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Dear Parents

January 31st, 2012

The month of January has come and gone. Although we had a cold snap this month, thankfully it lasted only for a week or so. We had to keep the kids indoors for a few days during that stretch, but it was soon over and we were back to the unseasonably warm temperatures once again. The warm weather has made for extremely icy conditions on the playground at times. Although we know that the ice is fun to slide on, we have asked that all kids stay off of the ice so that injuries can hopefully be minimized!

We have some new faces on staff to start 2012. As mentioned in the December newsletter, Mrs. Dresler, Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Morrison have all left HMK to pursue other interests. Mrs. Ferguson is now on maternity leave – we would all like to congratulate her and her husband on the safe arrival of their daughter Emerie – we can't wait for them to come and visit us at school! January has also brought with it another resignation, as Norma Dauphinais has left Beautiful Plains after having spent the last 14 ½ years working as an EA in our school division, 10 ½ of which have been here at HMK. We would like to wish "Ms. D" all the best and know that she will be missed by staff and students alike! Ms. D loved to joke with all of the students, and would be able to bring a smile to many a face on any given day. She will be missed by all of us here at HMK!

As several familiar faces move on, we would like to welcome our newest staff members. Mrs. Karla MacDiarmid, Miss Ainsley Gibson, Mrs. Lynn Cleaver, Ms. Kyla Ross, and Mrs. Sharla Magwood have all been hired as educational assistants at HMK. We are extremely happy to have them all join the HMK team, and look forward to seeing the contributions that they make to the students they work with, as well as the school in general! We would also like to welcome Mr. Dale Sunley to our staff. Mr. Sunley is our new evening custodian. He took over the position left vacant by Mr. Harmeson, and has been an excellent addition to the staff

We hope that 2012 is off to a great start for you and your family. Please be sure to contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We need your feedback so that we can work together to best meet the needs of the children. There will be times where you might wonder about something that happened at school, or the way in which something was handled. If this is ever the case, please be sure to call so that questions can be heard and hopefully answered, and so your perspective can be heard. It is extremely important that we share the important information back and forth, so that school and home can work together in supporting each other as we all try our best to help each child reach their full potential! Have a great 2012!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesdays	Noon skating for Grades 3 – 6 and Kindergarten
Thursdays	Noon skating for Kindergarten – grade 2
Fridays **	Hot Dog Days
Jan 30 th – Feb 1 st	Virtual Realities presentations to all grade 5 and 6 classes
February	I Love to Read Month
Feb 1 st – 3 rd	Oak Hammock Marsh “On the Go” program
Thursday Feb 2 nd	“Wear Words Day” (I Love to Read activity)
Feb 6 th – 10 th	Stop, Drop and Read week (I Love to Read activity)
Feb 10 th – 24 th	DARE Program for grade 5 classes
Monday, Feb 13 th	NO CLASSES – Divisional PD
Feb 14 th – 17 th	Teachers reading to each other’s classes (I Love to Read activity)
Feb 15 th and 16 th	Vision Screening
Monday, Feb 20 th	NO SCHOOL – Louis Riel Day
Feb 21 st – 24 th	Recording dual language books (I Love to Read activity)
Thursday, Feb 23 rd	Grade 5’s to Festival du Voyageur
Feb 27 th – 29 th	I Love to Read wrap up week – school wide PJ day TBA
Feb 27 th – March 2 nd	Operation Donation Food Drive
Monday, March 5 th	NO CLASSES – PD/admin Day
Tuesday, March 13 th	Reports sent home
March 14 th & 15 th	Parent teacher conferences 4:30 – 6:30 (All teachers in school for these times)
Thursday, March 15 th	Noon skating ends
Friday, March 16 th	NO CLASSES – Administration Day
Tuesday, March 20 th	Parent Council Meeting
Friday, March 23 rd	Gr 5 Survival Day; HMK’s Got Talent; Last day before Spring Break
Monday, April 2 nd	School starts after Spring Break (Day 5)
Friday, April 6 th	NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
Wed, April 25 th	Board/Principal Workshop

** Please note that hot dog days run Fridays until the week of March 12th – 16th with the following exception:

- during the week of March 12th – 16th hot dog day will be on Thursday, March 15th (money collection will still take place on Wednesday that week except for kindergarten which will be on Tuesday)
- Hot dog day on March 15th will be compliments of Neepawa Shop Easy – they are donating everything – wieners, buns, condiments, napkins – so all proceeds can go into our fundraising account
 - **THANK YOU NEEPAWA SHOP EASY!!**

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for this fall’s kindergarten class (start date September 2012) is taking place January 31st and February 1st. Children born in 2007 are eligible to start kindergarten this fall. If you (or someone you know) has a child that is kindergarten age for the 2012-13 school year, please have them come to the school office to register their child. We would like to get as many of the kids registered as possible as this will have an effect on our planning for next year – if you cannot make it today or tomorrow, please come as soon as you can to register your child. Please bring your child’s birth certificate and medical numbers as we are required to have a photocopy on file for all kids registering for school.

