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Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER #9

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We are all excited to feel the warmth of the sun and see things slowly starting to turn green! Spring brings new life, and the desire to head outside to enjoy the fresh air without having to bundle up! Even though the temperatures are warming up, please continue to monitor weather reports, and make sure your child has appropriate outerwear for whatever the day may bring!! Having an extra sweater in the backpack can be a big help at this time of year on those days that the temperature drops rather than increases throughout the day!

This time of year also brings longer days, and the chance to enjoy extra hours of sunlight. This is a bit of a mixed blessing for our young children though, as we do see many tired children at school. These last two months of school are an important academic time, as the learning of the year is reviewed and solidified as we prepare students to move to the next grade. Please continue to be vigilant in making sure your child gets to bed early enough so they can get the proper amount of sleep which will allow them to function to their best ability.

This past month we were very busy working on plans for next year. One of the bigger tasks at this time of year is getting our staffing in place. With our continued growth, the Board of Trustees approved an additional 2.5 teaching positions for next year. We have chosen to add an additional resource teacher, a guidance/music/PE teacher, and a half time kindergarten teacher. The additional kindergarten teacher will allow us to have six classes of kindergarten this fall. We are very excited to be able to add another class as kindergarten involves so many new things; lowering class sizes at this level is extremely beneficial! We also have had to hire for four teachers who will not be teaching at HMK next year. Mrs. Smith (grade 4) is currently on maternity leave, and will be off all of next year. Mrs. Lazaruk is also currently on maternity leave, and has resigned her grade 1 position. Miss Taylor (also grade 1) has accepted a position in Crystal City which will be much closer to family for her. We are sorry to have two great grade 1 teachers leaving us, but wish each of them all the best in their new communities! The last teacher leaving is Mrs. Chapman (resource), who is going to be retiring at the end of the school year! Mrs., Chapman has had an amazing career, and helped countless children – and parents – in so many ways! We have a lot of great people who won't be back in the fall, but we have hired a great group of teachers to take over as we move forward! We have hired two resource teachers, Hylin McLaren and Denise Uebersax. Ms. McLaren is currently teaching grade 1 here at HMK, and has been teaching early years for over 20 years. Mrs. Uebersax is from Switzerland where she taught several years and specialized in working with higher needs children. To fill our two grade 1 positions, we have hired Ms. Colley and Ms. Dyck. Ms. Colley taught grade 1 at HMK in the fall, and is currently teaching grade 4 at HMK. Ms. Dyck is currently teaching grade 1 at HMK, and last year was one of our kindergarten teachers. We have hired Katrina Guillas as our new half time kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Guillas is currently teaching grade 2 and kindergarten at HMK, and last year taught grade 1 here. In grade 4 we have hired Claire Brister to fill Mrs. Smith's maternity leave. Ms. Brister is currently student teaching grade 4 at HMK, and will be graduating from Brandon University this spring. Our new guidance/music/phys ed teacher is Amanda Stewart. Mrs. Stewart has taught the last several years in Gladstone at the early and middle years level, and will bring a wealth of experience to this new combined role! We look forward to seeing all of our new teachers in action next year!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, May 8 th	MTYP presentation of Snow White for gr 2 - 4
May 8 th and 9 th	Preschool screening dates – Neepawa Legion Hall for kids born in 2019
Monday, May 20 th	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
Tuesday, May 21 st	*CAST 1: "Go Fish" (Spring Play for Kindergarten, Gr 1 and Gr 3)
Wednesday, May 22 nd	**CAST 2: "Go Fish" (Spring Play for Kindergarten, Gr 1 and Gr 3)
May 29 th and 30 th	Bicycle Rodeo for Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4
Friday, May 31 st	Last day to check out books from HMK Library
Monday, June 3 rd	Seed Survivor for all grade 3 classes
June 4 th and 5 th	Neepawa Nursery School touring HMK at 10:15 and 2:15
Monday, June 10 th	Grade 2 Field Trip to Austin (2V, 2M, 2P)
Tuesday, June 11 th	Grade 2 Field Trip to Austin (2F, 2G)
Wednesday, June 12 th	Kindergarten field trip for K Brister, K Byram and K Plett (odd day classes) BPSD Recognition Evening
Thursday, June 13 th	Kindergarten field trip for K Brister and K Poncsak (even day classes) Grade 3 field trip to Portage (all classes)
Friday, June 14 th	All HMK Library Books need to be returned
Thursday, Jun 20 th	***Tabloid Day (rain date June 21 st)
Thursday, June 27 th	Students and EAs last day of school for the year (regular dismissal time)
Friday, June 28 th	NO CLASSES – Admin / PD Day

* Cast 1 for "Go Fish": 3 Gillies, 3 Jarvis, 3 Anderson (half of class), 1 McLaren, 1 Brown, K Brister (odd day class), K Byram, K Plett

**Cast 2 for "Go Fish": 3 Hackewich, 3 Pollock, 3 Anderson (half of class), 1 Dyck, 1 Kerkowich, 1 Taylor, K Brister (even day class), K Poncsak

*** Note: All kindergarten students (from both days) will come to school on June 20th for the Tabloid (rain or shine). There will be no kindergarten classes – for any kindergarten students – on June 21st.

