



# HASTINGS HAWK

## Hastings School Newsletter

### Kindergarten/Grade 1

"We are learning how to subtract backwards with a number line!" - Willow

" I know things can be made out of plastic and rubber." - Adarsh

"People come from different places to live in Canada. We speak English and French!" - Michaela

"Some things are made out of metal and it is strong and shiny" - Taneesha

" We use talking marks when you are talking in books!" - Mackayla

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### Grade 5/6 SP

Judge a cooking competition? Yes, please! This month our class had the opportunity to visit Mrs. Dutka's Foods and Nutrition class at Dakota Collegiate to be the judges for their cooking contest. We sampled different versions of pasta salad, vegetable stir fry and spicy spaghetti and rice and then cast our votes. What a tasty field trip! We hope to be invited back when they are baking desserts!

On May 7th The University of Winnipeg's Design It Science Team came to our classroom. Design It Science is an inquiry and design program that teaches science to students by having them create something

awesome. For our class, they brought all the supplies we needed to create a pop bottle car. We planned out and created our cars all by ourselves, using recycled materials like pool noodles, pipe cleaners, cardboard, skewers, masking tape and aluminum foil. When we finished building our cars we got to go outside to test them. We put baking soda and vinegar into the pop bottle and watched to see how far they travelled.

Some cars moved just a little bit, some moved a lot, some flipped over and some exploded! We had so much fun and we hope the Design It Science Team is able to come back soon. (see science and food pictures below).



### Grade 3/4 A

Room 8 has turned into a sprouting garden! We've planted all different kinds of things and can't wait to see our flowers bloom. We are also really enjoying the smell of the mint plant that is growing like crazy! We've started tracking the mint's measurements and can't believe how fast it is growing.



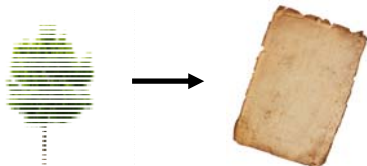
Our journey around the world is coming to an end in Social Studies and we are wrapping things up by sharing our "Country Cubes" with each other. We found out that soccer is the most popular sport in the world so we've decided to create our own ball game and who knows... maybe what we come up with will soon be the most popular game too!

A lot of fun things coming up in June, including the end of school, but we are focused hard on getting our last bits of learning in. Summer break is going to be well deserved!

Ms. Angeleau

### Kindergarten

Where did the month of May go? It seems to have flown by while we here in Kindergarten have been very busy. We had our very first field trip on a school bus! How exciting! We learned about trees and paper and the steps it takes to turn a tree into paper. We even got to make our own paper and take it home with us. And playing around the museum was so much fun.



In the classroom, we had a party with items we made from paper and did experiments to see what kind of paper is best for things like drawing on and holding water. We also have been talking about feelings and different ways we can communicate. We are writing more and more so that we can be ready to start grade 1 in a few months! It will be here before you know it!

Ms. Deblaere

### Grade 1/2 H

We are hard at work doing science experiments, discovering the characteristics of objects and materials. We have tested what types of things we can move with our breath, and what things will float in water. Students have discovered that certain materials are better suited than others for everyday objects, such as plastic, not glass, for our classroom chairs. Next, we will be examining different ways to join materials together.

Half of the 1/2s have performed a Reader's Theatre rendition of "Chicken Little" for Ms. Condon's French class. They practiced a lot and did an excellent job. The other half of the class will be performing "The Gingerbread Man" and we are looking forward to another great production! The students had fun trying out a variety of voices for their characters, and gained first-hand experience of the importance of reading with expression.

We are currently at work on creating our own comic strip stories that reflect the impact of healthy diet, proper sleep, positive relationships, and daily exercise. The students have learned how these lifestyle choices can affect them through a series of puppet shows featuring Healthy Heather and Active Adam. These characters are also helping us form an understanding of what things are needs, like fruits and vegetables, and what things are wants, like chips and chocolate. The class had an interesting discussion about how many advertisements we see for our needs (healthy food, water, shelter, and clothing) versus how many we see for our wants.

Ms. Haines

From the

#### Manitoba School Boards Association

School vandalism often involves graffiti, broken windows, damage to roofs and playground equipment.

*To report suspicious activity on school grounds between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Or to report an act of school vandalism in Winnipeg call (204) 231-4556*

Our security firm will attend after receipt of your call.



