



Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of another wonderful year at Hampstead School! This spring has been full of energy, excitement, and unforgettable experiences. Our students have been out and about on many field trips, excursions, and adventures, taking their learning beyond the classroom and exploring all that Winnipeg and Manitoba have to offer. These moments truly bring learning to life!

Back at school, classrooms have been buzzing with big ideas. Students have been diving into large-scale and inquiry projects, following their curiosity and asking amazing questions. It has been such a joy to see where their wonder has taken them and to celebrate the incredible work they've created along the way.

What makes all of this so special is the people. We are fortunate to have such an amazing group of students and staff who bring kindness, creativity, and enthusiasm into our building every day. It truly is our community—our relationships, our care for one another, and our shared commitment to learning—that makes Hampstead such a special place and, in my opinion, the very best.

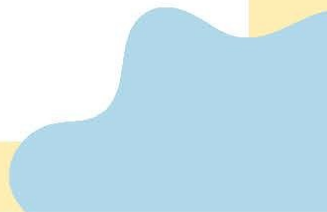
As we look ahead to September, we're excited to welcome back a full team of familiar faces. At the same time, we want to extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Inkster, Ms. Noveler, Ms. Sweeney, and Ms. Morgan for the care, enthusiasm, and positivity they brought to our school this year. They will be truly missed, and we wish them all the best in their next adventures.

We also have some exciting updates to look forward to! A big thank you to Councilor Emma Durand-Wood for supporting the addition of an outdoor shade structure and five mature trees for our playground. These will make such a difference for our students, and we can't wait to see it all come together over the summer. Inside the school, we're also thrilled about the addition of a new conference room in the library and a commercial kitchen to support the nutritional needs of our community—thank you to RETSD for making this possible!

We hope your family has been enjoying the Meals2Go snack bags each Friday, thanks to Harvest. They've certainly been a big hit with our students!

Finally, I want to thank our entire Hampstead community for your support, partnership, and care throughout the year. It truly makes a difference. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and well-deserved summer break. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again on September 8th for our School Year's Eve visit, and welcoming students back for the first full day of classes on September 9th.

Summer on!
With gratitude,
Pam MacDonell



MS. INKSTER'S CLASS

A LOOK INTO ROOM 5...

WOW, WHAT A WILD RIDE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ALMOST THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR! THE KIDS HAVE BEEN SUPERSTARS, BUT THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT WE REALLY ROCKED IN.

IN SCIENCE, WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO GO SEE FOSSILS AND MINERALS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA. WE SAW THE FOSSILS OF DINOSAURS AND REPTILES THAT LIVED IN MANITOBA AND CENTRAL-WESTERN CANADA OVER 66 MILLION YEARS AGO!



WE HAVE ALSO BEEN LOOKING AT BASIC TEXTUAL ANALYSIS, AND LEARNING HOW TO DECIPHER AND ANALYZE A STORY BY READING A SHORT WORK LIKE *ALL SUMMER IN A DAY* BY RAY BRADBURY.

WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS PLANNED FOR JUNE! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THEM ALL WITH YOU!

Mrs. McAuley's Class

As this year comes to a close, I wanted to highlight and share the wonderful learning Room 3 has been up to.

