



HASTINGS HAWK

Hastings School Newsletter

Study of the Philippines

Grade 3/4 V

Thanks to all who donated to our third annual Garage Sale. We raised \$157 which will go to a worthwhile charity voted by the students. The students were excited preparing for this fun event.

Both grade 3/4 classes went to see a play at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People called, Kaput. It was an interactive one man show that brought a lot of laughter from the crowd. Presently, we are studying Philippines in Social Studies. We have simulated a plane trip to the Philippines and the students will be exposed to the rich culture of the Philippines. On Friday, May 1 the students were treated to a typical Philippine lunch that includes springrolls, rice noodles called, Pansit, as well as rice. Measurement and Money are the focus in Mathematics. We also want to thank and say goodbye to our student teacher, Alex Mandaliti, who had a very successful term at Hastings School. She will be dearly missed.

Mr. Vilar

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Moms and Tots

Community Liaison

Moms and tots has been running on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 11.30 am since October, we haven't had a really big turnout so we would like to increase the numbers for next year so if you have children at home or are having a new baby please consider coming to our mom's and tot's group next year. The last day for this year will be Tuesday May 12th. If you have a free half an hour before May 12th to stop in and say hi and have a coffee or tea and a treat please come by.

Ms. Thom

Bump and Number Memory

Kindergarten

April in Kindergarten has been a busy and exciting month. We've been working very hard on our letter sounds and practicing writing words in our journals. For Earth Day, we learned a fun poem about picking up our trash and we made some beautiful globes with food coloring and shaving cream. In Math, we learned two new fun games, Bump and Number Memory. But, the most exciting thing we did this month was go out for recess for the very first time, all by ourselves!! We can't wait to start going out more and more, and even join the big kids one day!

Mrs. DeBlaere

The Ghost and the Zombie

Grade 1/2 H

Our class will be sad to say goodbye to our teacher candidate, Ms. Quinton, at the end of April. Ms. Quinton has been teaching us about fairytales, and we are currently working on creating our own unique fairytale stories. Some of our titles include, "The Three Little Vampires in the School," "The Princess and the Cat," and "The Ghost and the Zombie."

We are happy to welcome the warm weather and are looking forward to playing Mathball outside. During Mathball, we play baseball, and give each of the hits, catches, and runs a different point value. Each student has a scorecard to add and subtract their

team points on, and we review the answers back in our classroom. Not only do we get to enjoy the warm weather, we get to exercise our minds and bodies at the same time!

Our Mathball game connects well to our current Health topic, which focuses on ways to keep our bodies healthy through proper diet and exercise. We are learning about the importance of eating from each of the food groups and getting enough sleep and exercise every day.

Ms. Haines

Administrators' Message

Staffing News

The staffing process is underway and while much will stay the same for next year, at this point there are a few changes that I can report:

- Our vice principal, Ms. Power will be moving to the same role at Victor H.L. Wyatt School for September 2015,
- Ms. Thordarson, currently teaching grade 7/8, will move to grade 3/4 for next year and ,
- Our Early Reading Intervention teacher, Ms. Lester will retire in June. Ms. Krista Lewthwaite from Lavallee School, will join us in that capacity.

Seniors Day

Thanks to the grandparents and seniors who came to visit our school on the morning of April 30th to "celebrate" Seniors Day in Louis Riel School Division. Grandparents participated in morning meetings, physed and music classes. Many comments were overheard about how things are so different now. Special thanks to our student helpers and our performers!

Emergency Drills

Throughout the year each school is required to practice on 10 different occasions an emergency drill. The most common emergency drill is the Fire Alarm. However, we do practice other emergency drills such as the Intruder Alert Drill. In the Intruder Drill, an announcement is made from the office for everyone to move to the hallway wall within their room, turn off the lights, lock the door and remain quiet. Practicing these drills help to make sure that students are safe and secure and that they know what to do in an emergency. We will practice the Intruder Alert Drill later this month.

