

DR. F.W.L. HAMILTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016

3225 Henderson Hwy., East St. Paul, Manitoba R2E 0J2

Phone: (204) 661-2500

Principal: Mrs. T. Ziprick Email: tziprick@retsd.mb.ca

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Best Autumn Wishes to all our Dr. Hamilton School families. There are so many inspiring moments that I have the opportunity to observe each day. Noticing our students exploring and inquiring with the supportive adults in the building, getting a chance to hear a child explain his/her connections to the learning, watching beautiful art being created, sitting in on a Shared Write experience, observing a game in the gym following Fair Play principles - all of these moments speak to me of the educational landmarks that we are building for the students in our charge. Thank you to our staff for all of the work that goes into planning each day and thank you to our parent community for supporting our students and staff. I am very appreciative of the many volunteers that come through our doors each day, along with our Parent Advisory Council and our Lunch Program board (DHLP).

A few highlights or reminders for you to be aware of:

- Our Sobeys gift card fundraiser closes on November 4. Thank you for supporting us in this endeavour. *This is the only Sobeys Gift Card fundraiser occurring this year from the school and PAC will not be hosting a Sobeys fundraiser.* Look for more details on PAC fundraisers coming up this year in their portion of this newsletter and through e-memo information.
- Our Christmas Concerts are scheduled for Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parents, if you are arriving for the evening concert as the doors open, please keep your children with you until they are dismissed to their classrooms.
- The Grade 3 provincial classroom based assessments will be completed this month. Parents of Grade 3 students will be receiving a summary of the results with your child's November report card. You are welcome to make an appointment to discuss these results with your child's teacher or you may choose to discuss them at the Student Led Conferences in December.
- As active supervisors on the playground, our staff are very aware of their important responsibility in carefully watching our students to ensure their physical and emotional safety. Active supervision occurs before school, for all three recesses and after school on our school grounds. We love to connect with parents to hear their thoughts and concerns regarding their child(ren). However, I would respectfully request that you connect with your child's teacher at an alternate time other than when staff are actively supervising. Contacting the teacher at school, either through email or calling our office, is a great way to share student updates, while supporting our active supervision practice. Thank you so much for your understanding in this area.
- Report cards will be sent home on Monday, November 28. Student Led Conferences take place the evening of Thursday, December 1 as well as the afternoon of Friday, December 2 (with regular classes scheduled for students that morning).

*****Parents, please be aware that bus students will be picked up at 12:15 p.m. on December 2, but routes could be rescheduled or bus numbers readjusted to accommodate this half day that is specific to our school. This could mean that students arrive home earlier or later than typical.***

We are looking forward to an exciting November at Dr. Hamilton School!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ziprick

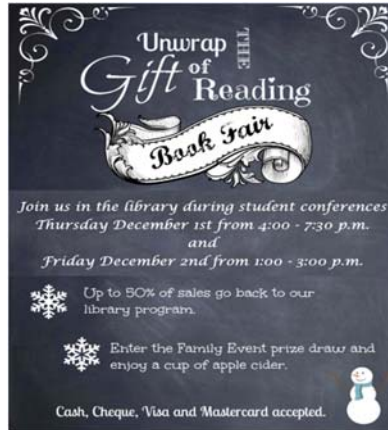




With colder weather on the way, please make sure your child is dressed warmly to enjoy outdoor activities. Students are outside for recess times twice a day (15 minutes each time) and 30 minutes during the lunch recess.

LIBRARY NEWS

November 2016



Book Fair News

We are so excited to announce our “Unwrap the Gift of Reading Book Fair” December 1st & 2nd, 2016. We will only be hosting one book fair this year so we hope you will stop by during student conferences. There will be apple cider and a kids corner to give you some time to enjoy shopping. If you would like to purchase a gift, items can be discretely wrapped for you right at the book fair or ordered to be picked up later. Our library earns up to 50% of the profits making it a very worthwhile fundraiser. Hope to see you there! (Please see the end of this newsletter for an enlarged edition of the Book Fair poster, above.)



