (optional)
- Limes or lime juice (optional)



DIRECTIONS



- 1** Cook frozen potatoes according to package directions if using.



- 2** Slice peppers. Add to frying pan and sauté for 15 minutes. Add paprika and red pepper flakes.



- 3** Whisk eggs together in a bowl, then add to skillet. Stir occasionally for 2-3 minutes until eggs are set.



- 4** Assemble the burritos. Divide the spinach among the tortillas. Top with scrambled egg mixture, salsa, potatoes, avocado and cilantro. Add salt and pepper to taste.



- 5** Fold the left and right sides of the tortilla over the filling. Fold the bottom flap of the burrito up over the filling, tucking the sides and filling as you wrap the burrito.



- 6** Wrap in foil, slice and serve with optional lime juice, sour cream, and/or salsa!

You can also try...

- Adding shredded cabbage or lettuce instead of spinach
- Adding your favourite hot sauce or ketchup
- Adding black beans or pinto beans
- Different vegetables like onion, corn or tomato
- Adding rice in place of potatoes



Let us know how you liked the recipe to be entered to WIN a grocery gift card!