## Grade 7 and 8 Art Field Trip

Students in Grade 7 and 8 Art attended the Assiniboine Park for a day of Art in Nature. They spent time doing photography and learning different techniques for taking good photographs such as the Rule of Thirds and the Two-Third/One-Third Rule. Then they set off with cameras to start taking photos. The weather was slightly overcast and perfect for photography!



After a quick lunch and



break on the new Children's Playground Centre, they walked over to the Riparian area of the park and, in groups, created their own art displays based on the natural materials they could find in this area. They analyzed them in terms of the elements of art, and then had a short time to sketch their choice of display.

As Jonny put it, "Our art is simple, but beautiful". We agree!

Ms. Baril-Bissett & Ms. Thordarson

## Grade 4/5 RB

Lately in science we've been working on extreme weather conditions. For example Tsunamis; a Tsunami is a set of huge ocean waves. Tsunami is the Japanese word for harbor wave. My favourite thing about this year is our novel study. We read the book Winn Dixie. It is a good book!

By: Connor

Something I enjoyed this year in French is the French menu because we got to do our own restaurant with partners and my partner was Emily Barker and we even got to do our own phone number and email and website, so that's why I enjoyed working on the French menu. Then we printed the whole menu and then we had to ask each other questions about the menu. My second thing that I enjoyed is our cupcake art because we got to draw the cupcakes and then we got to eat the cupcakes! It was so good!

By: Aya

## Grade 1/2 R

Throughout the month of May students were busy during their Music classes preparing for Folk Dance in the Park. When the day finally arrived students eagerly participated in the eleven mass and grade level dances that they had learned with Mrs. Walker. The students did a terrific job following the dance routines and working with their partners. Following the dancing, students enjoyed a picnic lunch and some time to play in the park playground. Despite being a little worn out from the hot weather students agreed that they had a lot of fun! Some of the students' favourite dances included Popcorn, Bechazar Harabbi, Carousel and the Louis Riel Jig which made its debut in the folk dance lineup. Other learning activities in the month of May included:

- creating "Love It and Loathe It" lists for writing ideas and using five finger planners to help us prepare to write a draft on our topics
- studying different types of maps and making our own maps of our classroom, our school and a location of our choice
- learning about money and practicing addition through coin combinations

Highlights for the students from the month of May were...

- Soccer, extreme dodgeball, 10 second tag and mini-golf obstacles in gym class. –Jesse, Maddie & Endrit
- Learning about money and maps. – Janelle
- Testing different materials to peel, cut and cover apples and potatoes for our science experiment. –Nathanial & Saylem
- Doing a scavenger hunt with our math buddies to find shapes hidden around the school. –Dawood

Ms. Rainka-Syrenne

## PAC Family BBQ

This year's family BBQ will be held on Wednesday, June 17 from 4:30 – 6:30. There will be a bouncer/slide and low organized games in the field. Each student at Hastings School will receive a free meal (hotdog, chips and drink). Additional meals for parents and other family members can be purchased for \$3.00.

*Families are encouraged to bring blankets or lawnchairs.* A letter went home to families on June 5 and it needs to be returned by **Thursday, June 11.**

Hope to see you there!

### Grade 3/4 V

The month of June will be soon be upon us. As usual June will be a busy month. The students had a fantastic time at St. Vital Park testing their boats and playing on the playground.

We have completed our unit on Measurement and moving on to Fractions. In Science we have started on the unit, Growth and Changes in Plants. We are still on our vacation in the Philippines for Social Studies. Students are enjoying learning about the Philippines. We had a mock plane trip and tasted wonderful Filipino foods and fruits. We will continue our study on the Philippines in June.

Our Garage Sale raised \$157.00. At first the students wanted to make sandwiches and hand them out on Main Street. Due to safety concerns we decided to use the money to make Goodie Bags for the homeless. The bags will be filled with toiletries and treats. We will be going to Siloam Mission on Princess Avenue to take a tour and to put the Goodie Bags together. Siloam Mission will then hand them out to their clients. This life learning trip will take place on Tuesday, June 9. We are in need of parent volunteers to assist with transportation to Siloam Mission and back. We will be leaving around 12:45pm and be back by 3:00pm.