A Special Visitor for Mrs. Guillas' Class!



Mrs. Guillas' class had a very special visitor earlier this month when members of her family stopped by to show the class a calf! Mrs. Guillas' niece, who is also in grade 2, talked to the kids about how she has to look after the calf, and how she will show it! Mrs. Guillas' students had a chance to brush the calf, touch it, and ask lots of questions! For many, this was the first time being so close to a calf – what a great experience!!



Hatching at HMK

During the month of April, our kindergarten classes were keeping a close eye on the incubators in their classrooms! Each kindergarten classroom had a number of eggs that they hatched, and had the opportunity to watch some of these young chicks take their first steps. It is such an exciting time for all of the children! A big thank you to Mrs. Brister, Mrs. Byram, Mrs. Poncsak, and Mrs. Plett for all of the work that goes into hatching these baby chicks!



Midnight Renegade Members Visit HMK!

A big thank you to Mitchell Bukarz & Jeff Desender of Midnight Renegade who came to perform in the music room. They provided an exceptional experience where students learned about writing and performing songs as a band. Kaleb Desender, a Gr. 3 student in Mrs. Gillies classroom, was particularly excited as Jeff Desender is his Dad! Students also had a wonderful time jamming along with Mitchell & Jeff on classroom instruments. Midnight Renegade is a local band who have had their singles "Mirrors" and "What Truly Matters" reach the Canadian Indie Top 100 charts and have been nominated for a Manitoba Country Music Award. Congrats Midnight Renegade!



Secretary's Day

Every year in April there is a very special day – Secretary's Day! This year it was on April 26th! Our secretaries do such an amazing job – they greet people, answer phones, look after all of the ordering, tend to bruises and scrapes, and do whatever needs to be done to make our school a better place! Both Mrs. Plett and Mrs. Filipchuk do such an amazing job in the office – we are so lucky to have them at HMK!



Bicycle Safety Reminder

We would like to remind everyone that bicycle riders under 18 years of age must wear a helmet and follow all of the rules of the road, including stopping at all stop signs. All bicycle riders need to stop at all stop signs, and should not proceed through any intersection until they have looked both ways and made sure it is safe to do so.

We would also like to remind all bicycle riders that bikes are **NOT** to be ridden on sidewalks. If a street is too busy to ride your bike, you should get off and walk it on the sidewalk, or find a road that has less traffic.

As far as children riding bikes to school goes, bikes are only to be ridden to school by students in grade 2 and up. Even though a number of students in kindergarten and grade 1 may be very good bike riders, only students in grade 2 or older are allowed to ride their bikes to school! The only exception to this is if a parent accompanies their child BOTH to and from school. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this.

Bicycle Rodeo

We are pleased to once again be able to host a Bicycle Rodeo at HMK this spring. This year's Bicycle Rodeo will take place on May 29th and 30th, and will include all students in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4. The Bicycle Rodeo is sponsored and put on by Manitoba Public Insurance. A schedule will come out closer to the date letting you know which day your child will be participating. The Bicycle Rodeo teaches children all about bicycle safety, including safety equipment, and learning the rules of the road. There will be a bike course set up on the basketball court which will allow children to ride their bike on the course without being on the road. All children in grades 1 – 4 will participate, even if they do not yet know how to ride a bike! If they do not know how to ride, they will walk through the course, practicing obeying traffic signs, hand signals, and general safety protocols. The Bicycle Rodeo is such an excellent learning opportunity for all children – we are so thankful that MPI is coming to HMK again this year!

THANKS TO:

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

Brenda and Greg Nelson for donating juice boxes and snacks!!

Shirley Todoruk for bringing Tim Hortons Smile cookies for Mr. Pudlo's and Mrs. Brister's classes!



PUBLIC SERVICE



GET READY TO GARDEN!

Are you getting excited about gardening with your kids? If you are unsure just how to get started here are some useful links from Home Economist Getty Stewart. Not only does she have some excellent recipes for eating your garden produce but she also has videos to teach you how to plant and harvest. Getty lives in Manitoba so her tips are suited for our climate. Bookmark her website because you will want to go back frequently!

What can I plant now?

