

Harkins Middle School Blues News

April 15, 2011

HARKINS IS A CLOSED CAMPUS AT LUNCH

We are a **closed campus** at noon hour. With the weather getting warmer, students are looking to go downtown and elsewhere.

A note or a phone call is not sufficient.

Students are still required to be signed out by a parent or guardian.

THANK YOU!

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TUTORIAL CHANGE

Orange Team Parents/Guardians are advised that for the months of April and May only, you may check on Ms. Richardson's teacher page for dates of her tutorial (due to coaching schedule).

Students Achieve Academic Excellence for Term III The following students received the coveted "Academic Excellence Award" for achieving A- or better in all subjects for Term III. They received a Certificate of Achievement and were treated to a pizza party hosted by Mrs. Blackmore and Mrs. Sullivan.



Grade 6—Andrew Adams (AJ), Taufah Ahmed, Heidi Amos, Bailey Black, Drew Blackmore, Taylor Blackmore, Abigail Campbell, Laura Dickinson, Alana Dowling, Leigha Durette, Hannah Forsyth, Lauren Henderson, Dylan Howe, Leanne Jardine, Jenna Kenny, Emily Kingston, Lauren MacTavish, Jessie Mahoney, Madison Matchett, Sarah Melanson-O'Neill, Carlee Mitchell, Lauryn Mitrega, Emily Roy, Erin Savard, Gabrielle Schenkels, Cole Sheasgreen, Britney Somers, Haylee Somers, Ian Watters



Grade 7—Andrea Bell, Sam Boulay, Rachael Carroll, Katie Carruthers, Nolan Doak, Spencer Daigle, Koby Donovan, Lindsey Donovan, Gabrielle Dubé, Austin Duplessis, Tobias Forsyth, Carly Gaston, Patrick Haché, Lyndsay Jay-Keating, Jayden Jones, Alana Keenan, Lewis Kingston, Maggie Kingston, Mikhael Richards, Arun Sharma, Zachary Sullivan, Ryan Taylor, Robyn Travis, Evan Van-Buskirk, Tessa Vautour



Grade 8—Savannah Baisley, Rachel Barry, Lauren Drisdelle, Mitchell Flaherty, Gabrielle Fournier, Shelby Hallihan, Rebecca Kingston, William MacKnight, Ariel Mahabir, Elizabeth Matheson, Stephen Miller, David Murdoch, Connor Ryan, Andrew Savoy, Bailey Waldriff

SPIRIT WEEK AT HARKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Dress Code</u>
Monday	Treasure Hunt	Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday	Wrap the REP	Shorts, Sunglasses & Tie
Wednesday	Across the River	Backwards Shirt Day
Thursday	Muscle Contest	Blue and White Day

Winners to date in the Scholastic Book Fair being held in the Library are — "Guess the Number of Seeds in the Jar"—winner of \$30 worth of books from the Fair—Mitchell MacKinley (7C)

Winner of \$25 in books for the student and \$25 in books for the teacher is Courtney Sturgeon and Ms. Richardson

Harkins Middle School BLUES NEWS—CONGRATULATIONS!

Stars of the Month—March

- ★ **Blue Team—Joshua Benoit**
- ★ **Green Team—Austin Duplessis**
- ★ **Orange Team—Andrew Sonsongo**
- ★ **Purple Team—Jayme Bell**
- ★ **Red Team—Michael McKay**
- ★ **Yellow Team—Spencer Waye**

Congratulations to David Murdock & Jared Malley for their strong showing in the recent **District 16 Chess Championships!** David finished in 1st Place and Jared in 2nd in the Grade 8 Division. Both students qualified for the Provincial Chess Championships that were held in Fredericton on April 9th. Well Done Boys! Thanks to Mr. Thompson/ Mrs. Blakely-Doucette for coaching the team.

The following girls represented HMS at the District Competition “So You Think You Can Dance” held at MVHS in March, winning the “Most Original” award.

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| Gabby Dubé | Megan Coull |
| Hannah Hierlihy | Shaylee Scott |
| Kelsie Somers | |



The six projects chosen to represent Harkins Middle School in the District Science Fair (District Level) were:
 Rachael Carroll, Spencer Daigle, Shelby Hallihan, Lyndsay Jay-Keating, Ariel Mahabir, Lauryn Mitrega and Laura Dickinson, Travis Valanne
 Honorable Mention:

Taufah Ahmed and Rachel Freeze, Andrea Bell, Jayme Bell and Drew Blackmore, Tobias Forsyth and Patrick Haché, Courtney Lynch, William MacKnight, Lauren MacTavish and Erin Savard, Arun Sharma

Students chosen to compete at the school level were:

Blue Team—Taufah Ahmad, Keaton Dedam, Matthew Fillier, Rachel Freeze, Oakley Genova, Evan LeGresley, Alex MacMullin, Logan Power

Green Team—Andrea Bell, Rachael Carroll, Tobias Forsyth and Patrick Haché, Lyndsay Jay-Keating, Arun Sharma
 Runner Up: Hailee Gionet

Orange Team—Lauren Drisdelle, Shelby Hallihan, Courtney Lynch, Ariel Mahabir, Travis Valanne

Purple Team—Taylor Blackmore and Madison Matchett; Drew Blackmore and Jayme Bell; Abigail Campbell and Bailey Black; Lauren MacTavish and Erin Savard; Lauryn Mitrega and Laura Dickinson

Red Team—Spencer Daigle, William MacKnight, Michael McKay, Helena McLaughlin and Shaylee Scott, Michael McPhee,

CANADIAN NATIONAL MATH LEAGUE RESULTS!