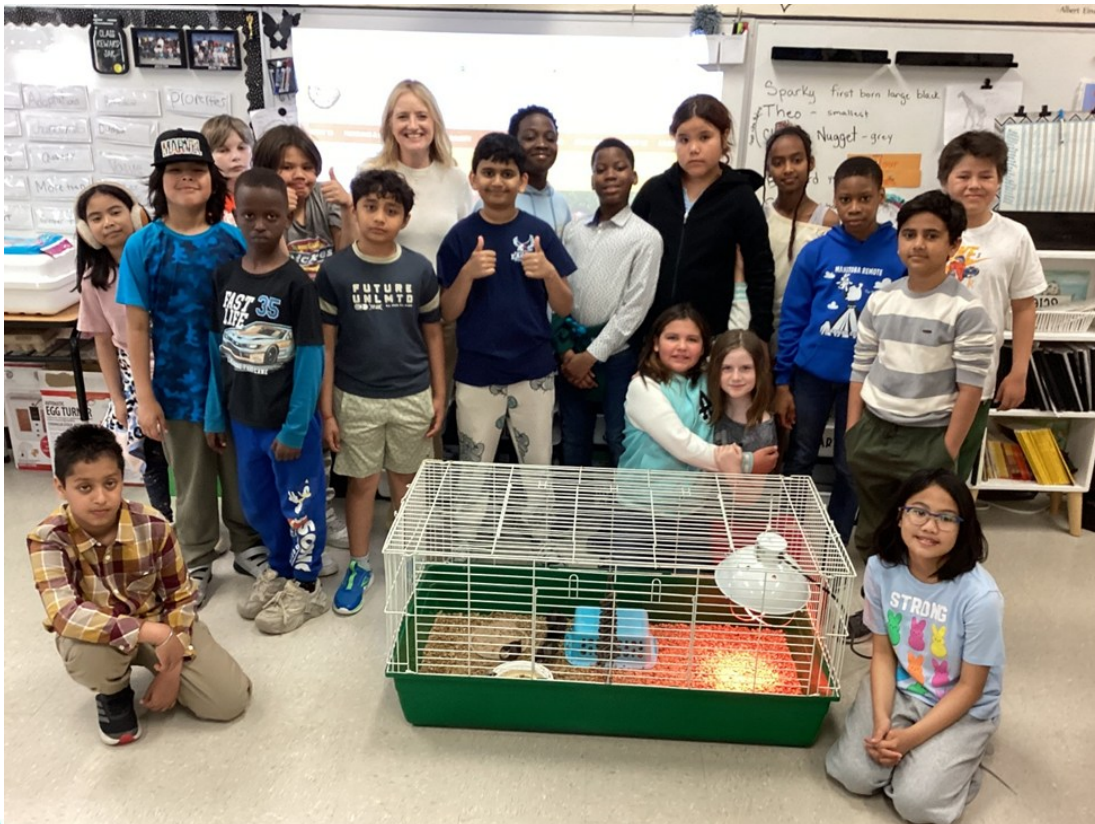
We had a fantastic opportunity to hatch chicks for the second time this year! After patiently waiting and carefully observing the eggs in the incubator, we were thrilled to see tiny cracks appear. Soon after, fluffy, chirping chicks began making their way into the world.

Since this is our second time hatching chicks, we have taken this opportunity to work more closely on classifying, measuring and observing their behaviors and adaptations, as well as caring for their every need. We were amazed to see them growing stronger every day.

We have also been learning about habitats, climate, and weather with room 5. We showcased this learning and research by designing comic strips.

As we wrap up our amazing year, I want to thank you for your support. The students have come so far, and it has truly been a joy to be part of their journey. Have a wonderful summer filled with rest, fun, and family time.

All the best, Ms. McAuley



Mrs. Acheson's Class

Our Animal Research Party was the best day ever!!!

The students in room 16 have become animal experts! Each student in our class chose an animal that they wanted to research. We looked at books to find information about our animals. We went on the iPad and explored some websites to learn more information. Some of us even got to hear what our animals sounded like by watching the videos.

After we got all our information, we had to write our own non-fiction book. Mrs. Acheson typed them out and we got to illustrate them.

We made a diorama to show our animals' habitat. We had to decide if we were going to make a day or night scene and then we painted our boxes background. We used plasticene to make our animals. In our diorama we needed to include our animal, an enemy, a food source and a baby animal.

On May 22 we had our Animal Research Party! Each student in our class got to invite someone from school to come and see our project. At 3pm, lots of our parents came to see our work. Then we got to take our dioramas home.



Charlie - Cougar



Riley - Turtle



Sadie - Capybara



Armaan - Fox



Alina - Tiger



Seath - Axolotl



Lydia - Cheetah



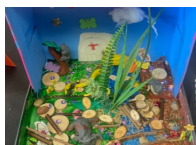
Ash-lynn - Rabbit



Quinton - Shark



Jeremiah - Crocodile



Rizpah - Koala



Cassandra - Bear



Emmett - Elephant



Weston - T-Rex



Yaphet - Dolphin



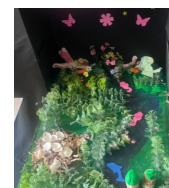
Nolawi - Tigers



Seit-Bekir - Bald Eagle



Trident - Komodo Dragon



Evelyn - Rabbit

Pow Wow Club



We've had the pleasure of working with teachers from the Aboriginal School of Dance for the last 2 months. Teachers, Wusco and Bella, have spent Wednesday lunch hours with a lucky group of 26 students teaching them many different Pow Wow dance styles such as: front step, back step, 1/2 , 3/4 , 1/3, front pendulum, side pendulum, and criss cross.

