



# HASTINGS HAWK

## Hastings School Newsletter

### Pig Hearts and Popcorn

Grade 5/6 SP

Pig hearts and popcorn? What could be better?? This month our class went to the St. Boniface Hospital and had a chance to dissect pig hearts and lungs. We also got to view living cells under a microscope and took a tour of the Research Center. It was awesome! In E.L.A., we started off our Beast Unit by sketching 8 pieces of popcorn and then turning each one into a different type of beast! Of course, eating the extra popcorn was a lot of fun, too! Our favorite beasts so far are the Mischievians, who are the creatures responsible for the irritating events like missing t.v. remotes, nasty unexplained smells, and that itch you just can't reach! Stay tuned next month to hear our opinions on some of the M.Y.R.C.A. books we are currently reading!

Ms. Shields

### Marble Mazes Created

Grade 3/4 V

Constable Cross came into our class and did a wonderful presentation on "Bullying". The students were empowered by the presentation and with my guidance, decided to form an Anti-Bullying Committee for the grades 1-4. I am honoured to have Constable Cross as part of our committee. They have been working on Anti-Bullying posters, badges, as well as their PowerPoint slides. They will present to all grades 1-4 and will assist in mediating bullying problems in school with my assistance. Mr. Haley and Mrs. Power will deal with any continuing problems.

In Science, we concluded our unit on Structures & Materials by creating Marble Mazes. We had invited a number of classes to our room to play and share our Marble Mazes.

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In Math, we are presently working on Multiplication. We have made multiplication flash cards and practised skip counting. The students have also been exposed to the game of Chess. They know how each chess piece moves and were excited when they played students from other grade levels.

Mr. Vilar

### Students Visit St. Boniface Research Centre

Grade 4/5 RB

In science the 4/5's have been learning about the human body. To celebrate the end of our unit we took a field trip to the St. Boniface Research Centre to visit scientist Stephen Jones. It was a fantastic afternoon! Here were some of our favourite parts of the day:

My favourite part of the field trip was when we got to dissect the lungs and heart. We got to cut open the ribs. We also touched the heart. I learned that a pinch of skin has about 10 000 cells. I also learned that cells

move but slowly. I had a great time at the St. Boniface Research Center.

By: Dempsey

My favourite part of the field trip was cutting the pig and seeing the inside of the pig. I learned how the cells work and how it looks like. I also learned how to cut a heart and the lungs. I liked the field trip!!

By: Aya

My favourite part was cutting the pig, it was fun! I learned that your fist is as big as your heart! I also liked going up the 5 flights of stairs! It was funny when Larissa was screaming at the pig! That was the best field trip ever!!

By: Megan

### Homestay Families Needed

The International Student Program is accepting homestay family application forms. Throughout the school year there is a need for families willing to host both male and female students. In preparation for the upcoming February 2014 semester, there is a higher demand for families willing to host male students. All homestay family applicants are welcome.

If you are considering hosting an international student and would like more information, please call the Homestay Coordinator, Evelyn Sieben, at the International Education Department. Please reach her at 204-223-0674 to discuss further details. You can also send your questions or application request by email to [evelyn.sieben@lrsd.net](mailto:evelyn.sieben@lrsd.net) to see how this program could fit with your family. You can view full program information online at <http://isp.lrsd.net> where applications are available.

### Block Parent Program of Winnipeg Inc.

It is the mission of the Block Parent Program to provide a network of police-screened, easily recognizable, safe places for the members of the community, primarily children and to support community education and awareness about the Program and safety both on the streets and at home.

For more information or to become a block parent, visit:

<http://www.winnipegblockparents.mb.ca/>



### Grade K/1 T

From the mouths of K/1:

"I love playing squad tag in gym!" - Ariel

"We are learning about our senses. My favourite sense is taste!" - Mackayla

"We are practicing printing our numbers." - Alicia

"When we don't know a word when we are reading we use Stretchy Snake or Eagle Eye. It is fun!" - Willow

"Evergreen trees can have different kinds of pinecones." - Jason



### Grade 4/5s At The St. Boniface Research Centre



### Grade 1/2 L

Mrs. Liddiard's Grade 1/2 class are happy and excited to be back after the winter break. We welcomed Constable Lisa from the Winnipeg Police Service as she discussed Personal Safety strategies highlighting what an emergency is, what to do in case of an emergency and safe community people.

We are also excited to discover that we are all creative writers and enjoy working on our creative squiggles writing activity during our daily literacy centres. We have proudly posted samples of our squiggles in the classroom.

As we have been preparing for Mrs. Liddiard's departure at the beginning of February, the students have welcomed Mrs. Haines into our classroom and have been working to get to who know one another over the last couple weeks. Welcome Mrs. Haines!

