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OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our school year is off to a busy and productive start, and I would once again like to thank you for the warm welcome to Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School! The school is a beautiful learning environment because of the amazing staff, students and families in the community, and I am truly honoured to work with all of you this upcoming year. It is exciting to see students so eager to be involved in a variety of activities and clubs that make our school a fabulous place! Special activities and club information is highlighted in e-memo's, the newsletter and on the announcements each morning at school for students.

- Our **Sobeys/Safeway Gift Card** school fundraiser will be running from **Oct. 3 – Nov 3**. Information has been sent home and can be found on the school website.
- During the lunch hour, we are using trained Grade 5 leadership students to serve as office assistants to help us with phone messages supervised by myself and teachers in charge. Thank you in advance for your support as we train students in this very important leadership role.
- PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is always looking for new members around the table. We'd love to have you join us for our October 24th meeting, @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.
- We are so fortunate to have a committed staff that are always looking for ways to engage our students in extracurricular activities. Currently, we have WSO/RETSD practice, concert practice, Flag Football, Gymnastics Club, Be the Change Club, Indy 500 recess intramurals and with many more clubs on the way!
- Dragonfly Draws are being held regularly to reward students for their positive behaviour choices! This month we have been working on "keeping hands and feet to selves". Well done students!

I have enjoyed meeting the children as I visit their classrooms. We have had great conversations about their interests and passions! We worked on a special rock drawing activity called, "DH ROCKS". Here are some of their responses to why our school "Rocks"!

Dr. Hamilton School "Rocks" because...

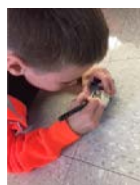
"...I have the most awesome friends here." -Sophie

"...we love one another and show respect." -Nia

"...gym and computer are the best!" - Shelby

"...it helped me make friends. The teachers are kind to me. We do fun art and awesome math games! -Mia

"...We have two play structures and everybody is kind." -Bella



At Dr. Hamilton, we are safe, responsible and respectful. Always be kind to each other!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Amazing Reading Race

A new school year has begun and so has our Amazing Reading Race. We are touring around the world over the next couple months stopping in many interesting places. Each stop will offer a bit of information about each location as well as a story from that part of the world. We have already visited Paris and London and look forward to our next stop in Madrid, Spain.

Reading Passports

While we are on our Amazing Reading Race, students are welcome to complete one of two reading passports to win a prize. The grades 2-3's can choose to collect stamps in a reading passport each time they read a travel themed chapter book. Grade 3-5's can also collect stamps, however, their passports take them through the different reading genres. They receive a stamp each time they read from a different genre. Those that complete their passports will receive a prize and a world traveller certificate at the end of the Amazing Reading Race.



Pit Stops

During our Amazing Reading Race students will be invited to join Mrs. DeBruyn in the library for some activities. Listen for pit stop details on the morning announcements.

Board Game Café

Grades 3-5 students are invited to spend lunch hour in the library on Day 5's playing board games with Mrs. DeBruyn and Ms. Anderlic. Students will bring their lunch and eat while they play a board game of their choice.



Lending Guidelines

- **Borrowing period:** one school cycle
- **Number of materials:** Kindergarten: 1 book per student, grade 1: 2 books per student, grades 2 – 5: up to 3 books per student.
- **Overdues:** We encourage student responsibility when it comes to returning their library books. Agendas or pink notes are used as reminders for students should they forget their library book. Overdue notices are sent home or families are contacted after a book is 3 school cycles overdue. You can email Mrs. DeBruyn at anytime to inquire about your child's library book.
- **Lost books:** Should a book become lost you may choose to donate a gently used book or send in a \$5 replacement fee.

Should you have any questions regarding library materials or programming, please feel free to contact either Mrs. Klausen at cklausen@retsd.mb.ca or Mrs. DeBruyn at pdebruyn@retsd.mb.ca.

MUSIC NEWS



Welcome back to another great year of music making! A very special welcome to new students and families joining us! We are excited to develop and show all the musical talents of each student!

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY: IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE!