On Tuesday, June 23, we are off to our annual field trip to Boston Pizza. Once again, we will require parent volunteers to assist with transportation to and from Boston Pizza on Bishop Grandin.

Below are the field trips for the month of June:

June 9 Siloam Mission (12:45-3:00)

June 16 Assiniboine Zoo (9:30-2:30) We are taking a school bus.

June 23 Boston Pizza (8:45-11:00)

June 25 Dakota Bowling (1:00-3:00)

June 29 Dairy Queen

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school or email me at [allen.vilar@lrsd.net](mailto:allen.vilar@lrsd.net)

### Grade 5/6 V

May has been a busy month in Room 12. In science we made pop bottle rockets, using vinegar and baking soda which made a chemical reaction. Our pop bottle rockets took off!



We walked to our school division board office to watch Carlos, Erijon and Jackson dance the dubstep in the Arts In Action Festival. Thank you Mr. Vilar and Ms. Takeuchi for helping out with planning this great event.

In literacy circles we finished our books: Shiloh, Holes and Blubber. Shiloh is about a boy named Marty and a dog named Shiloh. Holes is about a boy named Stanley Yelnats that was accused of stealing baseball shoes. Blubber is about a girl named Linda that gets bullied and called Blubber. We are now working on our scrapbook collages and novel summaries.

In math we are working on fractions and decimals. Did you know that if you think of money to understand decimals it makes it a lot easier?

We had pretty weird weather this month; snow, rain, sun and snow again, but at least it's finally starting to warm up.

In social studies we worked on our World War II projects. We started reading Pieces of the Past, it was a good and sad book. We learned about how many people were suffering and how many people were killed.

We are looking forward to all of the field trips we have planned for June!

Reporters: Jett, Carlos and Erijon



## MYRCA Club

Manitoba Young Readers Choice Awards (MYRCA) promotes reading and Canadian literature. Students in grades 5 to 8 from all over the province read from a selected list of Canadian titles over the course of the year and vote on their favourite book in the spring.

At Hastings School, our MYRCA group met regularly at lunch all year. We discussed the books, shared the titles we enjoyed and listened to Mrs. Burkett read us one of the books on the list. What a great way to spend a lunch hour, especially on those frosty winter days!

Mrs. Burkett and the teacher-librarians from five other schools organized a special year-end celebration called the Moscars – short for “MYRCA Oscars”.

Students voted on which books best fit categories such as:

Book with the best ending

Most exciting action-adventure book

- Best mystery
- Best realistic fiction
- Scariest book
- Best female character
- Best male character
- Most appealing cover

In preparation for the Moscars event, students in all six schools created book trailers, book posters and trivia. The students voted

in early May but had to wait until the “Big Event” to learn the results of the voting.

On May 13, 2015, we held our first annual Moscars Award Ceremony at the LRSD Board Office. About 40 students from the six schools gathered for this exciting event. We enjoyed popcorn and juice while the “awards” were announced on the big screen! The suspense was amazing and cheers were loud when “our” books won a particular category! The enthusiasm for the books and reading was amazing!

After the award portion of the ceremony was complete, the students participated in another “Big Reveal” – the titles for next year’s MYRCA!! The new books were set up at different stations and the students pre-viewed all the titles, deciding which ones to start reading first, to get ready for next year’s MYRCA award.

The provincial MYRCA celebrations will take place in Winnipeg in October. The MYRCA committee invites the award-winning author to Winnipeg to receive his or her award and to speak with the MYRCA students. This fall, students from Hastings School will participate in the ceremony and will have the privilege of introducing David Carroll, the winner of this year’s MYRCA award. He is the author of *Ultra*, a novel about a Quinn and his adventures in running an ultra-marathon - a 100-mile race in 24 hours.

Yours in reading,

Mrs. Burkett

### *The First Annual LRSD Moscars*



The Big Reveal – the books on next year’s MYRCA list!



Nominated for...



The Book Blind Date – checking out the nominees for next year’s MYRCA



And the winner is ...!



## Administrators' Message

As another year comes to an end, we reflect on all the great accomplishments of our students (your children) over the last ten months. Students have excelled in academic areas, developed social skills, and built relationships that will serve them well throughout their lives. We are very proud of our students this year, their achievements and successes!

Staff are currently working on class composition lists for next year's placements. Class placements will be confirmed in student report cards that go home on June 24.

