



# HASTINGS HAWK

## Hastings School Newsletter

### Bullseye Projects

Grade 7/8 students in Mrs. Baril-Bissett's class have been working on Bullseye projects. It allowed them to think about the different pieces of their identity or roles that they play in regard to their family, their friends and their community. Then they chose a ring that meant the most to them to present to the class and they explained what symbols and/or words they used to identify themselves to the world. Very creative projects and heartfelt ideas were shared in class.



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### House Inductions

Grade 4/5 - It has been a nice new school year in a new school building. Most of us have just settled into the new school. It was a big adjustment and accomplishment for switching buildings and we did it! Movie night was very good. It was nice getting to know some new students and parents. I found it very enjoyable. This month we had house inductions for grades 5-8. I feel super nice being in a 5-8 house. It feels welcoming and everybody cheers for you. It feels like everyone is a winner. I don't know what our next event is yet but I am looking forward to it. I think it is going to be fun!

By Evan L.

### Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!

Kindergarten - It has been a fun and exciting month in kindergarten. A couple of highlights, according to the students, were making our Chicka Chicka Boom Boom tree with Ms. Takeuchi's class and getting to dress up for Halloween. We have also been working hard at learning to recognize all of our letters and have been participating in a variety of different literacy centers. A favourite during the month of October was Alphabet Bingo.

During the month of November, we will be focusing on beginning sounds and syllables

in our literacy activities. We will also continue working on our fine motor skills and writing our letters using the Handwriting Without Tears program. In Math, we will be starting to look at patterns more closely and will continue working on our number recognition. Science will be filled with many colour-mixing activities, which is always a highlight for students.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled November!

Ms. Waldner

## Pumpkins Weighed and Seeds Counted

Grade 1/2 - During the month of October the students in Ms. Rainka's class worked on choosing just right books and building their stamina for read to self time. They really enjoyed watching Mr. Haley and some of the teacher's perform Mortimer through Reader's Theater at the October assembly. They were also excited to participate in National Drop Everything and Read Day. Students have been busy looking for patterns on the 100 chart and have been practicing skip counting by 5's and 10's. With the help of their grade 5/6 buddies students measured and weighed pumpkins and counted all of the seeds they found inside. One of the pumpkins had over 600 seeds. That was a lot of counting!



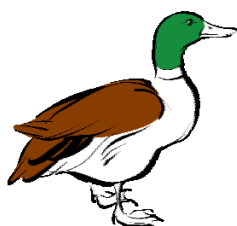
### *Our Trip To Fort Whyte*

On Monday November 3rd the grade ½ classes went to Fort Whyte. We had a great time! To help us learn about how animals prepare for winter everyone got a turn to reach inside a mystery box. The secret objects helped our guide explain some important science words. During our visit we got to see a lot of geese! We also saw owls, prairie dogs, fish, snakes, turtles, bees, a salamander, ducks and squirrels.



On our walk outside the group leaders showed us 3 large nests high up in the trees. Were they birds' nests? No, those nests belonged to squirrels! We saw lots of ducks diving for food while we walked through the ponds. We thought all of the green spots on the pond were algae but it was a plant called duckweed. One of the leaders even scooped some out so we could see it up close. We learned about some other plants too as we walked through the forest. Each group got a top secret word to act out at the end of our trip. We pretended to be frogs hibernating in the mud, geese migrating south and squirrels super napping in their nests.

Ms. Rainka



## Paper Structures

In our grade 3/4 classes we have started on the Science Unit, Materials & Structures. One of the first activities we did was creating a paper structure that will hold a minimum of 3 erasers. We worked on our own or with a partner. Each student or group received 3 pieces of white paper, glue and scissors. It was a lot of fun and many of the students were able to make paper structures that could hold 3 erasers or more. We can't wait for our next Science challenge! Mr. Kehler's class and our class will be going to the Children's Museum on November 26th to make structures out of recycled items. We are looking for parent volunteers, so if you are available please let Mr. Vilar or Mr. Kehler know. Thanks for reading our information about our class.

Mr. Kehler & Mr. Vilar

## Sidewalk Chalk Art

October, being the second month of school, we're still being introduced to new opportunities and experiences. While the weather was still decent, we all got to go outside and draw sidewalk chalk art in which we would lay on the cement so that we appeared to be "A Part" of the picture. Next, there were two major holidays in October; Halloween, and Thanksgiving. For Thanksgiving we created hilarious poems in which we would say something we were



thankful for, then we would realize something not-so-great about that thing, for example... "I'm thankful for my bike, oh, my back tire's flat. I'm thankful for baseball, except I lost my bat!"

Halloween included a Gr.5-8 Costume Contest for House Points. Did you know that Eric Sears won for having the best overall costume? It just proves that everyone loves a SLURPEE. In art we began studying the famous painter, Vincent Van Gogh. Come and see our replication of Van Gogh's famous "Sunflowers"

painting. Finally, our ELA project called, "The Best Part of Me", which combined a black and white photograph of our favorite body part, with a written



description (full of similes and metaphors) are displayed for you to see at the back of our classroom. Bring on November....