Scrabble Club

November is Scrabble month in the library. Scrabble Club will run once a week during lunch hours. Any students in grades 3-5 are welcome to join in the fun!

Library Communication

If your child has ever had an overdue library book you may have received a pink note in your child's backpack or agenda. With the modern age of technology, we are experimenting with updating our methods of communicating for overdue books. You may have noticed we added an email address to our pink notices. Please feel free to email Mrs. DeBruyn at any time for clarification regarding an outstanding library book. New this fall we will begin emailing when a student's book is two weeks or more overdue. We hope this will be more effective as the small pink notes are easily lost in transit.



Patrols of the Month:

September - Ella H., Danika, Carter, Kyden, Kaiden

Congratulations!!!



You will receive a \$10 gift card to Cineplex movie theatre! Thank you to our PAC for helping to support this recognition gift.

Patrols to Wheelies - November 24th, 2016 am *and* April 10th, 2017 am

More information to follow

PRESENTS FOR PARENTS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

Donation box: November 28th until December 16th, in front of the Office.



For those unfamiliar with this event, it is a gift exchange that permits our children to "purchase" a Christmas gift for their parents on their own. The gifts are displayed in the gym, purchased by the children and wrapped by volunteers. The children have a great time doing their secret Christmas shopping. If your child is participating, then you will be required to donate gifts equal in number to those that will be purchased by your children.

The children will hand in one ticket for a Mom gift and one for a Dad gift. Tickets are pre purchased at \$2 each. All money will be collected before the event, and donated to a Charity on behalf of the students of Dr. Hamilton School.

Now is a great time to start thinking about the gifts that you may donate. Plan to purchase your gifts early so you can take advantage of the many sales that stores have to offer. Please consider purchasing gifts that you would appreciate receiving.

We will be looking for volunteers to help in our Christmas Store and to provide some baked goodies for our volunteers to enjoy through the day.

Information will also be sent home with the consent forms. We look forward to your participation in this event.

Ainsley Gerrard

PAC NEWS

"and all at once Summer collapsed into fall" - Oscar Wilde

The most colorful season of the year is upon us which is the prologue to the most colorless season of the year...winter. However, with that comes all sorts of activities.

Our first fundraiser of the year is coming up in November, the Gift Card Fundraiser. This is not the Sobeys Gift Card Fundraiser that our school is participating in. This is a different fundraiser that includes over 50 different retailers from Walmart to Starbucks to Bath & Body to Moxies to American Eagle to Chapters to Home Depot to Winners to Tim Hortons to Cineplex to my favorite, Way Spa. Gift cards come in various denominations. They are great for gift giving.

Another fundraiser we are doing is a raffle for a signed Joel Armia Winnipeg Jets Jersey and a hard cover picture book entitled "The Home Team". Last year during I Love to Read Month, Ms. Ducharme's class had the opportunity for 2 Winnipeg Jets Players to come and read with them, as one of their students' writing had been selected in a writing competition. The Jets have graciously donated the Jersey and the book, with several copies also given to our school library. This fundraiser will take place on December 1st and 2nd during Student Led Conferences. Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. The draw will occur at the end of the afternoon of December 2nd.

Correction from last month's Newsletter: Our PAC secretary is Jackie Matheson. Apologies to Jackie for including the wrong last name.

Thank you to Lindsay Brzuskiwicz for filling in as secretary at our September PAC meeting. She did an excellent job.

Thank you to the parent volunteers that helped co-ordinate picture day: Lisa Dolhy, Tricia Penner and Lindsay Brzuskiwicz.

Thank you to all who purchased a Fall Mum. We raised an additional \$100.00.