On May 28th, these students got to show their talents in front of the whole school at our assembly. They showed great confidence and energy showing off their Pow Wow steps. Bella, their instructor, finished the show with an exciting hoop dance and we all watched in awe of her abilities! Way to go Pow Wow club!



Wusco teaching some basic steps



Performance Day!



Bella Hoop Dancing



Check out the Aboriginal School of Dance here: <https://aboriginalschoolofdance.com/>



Mrs. Enns' Class

June News from Grade One/Two!

We have been very busy the last few months in room 17.

We went to the Zoo in April. We had been learning about maps before heading to the zoo. We looked at pictorial and digital maps of the zoo. We were so excited when we got to see a giant map of the zoo in person! After our field trip, we explored making our own zoo maps through play.



In May, we also walked to Munroe Library where we met Ms. Lauren who works at the library. She read us some of her favourite picture books. Many of us got our first ever library cards!

In May and June, we have been learning about author and illustrator Mo Willems. We have been reading lots of his books and noticing things about his illustrations. We wrote some of our own Elephant & Piggie stories and made some amazing pop-up scenes of Mo Willems characters. These were so much fun to make!



This spring, we started an inquiry on Objects and Materials. We made our own digital books about materials using an app called Book Creator. This was our first time creating a digital book. We liked learning how to add text and images. It was neat to hear the iPad read our stories to us! At the end of our inquiry, we made fidget boards in STEM, using different objects and materials. This was lots of fun to make and fidget with! We were super excited to take our fidget boards home to play with!



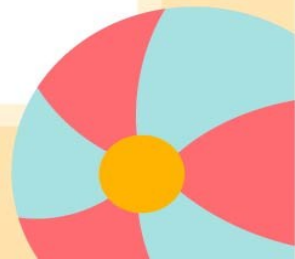
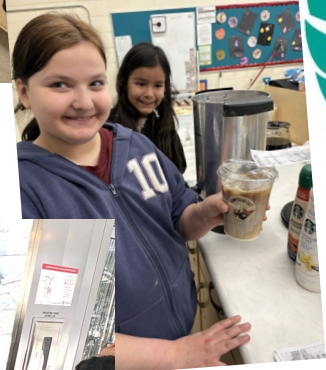
Mrs. Klassen's Class

In March we took a field trip to The Leaf and worked on our photography skills. We had a tour and got lessons on how to take great pictures using cameras! In April, we took a trip to MTYP and saw a play called Glitch. It was a very unique and interesting story being told by 4 actors!

We have learnt about area and perimeter of a shape, made our own playgrounds, and are now designing our own Zoo! We have completed a fun graphing unit where students got to survey their peers and collect data such as favorite sports, shows, activities they prefer, etc. We collected and displayed our data in different ways such as line plots and bar graphs.

Hampstead Café has been up and running for a few months and is a huge success! We have a strong group of Baristas that make iced coffees once a week: Justina, Elizabeth, Madison, and Tanayah. Next week, we will start to make Pink Lemonade! These girls are practicing their leadership and organizing skills! You can find them pouring cold drinks, putting stickers on cups, organizing materials, or collecting orders!

We just started our June Summer Countdown! Each day, a student will pull off a number and it will reveal what special event, treat, activity, we get to do the next day!



Ms. Bilous & Mrs. Noveler's Class

Spring has been a lot of fun in Room 8! In March we went to the Manitoba Museum to wrap up our learning around Ancient Egypt. We had a great time learning about mummies, pyramids, hieroglyphs, and life in Ancient Egypt. We also enjoyed exploring the many exhibits of the museum!



Also this spring, our class worked together with Mrs. Valka's class to learn about water, where we created our own Water Collection Devices using recycled materials, and hung them around the school yard to track water in our community. We also learned how to filter water using rocks, sand, activated carbon, and moss.



Lately we have been learning about maps and the world, trees throughout the seasons, and emotions and feelings. We also got to help Mr. Walker's class plant some vegetables in the Kindergarten garden boxes.

Mrs. Reyes came to visit us in May with her new baby. We were all so excited to meet him and to see her!