### Grade 7/8 T

The grade 8 art students have explored a variety of principles, techniques and concepts so far this year. We discovered how line and colour can be used to design 3D word sculptures, we learned a variety of techniques for sketching and shading self-portraits and how colour and value can be used to create an optical illusion.

In our current project, we are creating full size body sculptures out of plastic wrap and packing tape. The students have selected a pose and are re-creating that pose a body part at a time. Once all the parts are made, they will be assembled to create the full size sculpture. It has been very interesting to watch the students work together on this assignment and we are excited to see the final products! If you see some strange looking beings hanging around the school the next time you are here, please make sure you say hello!

Ms. Thordarson

### Grade 3/4 A

There have been a lot of changes in room 8 but we are working hard and learning a lot! Our heads are filled with all the words and word work that we have doing! In Science we just discovered that gravity is the reason why we can play basketball in gym instead of floating after the ball. Finally, our brains have been absorbing some marvelous multiplication facts!

Ms. Angeleau



**ARTS & TECHNOLOGY**  
C E N T R E

## Administrative Assistant Program

*Register Now. Start in September.*

Ten month program, follows school year calendar  
 Classes start at 9:45 AM and end at 3:45 PM  
 Intensive computer training in Microsoft Office 2013  
 Manual and computerized accounting  
 Teacher-led instruction  
 Office work practicum (6 weeks)  
 Focus on employability, resume and interview skills  
 Mature Student High School Diploma available

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### Information Evenings

**February 25 & APRIL 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

beginning with a presentation in the Dining Room

#### ATC Programs

| Administrative Assistant | Automotive Technology  
 | Baking & Pastry Arts | Broadcast Media (**\*NEW**)  
 | Building Trades | Culinary Arts | Early Childhood Educator  
 | Electrical Trades | Esthetics | Hairstyling | Information Systems |  
 New Media Design | Piping Trades (**\*NEW**)

5 de Bourmont Avenue

## Grade 5/6 V

### I AM THANKFUL

I have the honour and pleasure of teaching 21 incredible, hard working students five days a week. If I were to write down what makes our Room 12 Community Classroom successful, the ingredients would include:

- Kindness
- Empathy
- Friendship
- Acceptance
- Strong work ethic
- Curiosity
- Risk taking
- Team players
- Love of learning
- Strong readers
- Confidence
- Leadership

In reflecting on the last quality – leadership; we often discuss and reflect on a precept painted on canvas, hung on our classroom door (thank you Jenna for your beautiful artwork!). The precept states “Be a pilot,



not a puppet.” Students in room 12 understand and continue to internalize the importance of making their own decisions rather than following the decisions of others. A puppet is controlled by someone else, a pilot flies her/his own plane, and travels the direction she/he chooses. As my students grow up before my eyes, my hope is that they will continue to make strong and informed decisions for themselves throughout their journey through life, enabling them to be happy, strong, contributing citizens.

I would like to thank my students for making my teaching days feel like a gift rather than a job.

XO

Ms. Volkart



DIVISION SCOLAIRE  
**LOUIS RIEL**  
SCHOOL DIVISION

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Home Alone Workshop

Thursday, February 12  
6:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$27  
Room 102  
Collège Jeanne-Sauvé  
WE1.2

### Home Alone Workshop

Legally, children under the age of 12 cannot be left alone “without adequate provision.” This class will give your child the skills to stay “home alone” safely. Includes: fire safety, home safety and emergency procedures. This class is meant for children 10 years old and over. Parents are asked to attend at no additional charge. Please bring paper and a pen to class.  
Instructor: Heather Ashton

### Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course

4 Wednesdays  
January 21 - February 11  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
\$45 (\$36 course fee and \$9 Canadian  
Red Cross Manual)  
Room 102, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé  
WE2

### Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course

This course will focus on personal safety, first aid, play activities, fire safety, child care techniques and emergencies more likely to happen while babysitting. Attendance is mandatory to receive a certificate from the Canadian Red Cross. This course is geared towards young people 12 years old (or turning 12 within six months). More information on course content can be seen on the Canadian Red Cross website: [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca). Please bring paper and a pen to class.  
Instructor: Heather Ashton

### CPR for Family and Friends

Thursday, February 19  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$49  
Room 113  
Collège Jeanne-Sauvé  
WE6

### CPR for Family and Friends

Are you prepared if a friend or family member suffers Sudden Cardiac Arrest? Learn how to perform the steps of CPR for adults, children and infants in this video and instructor led course. You will be taught what to do in an emergency situation, how to access EMS and how to help someone who is choking. You will also be introduced to a lifesaving device called an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Manuals and take home instruction kits will be available for purchase at the course.