Career Trek

This year Career Trek celebrated nineteen years of providing career exploration to students from grade five through post-secondary study. Hastings School was very fortunate to have two students partake this year: Selina Nigh and Cheyanne Newman. These young people gave up twenty Saturdays to spend the day at one of our post-secondary institutions in Winnipeg to explore eighty different hands-on careers.

Field Trips

This is a reminder that all classes will participate in out-of-school excursions over the next two months. Please make every effort possible to have permission forms and money returned on time to classroom teachers. If payment for a field trip is an issue for your family, please call us at the school to make other arrangements. It is our expectation and hope that every student attends all out-of-school activities. Also, please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather when leaving for school on those days. If it is hot, a

water bottle, sun screen and a hat are also necessary.

Dress Code

The weather is starting to warm up!

We would like to remind parents and students of the Hastings School beliefs and expectations regarding student dress code:

- School is a public place,
- School is considered a student's "Workplace,"
- Students are expected to dress appropriately for school,
- We request that parents ensure their son/daughter is exercising good judgement when selecting clothes for school.

Certain types of clothing are not necessarily appropriate for school use. These items include: muscle shirts, shirts with rude or derogatory comments or logos, tube tops, halter tops or bandeaus, beach wear, short shorts/skirts (when standing with your arms at your sides, shorts and skirts should extend past fingertips), spaghetti strap tops or strapless tops. Please also ensure that underwear is not visible at any point on the body. Hats are not appropriate for indoor wear. Students must wear shoes at all times.

Have a great month!

Angela Power and Rick Haley



Kindergarten/Grade 1

"We are learning about trees. They give us paper and paper towel!" - Alicia

"We are still learning about shapes. Triangles have three sides and it looks like a mountain!" - Mackayla

"We are learning about plants. We are growing plants and giving them water and sunlight." - Michaela

"Stumps are when you cut down a tree. Rings on a stump tell how old a tree is." - Taneesha

"I have been doing lots of drawing at Choice Time." - Kasey

"We played soccer baseball in gym!" - Adarsh

"In Choice Time we made a community. When we were done we shared it with our buddy class and then we took it apart when we were done." - Ethan



Grade 5/6 SP

In grade 5/6 SP we have been busy learning about angles. One thing we learned was that the sum of all the interior angles of a triangle always equals 180 degrees. We have also been busy finding various types of angles in our environment. Do you know that most windows have a right angle and the proper name for a triangle with all equal sides and angles is called an equilateral triangle? Well, now you do and so do we!

In E.L.A. we finished reading the M.Y.R.C.A. book, Home Ice Advantage. We loved it, and so did hundreds of readers from across Manitoba, as Home Ice Advantage was the runner up for the prestigious 2015 M.Y.R.C.A. award. We created "ICE" cream sundaes to demonstrate our understanding of the different elements of the story, and then we had an awesome time celebrating our learning by making and eating our real ice cream sundaes!!



Pow Wow Club

Pow Wow club has now drawn to a close for this school year. We had an amazing year. Janice Ducharme and myself are so very proud of our dancers. They did a wonderful job at Hastings Family Fun Night, and performed the following week for LRSD teachers. We had one final performance in the school for Seniors Day and we will be done performing for this year. We would like to thank our dance teachers Wayne Ruby and Chantel Raynaud, as well as Rick Haley and Angela Power for allowing us to have this great after school club and for giving us time and resources for the Regalia making. We will start the Pow Wow Club up again next fall for all those who are interested. Just a quick note to keep in mind for next year: we would like to have a sewing club to help with regalia making and beading, so if you can help out with either of those things we would love to hear from you.

Ms. Thom

Seniors' Day was a huge success! The entire class enjoyed sharing stories with Emma-Leigh, Gavin and Mickey's grandparents. Finally, we wished Alexis good luck as she headed off to Alberta to compete in the Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships!! Stay tuned for her results....