Notes From the Music Room



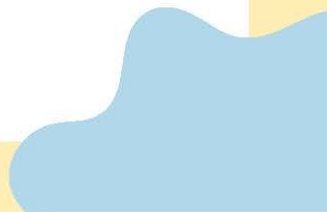
Earlier in the term, classrooms took part in music centers! This unit gave students a chance not only to practice different musical elements but also gave them time to collaborate and take on leadership roles to guide and help others.



For our older students, the Grade 4s and 5s filled the music room with sensational sounds as they learnt chords and strumming patterns on the baritone ukulele. Many enjoyed singing and strumming along to pop songs.



And to wrap up the month of May, the Sidequest Quintet from the Winnipeg Video Game Orchestra put on an exciting instrumental performance of videogame soundtracks for the whole school!



Mrs. White's Class

Kindergarten Adventures Beyond the Classroom

My kindergarten students have been busy exploring and learning beyond the classroom through two exciting field trips this spring!

Our first adventure took us to the Children's Museum, where curiosity and creativity led the way. The students continued their learning about trees through hands on activities, including discovering how paper is made. They eagerly explored the exhibits at their own pace, letting their imaginations guide them. The day also included fun at the wonderful outdoor playground, where laughter and energy filled the air.



making paper



exploring on their own

outdoor fun

Our second trip brought us to the Zoo, where my young explorers showed enthusiasm and resilience as they braved the warm weather. They were true troopers, walking and observing a variety of animals. A highlight for many was seeing the polar bears and the seals. We also enjoyed some much-needed cool down breaks. The students embraced every moment, learning and bonding along the way.



animal

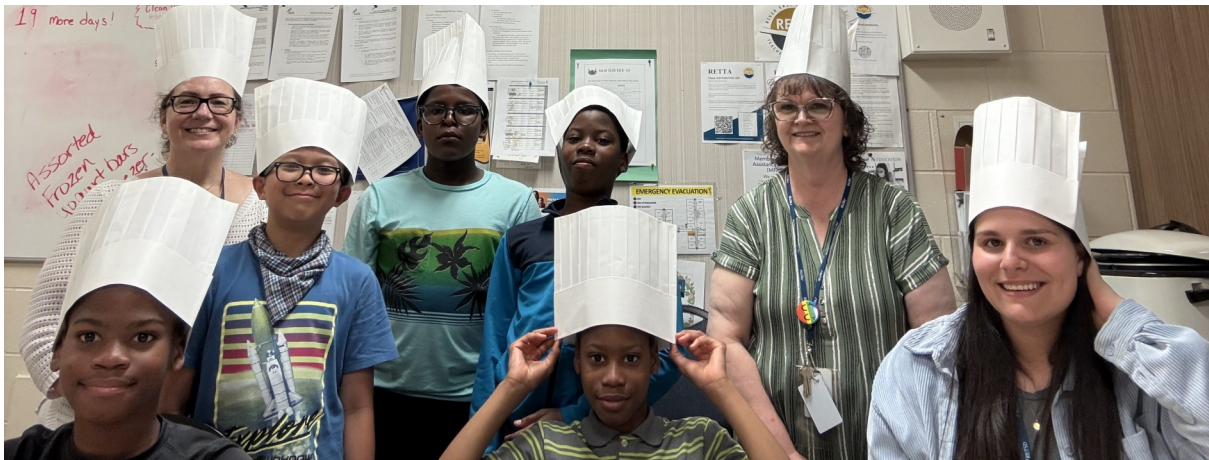


enjoying some down time

Both trips were filled with excitement, discovery, and joy. My kinders had a fantastic time on their new adventures, creating memories that will last a long time!

Hampstead Healthy Heroes

Hampstead Healthy Heroes ran for 4 Thursdays afterschool with grade 5 students having the opportunity to learn about kitchen safety and skills. There were meaningful discussions around healthy living. The students had the opportunity to prepare and explore assorted recipes and foods, and were given a free mini waffle maker to use at home!



Hampstead Crockpot Club

Hampstead Crockpot Club ran for 3 evenings, with 5 families coming together to learn about healthy living and lifestyles. They had the opportunity to play games around budgeting, and learning about the Canadian Food guide. Families enjoyed meals as well as desserts made in a crockpot. Once done, we moved to the gym to play games together to enjoy some physical activity. Families were given a free crockpot at the end of the class to continue cooking with at home!

Mrs. Sran's Class

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Our kindergarten students experienced hands-on learning at the Children's Museum, where they explored, discovered, and engaged with interactive exhibits related to paper and trees.