By Minnie



In the Hastings Library

We will be open from **9:00 to 3:45** on the following dates:

Monday, Nov. 24

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Thursday, Nov. 27

AND TWO EVENINGS

4:00 to 7:30

Tuesday, Nov. 25

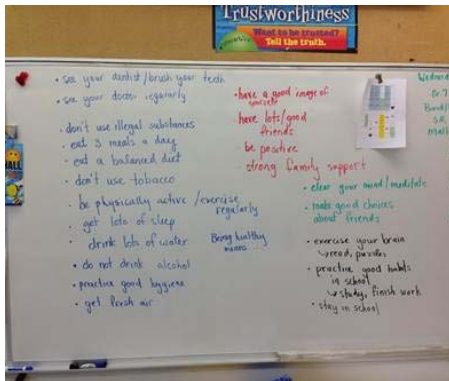
Thursday, Nov. 27

during conferences.

We accept Visa, MC, American Express, cheques or cash

## Read Every Day.

## Lead a Better Life!



### From The Mouths of K/1:

Daniel: "Reading books has been fun! And playing is fun too. And playing outside with your friends is fun!"

Aubrey: "Looking at pumpkins has been fun!"

Ethan: "I liked putting pumpkin numbers in order, like 1, 2, 3..."

Mackayla: "I liked spelling words using stamps."

Umer: "I liked learning how pumpkins grow."

### Looking After Yourself

Grade 7/8T - Have you ever considered what being healthy means? The grade 7/8 students in Ms. Thordarson's class spent some time as individuals, in small groups and then as a whole class brainstorming the many things that help us to be healthy. We discovered that healthy is not just a physical state of being. It also has mental, social and intellectual aspects. Some of things the class came up with are: a well-balanced diet, a good night's sleep, plenty of exercise, having positive relationships with friends and family, challenging your brain with puzzles, taking the time to relax and collect your thoughts, seeing the doctor and dentist for regular checkups and having a positive self-image. We concluded that looking after ourselves helped us to look after the other important people in our lives!



## Fort Whyte Trip

To wrap up our learning of the four seasons, the Grade 1/2 students in Mrs. Liddiard's class enjoyed a field trip to Fort Whyte learning about how animals get ready for winter. We enjoyed a nature walk, visiting



the Prairie Dogs, Burrowing Owls, Manitoba fish and feeling the many other Manitoba animals.



## Administrators' Report

### *Conferences*

Twice a year we ask parents to come into our school and share in the celebration of their child's learning. Conferences will be held on the evenings of November 25 & 27. It is important for parents to know that the purpose of this meeting is to review the work your child has been doing, spend some time in his or her class and have a conversation with the classroom teacher. If you feel that a more detailed discussion in regards to your child is needed, please take the time to make another appointment with the teacher. We hope that ongoing dialogue between the teacher and family is occurring and not limited to just report cards and conferences. Email and telephone are both great ways to stay in touch. Reports card will be sent home November 21.

### *Building Re-Allocation Update*

Almost all of the work that was to be completed has been done. We are only waiting on a few whiteboards (and air conditioning) to be installed. If you haven't been in yet,

## Buddy Squirt is Every Second Friday!

Grade 5/6V - October in room 12 has been outrageous! In writer's workshop we completed Halloween riddles 'What am I' booklets. Once we completed the riddles we shared them with our K/1 book buddies. Also in writer's workshop we did 'The Best Part of Me' that is where we take pictures of the best part of us and we write a poem about our chosen body part. The projects look beautiful on our bulletin board.

In Daily 5 we are reading a delightful book called 'Because Of Winn-Dixie'. It is a wonderful book so far. In readers chair we have been reading a mysterious book called 'The Girl Who Owned a City'. It's a great novel.

In science we are learning about the solar system, and in social studies we are working on citizenship. Once a cycle we go down to Mrs. Takeuchi's class to read and do fun stuff with her K/1 class.

In math Mrs. Volkart came up with the great idea of buying a werewolf that grows in water and we measure it every day.

SQUIRT stands for super quiet uninterrupted reading time. In SQUIRT we read independently, except for every second Friday we have buddy SQUIRT. That means we choose an appropriate partner to quietly read with. In art we made solar system pastel art with Miss. Janicki, our teacher candidate from the University of Winnipeg.

We all made them to our liking. We shaded and blended pastels and they turned out eye catching! The past week we have had subs. We had a Halloween party with Mrs. Whitaker and it was fun. We carved a pumpkin and guessed the weight. We played bingo and the reward was CANDY. We are ALL ecstatic Mrs. Volkart is back.

Reporters: Jenna and Aliyah

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be sure to wander around during parent conferences to see how great our building looks! Further to air conditioning, installation begins this week. It is estimated to take approximately two months. Work will be done on evenings and weekends and disruption to learning time will be minimal. It should all be ready to go for spring!

### *Winter Concert*

"Ready, Set, Snow" is the title of this year's concert. It will be held on the afternoon and evening of December 17. More details will be sent home with students.

Angela Power & Rick Haley