Road Hockey with the Neepawa Natives

Our students had a special treat during the noon hour on January 12th as the Neepawa Natives hockey team came by for some road hockey with the kids! They brought sticks, nets, balls, and even the referees, and organized three separate games – one for kindergarten – grade 2 students; one for grades 3 and 4; and one for grades 5 and 6. Although the weather was cold, everyone had a great time playing – we all wished we could have played a little longer! We would like to



thank the Neepawa Natives hockey team for organizing this event, and for giving the kids the opportunity to play against the Natives!!



Spelling Club News



Spelling club has had two final written spelling contests.

Our top spellers in each grade are:

Tess Murray-grade 4

Kailyn Hanke-grade 5

Soomin Han-grade 6.

The student who spelled the most words correct out of all the words, only missing one, is Soomin Han.

Soomin Han is the top speller at H.M.K.

Thank you to all the members of the spelling club for coming out each week and practicing their spelling. We will start again next fall.

Mrs. Woods

(We would also like to thank Mrs. Woods for running the Spelling Club again this year!)



Parent Council Update

This year, the parent council along with many volunteers are working on creating a "Take Time to Relax" Staff Appreciation week. It will take place during February 21-24 and will focus on activities that people do to relax. If anyone would like to volunteer or donate please call Cheryl at 476-2483 or Melissa at 966-3417. We look forward to showing the H.M.K. staff members how much parents and the community appreciate their hard work and dedication for our children's education.

Artist in the School Program

We had an excellent Artist in the schools residency program this year. We welcomed Casimiro Nhussi to our school for the first two weeks in January. Cas worked with all classes during their regularly scheduled gym time in the two weeks he was here. During that time, the kids learned about African culture, dance and drumming. The kids had a great time working with Cas, and got to showcase their new talents at the wrap-up assembly on the last day of the residency. We would like to thank the Manitoba Arts Council for providing a grant that covers over two-thirds of the costs of the Artist in the Schools program.

We would also like to thank our Parent Council, as part of there fundraising last year went towards paying the school's portion to bring Casimiro in for the two weeks.



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Noon Skating

We would again like to thank our staff as well as the parent helpers for coming out to noon skating each Wednesday and Thursday. The number of skaters has remained strong so far this year – we hope that the kids continue to come out skating until the program ends in March!



Gold Medal Visits HMK!

We were very pleased to welcome world championship gold medalist – and former HMK student – Halli Krzyzaniak to our school this month! Halli took the time when she was home during exam week to visit the grade 3 – 6 classrooms and show them the gold medal that she won as part of the Under 18 Female Canadian Hockey Team. Halli's team travelled to the Czech Republic after Christmas and participated in the Under 18 Female World Championships. They went through the entire tournament undefeated, and beat the US team 3 – 0 in the finals to win the gold medal. Congratulations Halli – we are all very proud of your accomplishments! It's not very often that we get a visit from a world champion, but even less so when the world champion is a former student! We look forward to following Halli's hockey achievements in the years to come!



Ladybug Foundation

We collected \$126.50 (and counting) in our ladybug jars for Hannah Taylor's Ladybug Foundation. Mrs. MacPhee's class is coordinating the ladybug jars and keeping track of all the money collected – thank you grade 1!



Garden Club:

It will soon be time to start some cuttings and seeds. If anyone uses the prewashed salad greens that come in those plastic boxes with lids, please save the containers for our garden club. They make great mini greenhouses.

I Love to Read Month / Learning Fair

Our "I Love to Read" committee has put together a month of fun, reading based activities for the month of February. We will kick off the month with an assembly on February 2nd – we are asking all students and staff to wear clothing that has words on it that day.

Week 2: Feb 6th – 10th

Stop, Drop and Read week: at selected times each day there will be an announcement for everyone to "Stop, Drop, and Read". Kids will need to keep a book with them throughout the day so they are ready to read at any moment!