Staff and grade configurations for next year:

Kindergarten	Susan Debleare
Kinder/Gr 1	Brynne Takeuchi
Grade 1/2	Chandra Haines
Grade 1/2	Karilee Rainka-Syrenne
Grade 3/4	Allen Vilar
Grade 3/4	Kim Thordarson
Grade 4/5	Brittany Bailey/Victoria Ross
Grade 5/6	Darcie Volkart
Grade 5/6	Jayne Percival/Tracey Shields
Grade 7/8	Theresa Baril-Bissett
Grade 7/8	Jaelyn Condon
Student Services	April Letwin, Jane Peck, Chris Marinelli
PhysEd	Marlene Giesbrecht
Music	Bonnie Walker
Library	Karen Burkett
Library Tech	Kathy Pilkey
Community Liaison Worker	Bonny Thom
Educational Assistants	Lisa Banks, Heather Derco-Todd, Janice Ducharme, Debbie Edwards, Tyler Mowat
Secretaries	Barbara Webb, Debbie Milligan
Custodians	Rick Landry, Dean Labossiere, Dave DeCarle

We say goodbye to Carolyne Lester, (retiring) our Early Reading Intervention teacher and welcome Krista Lewthwaite from Lavallee School. Trista Angeleau (term) in grade 3/4 will also be leaving. As you may already know, Angela Power, our vice principal has been transferred to Victor H.L. Wyatt School. Our new vice principal will be Susan Ciastko, coming over from Glenlawn Collegiate. We wish all departing staff best wishes and good luck in their future endeavours!

We hope to see you at our PAC BBQ on the 17th. Free meals for kids and we thank Councillor Brian Mayes for covering the cost of our bouncer! Be sure to join us at our last assembly of the year. It will be held Tuesday, June 30 at 11:00

The summer break will soon be upon us and with it brings time for students, staff and parents to enjoy spending time with family. In many ways this break is our "new year." It is our opportunity to rekindle our love of nature, of reading, of family and especially our love of learning. On behalf of all of the staff at Hastings, we wish each of you a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We look forward to our students returning for Opening Day Conferences. Have a safe and relaxing summer and we will see you on September 2!

Angela Power & Rick Haley

## Advance Planning for 2015/16

### IMPORTANT DATES – NO SCHOOL

September 8, 2015\* - Administration Day - Opening Day Conferences Evening Only  
 September 9, 2015 – Opening Day Conferences Afternoon Only  
 September 10, 2015 – First Day of School  
 September 21, 2015 - Professional Learning Day  
 October 12, 2015 - Thanksgiving Day  
 October 23, 2015\* - Professional Learning Day  
 November 11, 2015 – Remembrance Day  
 November 27, 2015 - Professional Learning Day  
 Winter Break Last day of classes Friday, December 18, 2015 – Dismissal 2:37 pm  
 Classes resume Monday, January 4, 2016  
 February 5, 2016\* - Professional Learning Day  
 February 15, 2016 - Louis Riel Day  
 March 4, 2016 – Professional Learning Day  
 March 18, 2016\* - Professional Learning Day  
 Spring Break Last day of classes Thursday, March 24, 2016  
 Classes resume Monday, April 4, 2016  
 April 22, 2016\* - Divisional Professional Learning Day  
 May 13 - 2016 - Professional Learning Day  
 May 23, 2016 - Victoria Day  
 June 3, 2016 - Professional Learning Day

\* Indicates the five commonly scheduled non-instructional days for all Winnipeg schools

### IMPORTANT DATES – REGULAR SCHOOL DAY

September 15, 2015 - Picture Day – Picture Retakes Thursday, November 4, 2015  
 November 20, 2015 – Reports go home  
 November 24, 2015 – Parent Conferences  
 November 26, 2015 – Parent Conferences  
 March 17, 2016 – Reports go home  
 March 22, 2016 – Parent Conferences  
 June 28, 2016 – Reports go home

### IMPORTANT DATES - SCHOOL STAFF MEETINGS – EARLY DISMISSAL - 2:37 PM

September 22, 2015  
 October 27, 2015  
 November 24, 2015  
 December 18, 2015 (last day of classes before winter break)  
 January 26, 2016  
 February 23, 2016  
 March 22, 2016  
 April 26, 2016  
 May 24, 2016  
 June 30, 2016 (last day of classes)