Ms. Shields

Grade 1/2 R

We have been very busy since returning from spring break! We wrapped up our learning about senses in science with some taste testing to see if we prefer sweet, salty, spicy or sour flavours. We also explored who liked or disliked the feel of different objects that were soft like cotton, squishy like blurp goo or rough like sand paper to name just a few of the choices. April was poetry month so we listened to a variety of poems and then wrote our own animal poems to go with our Eric Carle artwork from March. We got to share some of these poems when we hosted the April school assembly. Many of the students were feeling brave and wanted the chance to speak into the microphone. We planned out what our activities at the assembly would be and worked hard to practice our speaking parts. We were thrilled to see that many family members were able to be a part of our audience! In math we reviewed some topics like even and odd numbers, as well as addition for double facts and doubles plus 1 or 2.

The students wanted to tell you that...

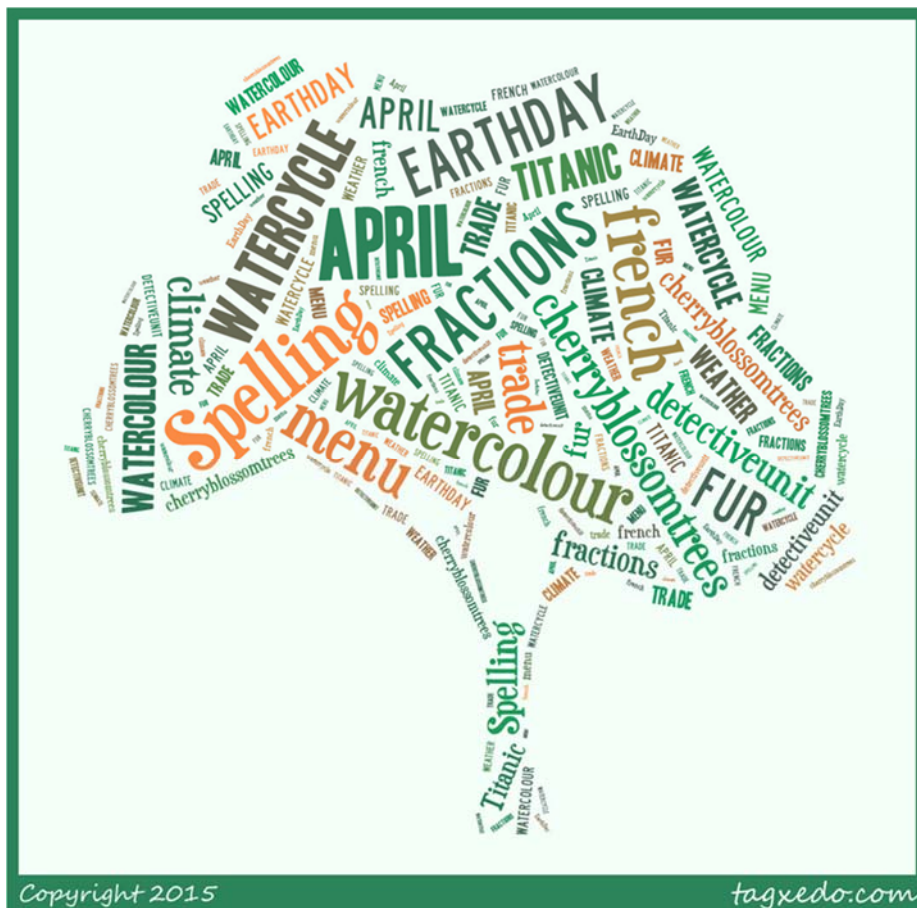
In music we began practicing for folk dance.
—Brandon

In gym we had sponge polo playoffs and skipping contests. —Dawood & Endrit

We worked with Mrs. Burkett to make our own "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?" video. —Savannah

We sang Hello Spring and read our animal poems at the April assembly. — Janelle & Maddie

Ms. Rainka



Grade 4/5 RB

"In French we have been working on French restaurant menus. My partner is Aya. Aya and I are very hard working." – Emily B.