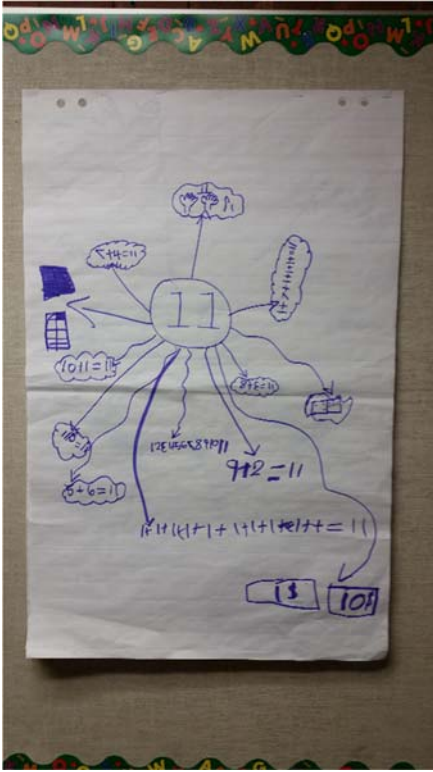
As Coding Club is being offered to students in Grades 1-5 this year, PAC was very pleased to support them with \$700.00 for the purchase of Bee-Bots; -a robot designed as a sequencing, estimation and problem-solving teaching tool for use by young children.

Thank you once again, to everyone that attended our September and October PAC meetings. Our next meeting is November 22nd at 7:00 in the Library. Hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Theresa Panidisz





What's new in Grade 2A and 2B?

Math Congress

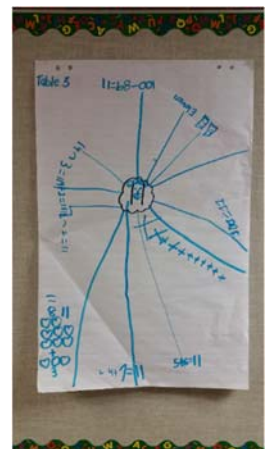
We have started a new and exciting routine in our grade 2 classrooms this month in math. It is called Math Congress. What is math congress you ask? Well, every Friday we work in partners or table groups to represent a number in as many different ways as we can think of.

Some of the ways we have represented number so far are by using tally marks, dice, domino's, ten's frames, number sentences using addition or subtraction, money, writing word problems. We look for examples of the number all around us. We might see it at home (there are 11 pillows in my house) or places we go (there are 11 people in my dance class).

Representing number helps us to think about numbers and math in many different ways. We are excited to work at finding new ways to represent numbers and fill our chart paper with lots and lots of examples all year long!

Written by,

The Mathematicians of grade 2A and 2B



AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

A reminder to our families that if your child is a bus student, please send a note in your child's agenda or communication book each time they will not be taking the bus home, due to alternative arrangements. This helps avoid confusion for your child, for our staff and for the Transportation department. As well, Kindergarten parents, please contact Transportation each time your child will not be taking the bus home. Thank you for clearly communicating with classroom teachers and all parties involved.



AN OVERVIEW OF THE DR. HAMILTON LUNCH PROGRAM

The following is a list of DHLP paid staff:

Kim Shing	Co-ordinator
Janice Garafalo	Treasurer
Janet Georgison	Supervisor
Pat Kolody	Supervisor
Ruth Krevesky	Supervisor
Tamara Flook	Supervisor
Emma Neyron	Supervisor
Christina Remillard	Supervisor

Notes for parents and students from 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 six 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.
- In the past few months, our older students in Grades 4 & 5 are given the chance to outside for recess 5-10 minutes earlier than is indicated by the bell if they have finished their lunches and there is an available supervisor. Students that wish to have the full time to eat are encouraged to do so and are supervised until the bell rings. Our younger students are dismissed at the bell (12:40 p.m.), ensuring adequate amount of time for them to finish their meals.