(On the school website, the original date was listed on November 10. This has been changed to November 9 to coincide with our normal Day 5 Assembly time, apologies for the error and inconvenience)

Remembrance Day Assembly
Thursday, November 9, 2017
Day 5, 9:30 AM
Dr. Hamilton Gym

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Bach to School program
Brass Ensemble Group
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Day 1, 10:00 AM
Dr. Hamilton Gym

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining students and staff for these events.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ACTORS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving a part in the play, Holiday Windows!

Nikayla, Aiden, Nicholas, Claire, Noah, Chloe, Taylor, Deacon, Cole, Kate

They will be practicing and singing for their important debut on December 13! Good luck!

RECORDER REMINDER

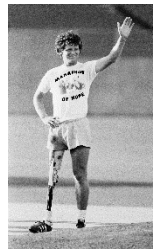
It is great to have your child bring their recorder home to practice! They can put on a mini-performance show-and-tell for you with the notes and songs they learned in music. Please remember to have your child place their recorder in their school bag to bring the next day when they have music. It is very important to have this consistency not only at home but also at school with their own recorder ready to play!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome back to another exciting year of fun filled physical activity events and new learning opportunities!

TERRY FOX WALK Friday, September 22, 2017

The week of our Terry Fox walk/run the students were able to watch and discuss the importance of Terry Fox and his fight against cancer. I wanted them to have an understanding of who Terry Fox was and what he represents! We had some wonderful discussions, great questions and some of the students even tried to "run" like Terry Fox. Our school community is so generous. Thank you to each and everyone one of you that made a donation and also joined us that afternoon. We raised \$475.00 which will go directly to the Cancer Foundation! Together we can make a difference!



TURKEY TROT Thursday, September 28, 2017

Our run season was short and sweet. All of our athletes did extremely well at the turkey trot and we are proud of their efforts! It was a beautiful day, we had time to run, eat and play. Many of our athletes placed in the top 10 in the division. A special mention of Cole H placing first and Matthew G placing third. Most importantly though ALL of our runners did their best and there were a ton of smiles and hugs and clapping when our school finished. Way to go team! Thank you to Mrs. B. and Mrs. G. who helped support our runners and transport equipment. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents for coming out and making the day a huge success. Thanks also to Mrs. Baran and MS. Anderlic for coming along and helping to coach our athletes. You are all very much appreciated. It was a funtastic day! More pictures will be posted in the hallway at the school!



Nathan H	Henning J	Meagan A	Cameron P	Eben H
Will P	Tyler P	Matthew G	Lorenzo P	Claire O
Sophia J	Kristjan E	Chloe E	Emily B	Ava B
Deacon R	Cole Mc	Finn B	Matias B	Sadie H
Chelsea Z	Lucas S	Jaelyn B	Cavanaugh S	Cara R
Riley H	Nikayla H	Tyson P	Lucas P	Callie B
Liam H	Jon P	Kaylee P	Collin H	Brook B
Willow H	Sandro S	Olivia K	Hayden Z	Rylan H
Elli H	Declan F	Mia B	Reid T	Brooklyn F
Grayson Mc	Georgia G	Anna E	Nicholas D	Brooke T
Bella R	Levi M	Jaxen B	Sophie P	Max C
Layla P	Sydney R	Colin S	Elly R	Rhett G
Cole H	Connor H	Jack J	Mattox C	Kapri P
Koltyn B	Chace R	Logan C	Everett K	

DISNEY INDY 500 at FIRST RECESS

Our intramural over the next couple of months is the INDY 500. Students in all grades are more than welcome to participate. Thank you to Matthew G and Matias B for refereeing our races in the gym. Please listen closely to morning announcements for your turn in the gym boys and girls!



FLAG FOOTBALL CLUB



There is a flag football club for interested students in grades 4 and 5. It is running at lunch hours on Wednesday and Fridays. The grade five athletes will be participating in a tournament mid-October! More details to follow.