At the Assiniboine Zoo, children observed a variety of animals, asked curious questions, and learned about different habitats and the natural world.



These enriching visits supported curiosity, exploration, and meaningful learning.

HBT

(Hampstead Beautification Team)



The Hampstead Beautification Team is a club that is run by Mrs. Valka and meets at lunch recess to maintain and beautify the school and school grounds. HBT is open to grades 1 to 5. To be a part of the HBT there was an application process to practice filling out forms and registering yourself for activities. Once registered, applicants were accepted and invited to help with garbage collection, gardening tasks, painting and decorating.

Classes are grouped in pairs with one upper elementary class paired with an early elementary class. Students are invited to come on their day to help with various tasks to beautify the school.

We worked hard to create an inviting and colourful environment as people enter the school. We take pride in the work we have done that has helped Hampstead School shine.



Now Hampstead's outward appearance matches the love and care that radiates from the school community.



From the gym

As we prepare to wrap up the school year, I want to celebrate a few highlights from this last term. Our grade 1-3 students had a great day dancing in the park at our annual divisional folk dance May 13. The students were preparing for 6 weeks for the big dance. Each class practiced hard learning the steps to 9 dances each. It was nice to see it all come together and the students celebrating all their hard work.



For our grade 4 and 5 students, they were working on developing teamwork skills through simple team challenges, and we transitioned those skills into our lead-up sport-related games throughout the term. Many students were excited to take part in the divisional grade 5 handball tournament and the grade 4 divisional soccer tournament where they demonstrated teamwork and fair play.

As we now make our way into the summer months, I hope all our students get outside and stay active, stay safe, enjoy the fresh air, and catch some sun rays (safely). I look forward to hearing all the active updates again in September.

Happy Summer everyone.

From the Library

Wow! What a year it's been in our library! We've had so many fun things going on. Our knitting club was a hit, with students creating cozy neck warmers and beanie hats. In writing club, imaginations really took off. Some students started writing longer books, others explored poetry, and a few even dove into creating their own graphic novels!

Our garden club was *amazing* too. From January to March, students grew veggies right inside the library. Yes, really! We enjoyed fresh tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers that we grew ourselves. Then in late May, Mr. Walker and Ms. Bilous took their classes outside to plant in our outdoor garden. We're crossing our fingers for a big harvest in September so we can make soup for the whole school!

We also had some exciting book news. Our library received an Indigo Adopt-A-School Grant, which meant we have lots of brand-new books! Mrs. Hunt has been busy getting everything ready so students can start checking them out.

And now for our biggest news yet... (*insert drum roll*) ...Mrs. Thomas applied for another grant, and Hampstead School was selected for the Indigo Love of Reading Literacy Grant! That means we'll receive **\$20,000** over three years to grow our library even more. We can't wait to fill our shelves with fresh, exciting picture books, fiction, and non-fiction for everyone to enjoy.



Mr. Walker's Class

We have had a wonderful year in Room 15, building our literacy and numeracy skills while exploring living things, discovering how things move, and spending plenty of time outdoors learning about our community. One of the highlights for both the students and me has been our monthly visits from Kailynn's mother, Kristin, and her baby brother, Isaiah.

We were fortunate to be chosen for the Roots of Empathy program in our classroom. This program helps students develop compassion and emotional awareness by connecting them with a visiting parent and baby over the course of the year. Through these visits, students observe the baby's growth and feelings, deepening their understanding of others' emotions while strengthening their own empathy, kindness, and social skills.

It has been a joy to watch baby Isaiah and the children in our class grow and mature throughout the year. We will all carry fond memories of the 2025-26 school year. Mrs. Patteson, our Roots of Empathy teacher, is currently looking for a new family for the 2026-27 school year. If you know of a baby born between mid-May and early August, please reach out to the school, and we will connect you with Mrs. Patteson.



Mr. Willms' Class



In Mr. Willms grade 4 class, we have been working on researching about people, places and events in Manitoba's history. We chose a person/ topic to research in detail. Using PowerPoint, we created a presentation about our topic and taught our classmates about it.

We also had a scavenger hunt on google earth about monuments and historical places around Manitoba. We made a colorful and creative poster about all the places we found and shared with each other what each drawing is and its importance to Manitoba's history. We hope you enjoy our work.