**Please note:** This course is not designed as a workplace course.  
Instructor: Heart Beat Inc.

Register On-Line at [www.lrsdconed.net](http://www.lrsdconed.net) or phone 204-237-8130

## Administrators' Report

February brings busy-ness to an elementary school. Look for Festival du Voyageur and Valentine's Day excitement. Louis Riel Monday is on the 16th this year. Our grade 8s will spend February 25th at Dakota Collegiate for orientation, getting ready for their transition to high school next year.

Students will receive registration packages. Please have them returned by March 4. There will be a Parent Information Night at Dakota Collegiate on Thursday, February 26. More registration information can be found at: [www.lrsd.net/schools/dci](http://www.lrsd.net/schools/dci).

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 20 and conferences will be held on one night only, Tuesday, March 24.

On the evening of Wednesday, February 18, Louis Riel School Division will be holding its annual Public Budget Meeting at 900 St. Mary's Road. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

February is Club Season! Lunch hour and after school clubs are up and running. Teachers are offering a range of options for students from Grade 1 to grade 8. Here are a few examples: Lego and games, chess, knitting, origami, yoga, computer, crafts and crokinole!

Angela Power & Rick Haley

## Tabs For Wheelchairs



Hastings School is still collecting "tabs" to support the purchase of a wheelchair. **You can drop off drink can tabs in the office or with your child's teacher.** Here is a little info on the history of "tab" collection in Winnipeg:

*Holy Cross School started saving tabs in the spring of 1998. Holy Cross gave its first specialized wheelchair (a tilt-in-space wheelchair) to a little girl named Carley in the spring of 2000. Her wheelchair had many "bells and whistles". She was a little 5 year old with cerebral palsy who needed a specialized wheelchair to go to kindergarten in the fall.*

*Most of the recipients in the last 16 years were chosen by the Rehabilitation Centre for Children on Wellington Crescent in Winnipeg. Altogether they have given 6 sport wheelchairs and 9 specialized wheelchairs.*

*Every May all of our tabs are sent to Western Scrap Metal Co. in Winnipeg and they in turn give back about 60 cents a pound. This enables the purchase of the wheelchairs. Reimer Express Lines Ltd. has transported all of tabs for free since the very beginning. St. Boniface Bag has also supplied bags free of charge.*

*There are approximately 1500 tabs in a pound. To purchase a \$6000 wheelchair requires approximately 14 million tabs!*

## Grade 1/2 R

Following the Winter Break Grade ½ students continued their learning in Social Studies by doing some sharing with one another about the types of traditions and celebrations that are important to their families all throughout the year. With valuable help from home, students also completed personal timelines and enjoyed being able to share important events from their lives such as first steps, family trips and the arrival of family pets with their classmates. In Math students have been using Power of Ten cards in a variety of activities and games in order to support ongoing number sense development and addition strategies. They have also been working on explaining their thinking about how to find target numbers on the 100 chart and on beaded number lines. Excitement has grown throughout January as students have watched our daily tracking of days in school creep closer and closer to 100! In February students will be exploring the Five Senses in Science, as well as 2-D Shapes and 3-D objects in Math.

-Ms. Rainka

Here are some things students had to say about what they've been doing during the

month of January...

In Music we learned a new song called January Jump and in gym we learned a game called 7 Up that has 7 different ball tricks you have to do. -Saylem

We made snowmen made of plasticine. Then we wrote about how to build a snowman. -Dong

We played games to make 10 with math buddies. -Musa

We played Ten Frame Flash. We had to look at a card and then show how the counters looked on it from our memory. -Endrit

We made math tool kits with counters, dice, ten frame cards and beaded number lines. -Savannah

Janelle, Maddie & Jesse all wanted to share about the different activities they had been doing in gym this month which included dribbling bouncy balls, Concentration, Extreme Dodgeball, Monster ball and numerous tag games such as Squad Tag, Blob Tag and Band-Aid Tag.



## Grade 7/8 B

In Mrs. Baril-Bissett's Grade 7/8 ELA class, students have been reading the novel The Outsiders. It is the story set in the 1960's about a boy who is struggling to achieve his independence and finding his way and his identity in a rough-and-tumble neighbourhood in the southern United States.

Student wrote pieces as crime reporters about the murder in the book. They had to think about third-person perspective, getting the facts straight, and grabbing the

reading public's attention. We had to switch on our thinking hats for this one!

Students also respond to Mrs. Baril-Bissett's Blog, and have some interesting ideas around more mature subject areas. You can see them on your child's student account.

Here's a short sample of one of the crime articles:

### THE DAILY BULLETIN

November 9, 1965 | Nav B.