Thank you to all our families that helped support our BAG UP MANITOBA campaign. By sending us clean, recycled bags, we are able to help the environment and be active citizens who take care of the world around us. Thanks to all our teachers, who helped to organize the bags, as well as Mrs. Slater/Mrs. Baseraba's Grade Fives and Ms. Coppen/Ms. Lovetri's Grade Ones, who did lots of sorting and storing!



Music News

Please join us for Remembrance Day service on:

Thursday, November 10, 9:30 AM

Dr. Hamilton Gym



Lest We Forget.

The Grade 4's from Mrs. Palahnuk's class and the Grade 3's from Mrs. Abrahams and Miss Anderlic's class will perform two songs, *Pacem (Peace)* and *Today I'm Gonna Try and Change the World* by Johnny Reid. A guest trumpet player from River East Collegiate will also perform and 6 students that will perform with the RETSD/WSO concert on November 8 will play *Amazing Grace* on recorder. We hope you are able to join us in this solemn service of Remembrance that soldiers have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice throughout the world.

River East Transcona/Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Concert

Six Grade 5 students have been chosen to represent Dr. Hamilton in a 200 voice choir performing with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on November 8 at the Centennial Concert Hall. The symphony has a long standing relationship with River East Transcona School Division collaborating on many concerts of the years. We are very fortunate to have our students join many others in a celebration of music and serve as a strong voice for music advocacy. Congratulations to the following students:

Ella, Quinn, Samara, Danika, Ayla, Madeline



CHRISTMAS CONCERT NEWS

It's not too early to mark your calendars for our annual holiday celebration! **Please join us on Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.**



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Flag Football

On October 12 twenty-five grade 5 students participated in the divisional flag football tournament at the East Side Eagles practice field on Concordia. They did a fantastic job.

All of the athletes demonstrated great skill and attitude. Everyone was included and

played hard. It was a fun experience for all. We even had a visit from a former blue bomber during the day. A

huge thank you to former students Peyton C and Adrian N for their help coaching the club. A special thank you to Mrs. Oddy for all of her help at the tournament. Great work everyone!



Terry Fox Walk

A huge thank you going out to staff, students and our generous community. We raised \$660.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

Volleyball Club

Students in grade 4 and 5 are participating in a volleyball club. The girls meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and the boys are meeting Tuesday and Thursday at 12:40. We are preparing for the **tournament on November 22**. The tournament will be held here at Dr. Hamilton School. We are learning a new way to play volleyball and the athletes seem to be enjoying it and achieving much success! Thank you to Mrs. Abrahams and Mrs. Palahnuk for their help coaching. Much appreciated!



Soccer at lunch

Students in grades 1, 2 & 3 have been playing soccer at 12:40 in the gym throughout the week. We are learning about moving the ball with our feet, playing as a team and using good sportsmanship. Thank you very much to the leaders in grade 4 and 5 who are leading the games as referees!

Hawaiian Day

This year in physical education classes we are running our way to Hawaii. I am planning a special Hawaiian day on November 25. On this day students are encouraged to wear beach/Hawaiian type clothing. Special activities are planned for physical education classes.

Upcoming Events:

November 22	Volleyball tournament	
November 25	Hawaiian day	
12:40 pm for gr 1 & 2 on Wednesdays		Gymnastics
12:40 pm for gr 3 on Mondays		Handball



SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Colleen Carswell (Chair)	Ward 1	222-1486
Jerry Sodomlak	Ward 1	999-1409
John Toews	Ward 2	663-0475
Rod Giesbrecht	Ward 2	661-5984
Eva Prysizney	Ward 3	668-3501
Brianne Goertzen	Ward 3	955-6782
Peter Kotyk	Ward 4	668-4181
Brian Olynik	Ward 4	661-6440
Michael West (Vice Chair)	Ward 5	990-3228
Kelly Barkman, Superintendent/CEO		667-7130



DR. HAMILTON CODING CLUB



This year we are offering students in Grades 1 – 5 an opportunity to be a part of Kids Can Code Club at Dr. Hamilton School.