(After writing, the top 5 scores were sent to the National Office for placement in our region.)

The Top 5 scores for Grade 6:

- ★ Danielle Davies—1st
- ★ Cole Sheasgreen/Dylan Howe—Tied for 2nd
- ★ Emily Kingston/Christopher Cooke—Tied for 3rd
- ★ Danielle Davies placed in the top ten students in the region, placing 5th.

The Top 5 scores for Grade 7:

- ★ Maggie Kingston/Spencer Daigle—Tied for 1st
- ★ Lyndsay Jay-Keating/Rachael Carroll/Lexie Mitchell—Tied for 2nd
- ★ Maggie & Spencer placed in the Top 10 Students in the region, placing 6th.

The Top 5 scores for Grade 8:

- ★ Shelby Hallihan 1st
- ★ Rachel Barry/Megan Hare/Stephen Miller/Jacob Power—Tied for 2nd

All students will receive medals at the Awards Ceremony in June.

Pythagoras Math Competition

On April 13th, Mrs. Blackmore supervised 30 Grade 6 students as they participated in the Pythagoras Math Competition. The 1st place student for HMS will receive a medal from National Office.

Harkins Announces UNB Math Competition

The following students will be participating in the 29th annual UNB Math Competition in Fredericton on April 29th. Good Luck!!

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| Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
| Katie Carruthers | Rachel Barry |
| Spencer Daigle | Lindsey Gallant |
| Lindsay Jay-Keating | Shelby Hallihan |
| Lexie Mitchell | Ariel Mahabir |
| Zack Sullivan | Elizabeth Matheson |
| Robyn Travis | Michael McKay |
| Evan VanBuskirk | Peter Woulds |

English Oratory—

Timeline 2011

- April 21st—Class Finalists Chosen
- April 26th—Grade Finalists Chosen
- April 28th—School Oratory
- May 3rd— District Level

Provincial Oratory—May 20th.

French Oratory—Timeline 2011

April 20th—District Level at Dr. Losier

- Grade 6—Early Immersion
- Laura Dickinson—Les ornithorynques
- Lauryn Mitrega—Vivre avec le scolios

Red Team—TBA



On Thursday, April 21st, the Purple Team will be travelling to Ste-Anne de Kent and Rexton. They will visit the “La Savonnerie Olivier” soap factory & sit in on a drama presentation at the Eleanor W. Graham Middle School in Rexton.



HATS ON FOR AUTISM! Hat Day was held at HMS again this year in support of Autism research. On April 8th, students were able to purchase a ticket allowing them to wear their hats all day in school. Mrs. Mutch reports that over \$160.00 was raised.

On Friday/Saturday, April 29th/30th, twenty-seven Red Team Grade 8 students along with teacher/supervisor, Mrs. Linda Dickson, will take part in the **30-hour famine**. The group has raised over \$2000 to date for famine relief in Third World Countries. Well done...and many thanks to Mrs. Dickson who offers her time and guidance each year for this worthwhile endeavour!

Harkins Middle School raised \$100.00 in support of UNICEF Canada to support their great works with kids everywhere!

-In 2009, UNICEF distributed more than 127 million vaccine doses against measles—the #3 killer of children and more than 42 million insecticide—treated bed nets to protect over 106 million people from malaria.

-Providing clean drinking water to 2.5 million people in flood-affected Pakistan every day, and safe sanitation facilities for nearly 1 million.

-Program in Ghana has distributed more than 6,000 bicycles to girls from deprived rural communities to help them attend classes regularly when they live far from the closest school.

-As part of UNICEF’s Go to School movement in Haiti, UNICEF has supported 720,000 children and 15,000 teachers since the earthquake, and has helped with the construction of disaster-proof school buildings so that children can learn in a safe environment.

In an effort to improve our School Connects Voice Messaging System, we will begin adding email addresses for parents/guardians who would like to receive the messages from the school via your email as well as by phone.

If the student is living between two households, you may send (2) email addresses. However, please indicate which will be the **Primary Address and the name of the parent/guardian and relationship to the child** and which will be the **Secondary Address and the name of the parent-guardian and relationship to the child**.

harkinsmessaging@nbcd.nb.ca

Please DO NOT add any other information with your email or send any other emails to this address as it has only been set up for the purpose of procuring your email address for phone messaging.

Please be patient as these addresses must be entered in the system manually.