Three Stages to Planting Your Prairie Garden

Split planting into stages to get better yields and space out gardening tasks. For Zone 3, exact dates vary with soil moisture, air temp and precipitation.

COLD WEATHER CROPS	COOL WEATHER CROPS	WARM WEATHER CROPS
Kale	Beets	Beans
Leeks	Broccoli	Cucumbers
Lettuce	Cabbage	Corn
Onions	Carrots	Eggplant
Peas	Cauliflower	Melons
Radishes	Parsley	Peppers
Spinach	Potatoes	Tomatoes
Swiss Chard		Squash & Pumpkins
		Zucchini

4 weeks before last frost, soil can be worked, late April - early May

2 weeks before last frost, soil has warmed, some mild frost, mid May

after last frost date, soil is warm, no risk of frost, May 24 - early June

www.GettyStewart.com

Source: [When to Plant Your Garden in Manitoba \(gettystewart.com\)](http://www.gettystewart.com)

Also check out these GREAT links found on Getty Stewart's website:

Detailed Tips for how to plant your garden

<https://www.gettystewart.com/#search/q=Gardening>

Wondering when to start that veggie garden for our climate? Here is a helpful chart

<https://www.gettystewart.com/when-to-plant-what/>

Are herbs in your garden? Here is another useful chart

<https://www.gettystewart.com/herb-growing-chart-for-prairie-gardens/>

Asparagus season is almost here

<https://www.gettystewart.com/how-to-pan-steam-asparagus-without-a-basket/>

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE MAY 2024 *MEAL IN 30* RECIPE!

Filipino Coconut Chicken Curry

Total time: 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 6



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2-inch-long fresh ginger root, peeled and sliced (1 teaspoon of powder)
- 2 tablespoons red curry paste or powder
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 sweet potato, peeled and chopped into cubed
- 3-4 cups leftover chicken, chopped or cubed
- 1 can coconut milk
- 1/2 can water
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce or soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar or honey
- 1 large bell pepper, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Cilantro for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS



- 1** Heat oil in a heavy pot with lid. Sauté the garlic, onion and ginger for about 1-2 minutes. Add curry and turmeric stir for a few seconds.



- 2** Add the sweet potatoes and chicken. Pour the coconut milk plus 1/2 can of water, fish sauce and some pepper taste.



- 3** Bring to a boil, cover and then simmer on low for 8-10 minutes until the sweet potatoes are tender.



- 4** Add the chopped bell peppers and brown sugar. Cook another 2 minutes until peppers are heated through.



- 5** Serve over rice, garnish with cilantro and enjoy!

You can also try...

- Adding mango or pineapple for a little sweetness
- Serving with noodles
- Green or yellow curry paste or powder for a different flavour
- Spicing it up with some red pepper flakes



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

Recipe adapted from www.manitaspoon.com

SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

AUGUST 12 - 16 ♦ 9:30AM - 1:00PM

FOR AGES 8 - 13 YEARS OLD

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that will
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confidence &
creativity!



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NON-MEMBER \$110



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PICK UP THE RECIPE AND ALL THE INGREDIENTS AT THE LOCAL CO-OP OR SAFEWAY GROCERY STORE. ONCE YOU COOK IT UP AT HOME DO NOT FORGET TO SCAN THE RECIPE QR CODE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GROCERY GIFT CARD AWARDED EACH MONTH!



FIELD TO TABLE CLUB

Starting early May and running the duration of the summer, we will be running this combined program of cooking and gardening. If you love to help out in the garden and the kitchen, this is the perfect program for you. Registration will be limited, for more info email artsforward@mymts.net

\$45 Member - \$55 Non-Member

FOR AGES 8 & UP

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Have you ever thought about joining 4H?

4H is a great way to make friends, do fun projects and help in the community.

4H Belles, Beauxs and Builders is a close-knit group with ages ranging from 5 and up and we would love to have you join our club!

For more info, e-mail cindyzubert@gmail.com



The poster features a dark blue background with a blurred crowd of spectators. At the top center is the 'BASEBALL MANITOBA' logo, which includes a silhouette of a batter. Below this is a large graphic of a white baseball home plate with two wooden bats crossed behind it. The home plate contains the text 'GIRLS BASEBALL' in a bold, yellow, outlined font, and a smaller version of the Baseball Manitoba logo at the bottom. Below the home plate is a yellow rounded rectangle containing the text 'SPRING PROGRAM' in white. Underneath that is another white rounded rectangle with the text 'AGES 7-12 | WINNIPEG & BRANDON LOCATIONS'. At the bottom is a white rounded rectangle with the website address 'BASEBALLMANITOBA.CA/CONTENT/GIRLS-BASEBALL'.

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