## Self-defence or Murder? A Teenager Stabbed To Death By A Greaser



The dead body of a teenager, recognized as Bob Robertson was found in Elm Park on the east-side by the Well Wisher's Fountain yesterday morning. The victim was stabbed in the stomach with a six-inch switchblade.

"I heard shoutin' and yellin' at around 2:30 a.m. I ignored it 'til I first saw the dead body this mornin' and called the Heat," stated a bystander who lived next to the park.

From observing the crime scene further, an icy pool of water was discovered by the fountain. It also seems as if someone had been sick around the time of the murder. The police have a theory about a fight between some socialites and Greasers leading to the murder.

"Sometime after midnight, when we were all blitzed, we went around to have some fun with the Greasers. They had been messin' with our girls earlier. Things heated up between Bob and one of the kids. Bob lost his cool and told David to teach the Grease a lesson. In a blink of an eye, David had the kid's head in the fountain. Bob was getting ready to pound on the other pup when out of nowhere the kid got out a blade. Before we knew it, Bob was hurled on the pavement, still and bleeding. The rest of us beat it before anyone else came around," said

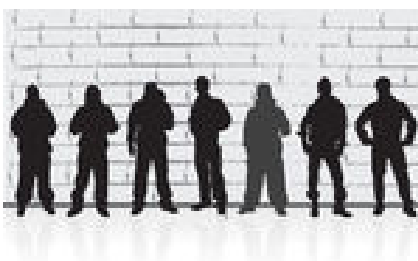
Randy Johnson, Bob's best friend. He, David Jones, John Brown, and Tom Westing were the other socialites present at the crime scene during the stabbing. They all confirmed Randy's statement to be true.

Through extensive investigation, the police suspect the two Greasers to be Johnny Cade and Ponyboy Curtis. The two, not very surprisingly, have gone missing.

In an interview with Darrel Curtis, Ponyboy's older brother identified Ponyboy as, "a smart, caring, and responsible kid." Addressing Johnny, he also added, "Johnny is the kid who wouldn't hurt a fly. He couldn't've killed that Soc." When asked about the two boys being missing, Darrel had nothing to add to his statement. The police have given their word to find the boys. They claim to have found a lead to follow up on.

Ponyboy is 14 years old with a slim, strong build. He has light-brown, long, greasy hair and greenish-gray eyes. Johnny is 16 years old with a slight build and darker skin. He has black, long, greasy hair and black eyes.

Please contact the newspaper or the police if you have any information regarding these teenagers.



## Hastings PAC Meeting

**January 6, 2015**

In attendance: Jodi Penner, Shari Loewen, Wendy Vincent, Jackie Stephenson, Edna Sears, Denise Hanna, Rick Haley, Angela Powers, Tracy Reimer.

Meeting Commenced at 7:10 p.m.

Presentation: Corey Kapilick - LRSD Coordinator of Aboriginal Education  
 - presentation, reviewed department positions and their roles.  
 - two LRSD policies  
 - Division Priorities  
 - AAA Grant.

Call to Order - Approval of December 2014 minutes approved, 1st by Jackie 2nd by Edna.

Co-Chairs Report - We raised \$500 for the family through the Silver Collection donations at winter concert.

- LRSD office has offered to come out and provide a presentation at a future meeting.

- Block Parent Information, there are 15 block parents in our community area.

- Parent Council Association also offered to come out and do a presentation, possible option in the future.

Treasurer's Report - total balance \$2,706.30, expense is the contribution for the portion of hawk shirts \$3 each. Also, funds will go towards teacher requests.

Administration Report -

- Items brought forward that teachers have requested; some are document camera, water fountain, busing for field trips, recess equipment, offset grade 8 grad, artist in the school, band music books.

- Options were discussed and the decision was made to provide money towards school bus transportation for field trips, this assists all classrooms and students. The cost is \$1,320.00 to (\$120) for each class, 11 classes.

- Assembly this week; classes take turns organizing and participating in the assembly.

- Lunch clubs will commence again this winter; letters will be out shortly.

- MAD Science will offer their program again this year, note will be coming home with the children.

- St. Boniface Research Centre will be offering a science activity again this year for Grades 4/5 and 5/6.

- Grade 4 ORF day (musical instrument) is January 22 2015.

- Grade 5/6 have track and field day January 23 2015 at Investors Field at U of M

- Junior high students going to WAG January 28 2015.

- Assembly Jan 28th in the morning.

Holiday Concert Feedback - bake sale feedback and further discussion in future if it should continue.

Fundraising - Garden Centre (Lacoste) this Spring, will send out a letter by the last week in March and have the forms returned just after Spring Break.

Movie night date - February 6th 2015, movie Planes, PAC will supply popcorn.

Other Business - Will do the Teacher Appreciation Day on February 20 2015, PAC will do pizza, salad and cake.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:07 PM

Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015