GYMNASTICS CLUB



There will be a gymnastics club for students in grades 1 AND 2 IN THE GYM AT 12:40 ON Mondays. The athletes will learn proper warm ups as well as various apparatus and tumbling skills. The grade 4 and 5 leaders will also be present to supervise. A letter with details will be coming home soon. Watch for details!

PICKLE BALL

Grade 3 students will be involved in a new sport called pickle ball Wednesday at lunch hours. All students will have the opportunity to play the game during physical education classes.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB



Beginning in late October volleyball club will begin for grade 4 and 5 students. It will be running Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Please see Mrs. Castor for a note! Tournament will be held for grade 4 and 5 students in late November.

LEADERSHIP CLUB

Thank you to the many students in grade 5 who help with various jobs to help create a safe and positive environment. The lunch helpers, milk helpers, referees, equipment bin leaders, patrols, am and pm gym equipment leaders, and the list goes on. You make Dr. Hamilton a better place and we all appreciate your efforts!



DRAGONFLY WEAR

Our clothing order will arrive some time later in October. The students ask me every day if they have come in, where is my t-shirt? Please let them know that we will all be wearing those beautiful school shirts soon!

Thank you!



We continue to work on fair play and showing kindness to all!



DR FWL HAMILTON SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Welcome back to another fun(d) filled year at Dr. Hamilton! It was very nice to see some new faces around the table at our first meeting of the year, including our new principal, Mrs. Reynolds.

Last spring Lindsay Brzuskiwicz ran the gardening club for the students, once again. There were 40 or 50 students that participated making the front garden beautiful. Thank you to Lindsay and Tricia Penner for doing this with the students.

In June of last year we had to say farewell to several teachers. On behalf of the students and parents, the PAC purchased gifts for each of the teachers based on the number of years at the school. We used the dragonfly theme to remind them of their time here. They all received a customized card and a metal dragonfly bookmark. Some received a journal and others a dragonfly pendant on a silver chain. As Mrs. Abrahams was retiring, she also received a lovey handcrafted wooden keepsake box and a dragonfly paper weight. Thank you to Elena Hallows for making the bookmarks. There are photos of the gifts in the PAC binder in the office.

Thank you to Lisa Dolhy, Sandy Klym, Elena Hallows and Tricia Penner for helping shuttle the students to the gym for Picture Day.

Here are some fundraisers to look forward to:

- Shop Funds Gift Cards (Late November)
- Jet's Jersey/Christmas Concert Seats Raffle (Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st during student led conference)
- 50/50 at the Christmas Concerts
- Family first aid and CPR course (February);
- Glenlea Greenhouse (Plants arrive May 22nd).

We have made a list of all of the hot lunches/snacks for the year so that everyone knows what to expect:

October 25 Subway	November 24 Boston Pizza/Spaghetti	December 8 Popcorn Snack Day
January 31 Domino's Pizza	February 28 Hot Dogs	March 9 Popcorn Snack Day
April 18 Subway	May 30 Domino's Pizza	June 20 Frozen Yogurt Snack Day

We are providing popcorn and a drink to the students for Halloween, once again. We do need volunteers on that day to help bag the popcorn. If you are available please email me, tpanidis@mts.net.

We always love feedback and always need volunteers. If you have any ideas, suggestions, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email above or by phone if you prefer (204) 669-7995. Our next meeting is **October 24th at 7:00 in the library.** Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Theresa Panidis

DR. HAMILTON LUNCH PROGRAM

DHLP



The Dr. Hamilton Lunch Program (DHLP) is off to a great start! As many of you know, DHLP is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing our students with a safe, responsible, respectful environment for parents/guardians who choose to have their children supervised over the lunch break.

In order for your child's lunch to be a success, we have a Lunch Time Matrix that every child is expected to follow. I'm sure if you ask your child about the Lunch Matrix they will share all of the expectations, as the Matrix is posted in every classroom and referred to on a regular basis by staff and lunchtime supervisors.

The DHLP has four supervisors and a coordinator who are present thru out the lunch hour while your child is eating lunch and playing outdoors. We, as a program, try to have consistency with placement of where supervisors are in the classrooms. This promotes positive relationship building between the children and their classroom supervisor, especially for the younger ages in the building.