Example of what we need to see in your message:

Student Name: John Smith

Parent/Guardian: Alice Smith—Mother

Email Address: Alice.Smith@nbnet.ca

(Primary Email Address)

Now, if there is another residence, you may add a Secondary Address.

Parent/Guardian: Don Smith—Father

Email Address: don.smith@nbnet.ca

(Secondary Email Address)

Thank you for your cooperation!

Yearbook Contest Winners!

1st Place—Robyn Travis

Robyn’s illustration will appear as the cover of the 2010-2011 Yearbook!

2nd Place—Leigha Durette & Emily Kingston

Runners Up:

Rachael Carroll, Hayley Somers, Bailey Waldriff

This year the Yearbook is completely done by our Student Yearbook Staff under the guidance of Mrs. Malley & Mrs. Sullivan!

We know you will be impressed by the quality and content of our book of memories for 2010-2011!

Blues News Ticket to Win!

Once you and your son/daughter have read this newsletter, please sign this ticket, cut it out, and have your child return it to the Homeroom Teacher by Tuesday, April 19th. One lucky ticket will be drawn for a movie pass.

My child and I have read the April Issue of Blues News.

Student: _____

Signature of Parent Guardian: _____

Congratulations to Laura Dickinson who was the lucky winner for the March Issue!

PHONE USAGE IN THE OFFICE

- Remember that using the phone in the office is a privilege. Please ask politely, “May I Use the Phone Please”.
- Kindly limit your calls to necessary or emergency situations.
- Parents, please check with your child at night and in the morning to be sure they have everything they need for the school day.
- Keep a bulletin board or calendar handy at home to list sports dates, other special events, etc.

Date	Details
April 20	District 16 French Oratory at Dr. Losier
April 22/25	Good Friday; Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
April 26	Grade Competition -English Oratory (after school, students only)
April 27	School Heritage Fair—a.m.
April 28	School Level English Oratory Competition
April 29	Math Competition at UNB Fredericton
May—June	Columbian Students arrive.
May 3	District 16 English Oratory at Dr. Losier Middle School(6:30p.m.)
May 5, 6	AGM/Subj.Council-Teachers —NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 9, 10, 11	Provincial Drama Fest in Fredericton
May 11	Gauss Math Competition Grades 7 & 8
May 20	Provincial English Oratory
May 23	Victoria Day Holiday NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 26	Regional Heritage Fair at Nelson Rural School
June 24	Last day of school for students.



UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE!

Mrs. Sullivan advises that we will be sending out information very soon in search of families to host several Grade 7 students (boys) who will be arriving from Colombia in September!

Host families will be identified before the end of this school year for these boys who will be with us for 3 months in the Fall (September—November, 2011).

If you are looking for a unique experience for you and your family, why not consider hosting one of these students? A stipend is offered for your involvement in being a host family.

For further information, please call the Principal, Jennifer Sullivan, at 627-4088 and leave your name and number.



Sports Shorts

Volleyball Season at HMS



Good Luck to the Drama Club who will be in Fredericton May 9th, 10th, and 11th, to compete in the Provincial Drama Festival!

The cast and crew will be presenting

“Dress Rehearsal for Murder”

Varsity Girls

Rachel Barry
Andrea Bell
Rachael Carroll
Erinn Chambers
Haley Doak
Kelsea English
Lindsey Gallant
Allison Hare
Megan Hare
Allison Joe
Samantha Joe
Lexie Mitchell
Bella Ward
Alex Williston
Coaches: Ms. Stewart
Ms. Richardson

Developmental Volleyball Teams

<u>JV Team</u>	<u>6/7:1</u>	<u>6/7:2</u>
Megan Coull	Riley Anthony	Katie Carruthers
Emma Comeau	Abigail Campbell	Darrah Chambers
Emily Connell	Leigha Durette	Laura Dickinson
Gabby Dubé	Rachel Freeze	Alana Dowling
Janie Gaston	Nicole Hallihan	Shelby Foran
Jillian Harris	Lauren Henderson	Lyndsay Jay-Keating
Hannah Hierlihy	Leanne Jardine	Sarah Melanson O'Neill
Maggie Kingston	Ashley Kenny	Hillary Morris
Jessica MacDonnell	Jenna Kenny	Morgan Roy
Madeline MacIsaac	Lauren MacTavish	Haylie Simmons
Sarah McKinnon	Jessie Mahoney	Kelsie Somers
Rebecca Richard	Madison Matchett	Savannah Travis
Robyn Travis	Carlee Mitchell	
	M'Kenzie Norton	
	Emily Roy	Development Coach:
	Amanda Trevors	Mrs. Ann MacDonnell,
	Owen Witherell	Ms. Maria Lynch, & Ms.
		Erin Keoughan

Varsity Boys Volleyball

Patrick Haché
Jayden Jones
Lewis Kingston
Michael McKay
Michael McPhee
Will Melanson-O'Neill
Evan VanBuskirk
Travis Valanne
Caleb Witherell
Peter Woulds
Practice Players:
Trey Dunnett
Eric Woulds

Coach: Mr. T. VanBuskirk