"In art we were working on watercolour and we did cherry blossom trees. Then we added acrylic paint to make the cherry blossoms." - Megan

"We've been learning about the fur trade. Beavers used to be used as hats." – Jenna

"We did our Titanic projects. We learned about lots of information, including the day it sank." – Kieran

"This April we did fractions. We figured out how to find out what fraction is higher with the denominator and numerator. We put down proper fractions on a piece of paper and as a group sorted them from smallest to biggest." – Dempsey

"I enjoyed talking about the water cycle and the Titanic. I learned that you can help the earth by planting trees, don't waste water, don't litter and other things." – Kye

The second annual LRSD Arts in Action will be taking place at the board office May 4-7th. Our 4/5 class has submitted birch tree watercolour paintings that will be on display. We invite all to attend this wonderful event and enjoy the work of many talented students from across the division. J

Ms. Bailey



Grade 5/6 V

Life in Room 12

In Room 12 we made recyclable pop bottle butterflies in honour of Earth Day on April 22nd. We also wrote Haiku poems to go with our butterflies. We put them into the showcase in the lobby. How do you hug the Earth each day???

In Social Studies we are learning about World War II and the Holocaust. We are reading The Diary of Rose Rabinowitz, part of the Dear Canada series. On April 30th it was Seniors Day. We did a word web in groups with the title "Things Every Kid Should Do Before Turning 12." We had three grandparents join us for this activity in our classroom: Ms. Martin (Emma's Grandma), Ms. Lanyon (Ashe's Nanny, and Mr. Procter (Jamie's Opa.) After we made our webs with all of our ideas on chart paper, we shared them with the class. We added illustrations to our ideas on the chart paper.

April was an awesome month in Room 12.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has been another huge success this year. We fed on average 35 children every morning with more over the colder winter months. Breakfast club will be over June 5th/2015. After this date children will be expected to have breakfast at home. Thank you to all the parents and staff who gave donations to the breakfast club.

Ms. Thom

Grade 3/4 A

After a much deserved spring break, Room 8 has hit the ground running. We have our passports in hand and we have been traveling to countries all around the world, learning about language, sports and even the interesting ways that students from other countries travel to and from school. In Math we have been dividing and conquering all the different ways that we think about division and we have all agreed that 'quotient' is our new favourite word! Finally, we had an amazing time at Manitoba Theatre for Young People seeing Kaput. We laughed ourselves silly and even got to see Ms. Angeleau and Mr. Vilar be part of the show.

Grade 7 and 8s Visit Canadian Human Rights Museum

Grade 7 and 8 students were very fortunate to be able to visit the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in April. Human rights and their impacts is part of our Social Studies curriculum this year. We have been exploring various types of these rights in class, so it was particularly important for us to see how they have been or not been applied in Canada in our history, both past and recent.

Students started with a video about human rights issues in Canada, with focus on how we, as Canadians, have taken the issues of human rights seriously in our past, from the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike, to camps for Japanese Canadians during World War 2, to the Quiet Revolution in Quebec in the 1960's and 1970's.

We toured the main hall and gained some insight into symbolism and various examples through image and word on human rights in Canada. We moved up the beautiful walkways and building architecture to view our Canadian documents and relate them to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We sat quietly in the Meditative Gallery to gather our thoughts and then went to the top of the Tower of Hope where we had an amazing view of an amazing city. How lucky we are to be able to experience this in our own home town!

Ms. Baril-Bissett



Grade 7/8 T

In Science, the grade 7/8's are exploring Forces and Structures. Last week, they designed a Windproof Wonder. This structure needed to withstand the force of the wind

without being blown over. They were required to build a frame that could support a sign that stood 50 cms or more above the ground and contained at least one moving part. They used straws, masking tape, paper clips and



small bags of sand. After brainstorming and planning, the group followed criteria to build the structure. It was then tested. Students reflected on the process by thinking



about what they did to make their structure stable, describing changes that would make their structure more supportive and discussing modifications that would eliminate its weaknesses and improve its performance.

Ms. Thordarson