We would like to give the students at our school the opportunity to learn a little bit about computer science and some of the programmable technology available to us. We will use the computers in our school along with iPads, iPods and other robotic devices available to us. The students will have access to different tools and programs that will allow them to explore and have fun!

We live in a world surrounded by technology. Even though our students are young, one day they may choose a career in some field related to computer science and coding. Many of the careers your children may choose, don't even exist today, but we know from research that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to success will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works.

The club will meet on specific days. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms and computer coding club will occur during lunch recess. A permission note will be sent home prior to club beginning.

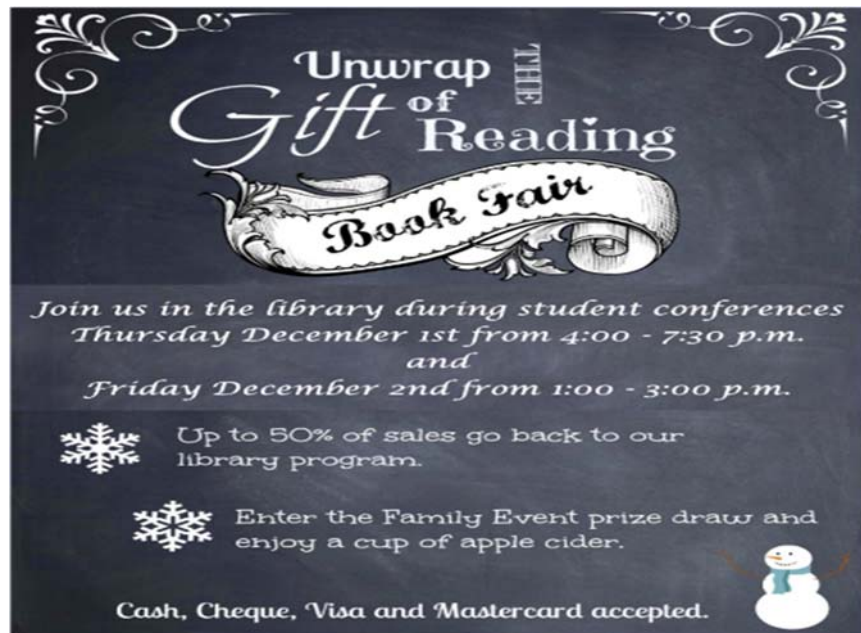
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still in need of the following: (Gently Used)

- iPods
- iPads
- iPhones or Androids that we can download an App onto
- Used Lego
- Coloured Pony Beads

If you have any of these devices sitting around your houses that we may integrate into our student's coding club, it would be great if they could find their way to our school. They can be dropped off in our school library. Thanks for your support!

Don't forget...



Unwrap ^{THE} Gift of Reading
Book Fair

Join us in the library during student conferences
Thursday December 1st from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
and
Friday December 2nd from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Up to 50% of sales go back to our library program.

Enter the Family Event prize draw and enjoy a cup of apple cider.

Cash, Cheque, Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Coming up on
our
Calendar...

NOVEMBER

- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly – 9:35 a.m.**
- 11 Remembrance Day – No School**
- 14 Report Card Preparations – No Classes for Students**
- 18 Picture Day Retakes (1:15-3:00 p.m.)
- 22 PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. (Library)
- 23 Early Dismissal – 3:15 p.m.
- 28 Report Cards sent home with students

DECEMBER

- 1 Student Led Conferences – after school and evening with the BOOK FAIR and PAC raffle**
- 2 a.m. Classes for Students**
p.m. Student Led Conferences (afternoon only) – No Classes for Students that afternoon
- 15 Christmas Concerts (1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)
- 20 Presents For Parents
- 22 Last Day of Classes before Christmas break
Early dismissal @ 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 9 Classes resume – Day 5
- 17 HOT LUNCH
- 18 Early Dismissal - 3:15 p.m.
- 18 PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. (Library)