The following is a list of the DHLP supervisors, so if you hear your child mentioning their names you will know who they are and what role they play in your child's day.

- ❖ Janet Georgison "Mrs. G"
- ❖ Pat Kolody
- ❖ Ruth Krevesky
- ❖ Tamara Flook
- ❖ Kim Regula - Coordinator

If you have any questions regarding the Lunch Program at Dr. Hamilton, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Kim Regula
DHLP Coordinator

PATROL NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Patrols of the Month for September are:

Cole M.

Claire O.

Sadie H.

Anna E.



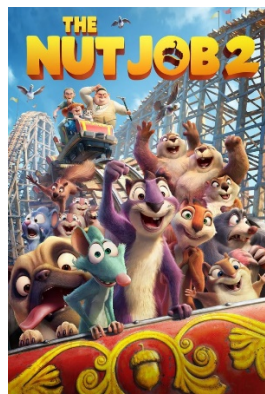
Each Patrol of the Month will receive a Movie Pass, supported by the division and PAC, will be handed out at the next assembly. Thank you to all the Patrols for doing such a great job this month!

School Patrol Movie

Saturday, October 28th 9:30 a.m.
POLO PARK – Silver City Cinema

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. (movies start 9:30 a.m.)

Free entry for School Patrols with current membership cards
Kids popcorn pack is \$5.00 (includes Popcorn, Drink & Treat)



Please pick up your children **ON TIME (11:00 am sharp)**.

Children will not be allowed to leave without a parent.

Please be advised that this is a city wide event, and there will be **MANY** patrols attending.

Teachers will not be at this event.

MILK TICKETS



Students can purchase milk tickets in the office. A sheet of 20 tickets costs \$20.00. Individual tickets are not available. Students can purchase either white or chocolate milk, or a juice box with their ticket.



HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a time for fun and treats! To reduce the risk of students with life threatening allergies, products with peanuts, nuts and peanut butter should not be brought into the building.

Also, please remember not to send any "costume weapons" or violent costumes to school for our Halloween celebrations. This would include any masks/head gear that covers a student's face to prevent them from being easily identified by staff. Thank you for supporting these guidelines in order to keep our students safe and ensure they have an enjoyable time.

Please feel free to join us on October 31, 2016, for our Halloween parade/assembly in the gym at 1:30 p.m. Students will enjoy a movie with popcorn provided by our Parent Council! Many thanks!

DIVISIONAL POLICIES

Anaphylaxis Policy

RETSO recognizes that some students attending schools may require the administration of medication in response to an acute allergic reaction. Therefore, for the safety of students, staff, and parents/guardians, Anaphylaxis Procedures and Anaphylaxis Avoidance Strategies must be followed within the division. The complete policy is available on the website at:

<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsd/Policies/Documents/JLCG-R1.pdf>

<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsd/Policies/Documents/JLCG-R2.pdf>

Concerns and Complaints Protocol Policy

Communication between home and school is essential. We want to work closely with you to ensure that your child is thriving both academically and socially. Please see the following links that outline the Divisional Protocol regarding complaints and concerns:

<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsd/Policies/Documents/KE.pdf>

<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsd/Policies/Documents/KE-R.pdf>

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happening in the division.*



2017 UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 11 Early Dismissal (3:15 p.m.)
- 20 SAGE-No Classes for Students
- 24 PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (Library)
- 31 Halloween Assembly-1:30 p.m. in Gym

DECEMBER

- 1 PD Day - No Classes for Students
Student Led Conferences a.m.
- 13 Christmas Concerts (1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)
- 20 PAC Presents For Parents
- 22 Last Day of Classes before Christmas break
Early dismissal @ 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Lockdown Drill #1
- 8 WSO Divisional Evening Concert
- 9 Remembrance Day Assembly (9:35 a.m.)
- 13 PD Day - No Classes For Students
- 15 Picture Day Retakes (p.m.)
- 22 Early Dismissal (3:15 p.m.)
- 28 PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (Library)
- 30 Student Led Conferences (4:30 -8:30)