Week 3: Feb 14th – 17th

Teachers will read to each other's classes throughout the week.

Week 4: Feb 21st – 24th

Students will record stories in multiple languages. These stories will be saved electronically so other classes can access the books throughout the entire week.

Week 5: Feb 27th – 29th

I Love to Read wrap up week and final assembly. We will have a school wide pajama day on the day of our final assembly (exact date TBA).

We would like to thank our Reading Committee for planning these great February activities!

World Map

We have a world map posted in the main hallway. Over the next few weeks you will see little flags being pinned on it – our goal is to have a flag to indicate where students lived before coming to Neepawa. We look forward to seeing on the map where all of our students have come from!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Classroom and Library Volunteers: **Nataliia Postavenska and Esther Lee.**

Cynthia Maddever, Theresa Kasprick, Charlene Travers, Michelle Chemerika, Michelle Gibson, Julie Boxall, Hans Pedersen, Warren Babcock for popping popcorn for the Grade 4 field trip fundraiser.

January hotdog volunteers: **Christi Hiller, Tani Major, Marsha Forgue, Kelli Jakubowski, Warren Babcock, and Shawn Kopytko.**

Public Service

Sessions at the Viscount Cultural Centre

Kids' Activity Day (PD Day)

with Kelly Jakubowski, Rob Somers and Brenda Lagimodiere

A full day of scrapbooking, art and clay sculpting for kids.

Monday, February 13, 9 am–3:30 pm

\$30 per person

Jazz and Hip Hop with Kiera Dragan

Ages: 6-7 (Grades 1–2)

Thursdays, 4:20–4:50 pm

8 weeks: January 19–March 8

Members: \$50 | Non-Members \$60

Ages: 8-11 (Grades 3-6)

Thursdays, 5:00–5:45 pm

8 weeks: January 19–March 8

Members: \$60 | Non-Members \$70

After School Art with Rob Somers

An introduction to various art techniques and media, for kids aged 9–12.

Wednesdays, 4–5 pm

Five weeks: January 18–February 15

Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$55

Piano and Voice lessons with Wendy Menzies

Tuesdays by appointment

30-minute lesson: \$14.50

Guitar lessons with Brenda Rogers

Tuesdays by appointment

30-minute lesson: \$13.50

Violin and Fiddle lessons with Shannon Darby

Saturdays by appointment

30-minute lesson: \$16.00

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.neepawavcc.ca, stop by our office at 293 Mountain Ave., or call 476-3232.

Neepawa Youth Bonspiel: Feb.12/2012

Entry Fee \$40

Mixed (all one gender teams accepted)

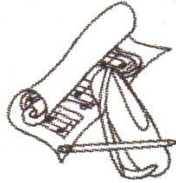
17&Under Division, 14&Under Division (if enough entries) Cash Prizes

Contact Jeff Cook (204) 841-3309 or jeff.cook16@gmail.com



The **Neepawa United Soccer Association (NUSA)** is hoping to start a **TRAVELING LEAGUE** this spring. Our Neepawa teams would play against Brandon, Rivers and Minnedosa. The **under 10 (players born in 2002 and 2003)** and **under 12 (players born in 2000 and 2001)** boys teams would play on Mondays and Wednesdays. The **under 10 (players born in 2002 and 2003)** and **under 12 (players born in 2000 and 2001)** girls would play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The traveling league often starts the last week of April (weather permitting) and ends in June. The cost will be \$100.00. We will be having our registration in the middle of February so please watch for details. It will be advertised in the newspaper and a pamphlet will be sent home in the upcoming weeks with more information. Any questions contact Kim Smith (476-5871) or Gary Forgue (476-3138).

Neepawa and District Fine Arts Festival

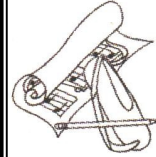


All sessions taking place at Knox Presbyterian Church

Entry Deadline: February 15, 2012

Box 547
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*Information and entry forms at
Neepawa Public Library, Festival of the
Arts Executive and area Music Teachers*



*Three Ways to be a
Friend of the Festival*

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25.00 or more.

1. Send a cheque with the clip-out form below to:
NDFAF
Box 547, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
2. Donate in person at Gill & Schmall.
3. Donate when you attend the festival session of your choice.

Name:✂
P.O. Box:
Town:

Students: Please return this slip by Wednesday, February 8th, 2012 to be eligible for newsletter draws.

Student

Parent