

BLUES NEWS MARCH 2, 2011

HMS said “good-bye” to 9 students and their chaperone who were visiting with us from Bordeaux, France, from Feb. 12th—26th. The students were hosted by HMS students, parents & teachers and while here, were treated to Miramichi activities including a sliding party, curling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, geo-caching, and indoor canoeing!

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“Academic Excellence Award”

The following students received the Academic Excellence Award for achieving A– or better on all subjects for Term II. They received a certificate of achievement and were treated to a pizza party by Mrs. Sullivan & Mrs. Blackmore.



Grade 6 (alpha order) – Taufah Ahmed, Jayme Bell, Joshua Benoit, Bailey Black, Drew Blackmore, Brody Browne, Abigail Campbell, Christopher Cooke, Laura Dickinson, Leigha Durette, Hannah Forsyth, Rachel Freeze, Nicole Hallihan, Raeanne Hare, Dylan Howe, Emily Kingston, Lauren MacTavish, Jessie Mahoney, Lauren Martin, Madison Matchett, Sarah Melanson-O’Neill, Carlee Mitchell, Lauryn Mitrega, Sarah Mullin, Logan Power, Erin Savard, Gabrielle Schenkels, Cole Sheasgreen, Haylie Simmons, Britney Somers, Hayley Somers, Owen Witherell

Grade 7 (alpha order) – Andrea Bell, Haley Bohan, Rachael Carroll, Katie Carruthers, Spencer Daigle, Koby Donovan, Lindsey Donovan, Gabrielle Dubé, Austin Duplessis, Carly Gaston, Hailee Gionet, Patrick Haché, Bailey Harris, Jillian Harris, Lyndsay Jay-Keating, Jayden Jones, Alana Keenan, Lewis Kingston, Maggie Kingston, Amber Maillet, Brittany Matchett, Lexie Mitchell, Mikhael Richards, Alecia Robichaud, Zachary Sullivan, Ryan Taylor, Robyn Travis, Evan VanBuskirk



Grade 8 (alpha order) – Olivia Amos, Savannah Baisley, Rachel Barry, Teri Buffett, Lauren Drisdelle, Mitchell Flaherty, Gabrielle Fournier, Lindsey Gallant, Sammy Godin, Shelby Hallihan, Rebecca Kingston, Ariel Mahabir, Cole Martin, Elizabeth Matheson, Michael McKay, Stephen Miller, MacKenzie Morehouse, Riley Mullin, David Murdock, Hanna Richardson, Connor Ryan, Andrew Savoy, Bailey Waldriff, Peter Woulds



Stars of the Month for January

Blue Team -	Will Walsh
Green Team -	Jayden Jones
Orange Team -	Elizabeth Matheson
Purple Team -	Two Stars for December in lieu of January!
Red Team -	Jared Malley
Yellow Team -	Jaeda Fournier



Stars of the Month for February

Blue Team -	Lyndsay Whyte
Green Team -	Lyndsay Jay-Keating
Orange Team -	David Murdock
Purple Team -	Drew Blackmore
Red Team -	Gabrielle Fournier
Yellow Team -	Sandra Duguay

CANADIAN NATIONAL MATH LEAGUE CONTEST

Some students participated in the Canadian National Math League Contest in February. The following are the students who had the top 5 scores for each Grade Level. Their scores will be sent to the National Office and students will receive medals in June.

Grade 6

Danielle Davies	First
Cole Sheasgreen	Tied for Second
Dylan Howe	Tied for Second
Emily Kingston	Tied for Third
Christopher Cooke	Tied for Third

Grade 7

Maggie Kingston	Tied for First
Spencer Daigle	Tied for First
Lyndsay Jay-Keating	Tied for Second
Rachael Carroll	Tied for Second
Lexie Mitchell	Tied for Second

Grade 8

Shelby Hallihan	First
Megan Hare	Tied for Second
Stephen Miller	Tied for Second
Jacob Power	Tied for Second
Rachel Barry	Tied for Second

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION2010 REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST WINNERSJunior (Grades 4-6)

Essay	1st Place	Bailey Black
	2nd Place	Abigail Campbell
Poem	1st Place	Carlee Mitchell
	2nd Place	Raeanne Hare
Colour Poster	1st Place	Laura Dickinson
	2nd Place	Karter Donovan
B & W Poster	1st Place	Matthew Surette
	2nd Place	Sarah Mullin

Thanks from Us!

Harkins Middle School Teachers and Support Staff would like to thank all those thoughtful parents/guardians who brought in such delicious treats for us to enjoy during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week from February 14th to 18th.

Special thanks to West Side Fitness & Mike's Bar & Grill for your donations of prizes for the staff!

We had a "yummy" week thanks to all of you!

Special Thanks to Mrs. Peggy Bass for once again coordinating this event.

Harkins once again demonstrates our motto "Harkins Cares"

Harkins is currently participating in a project to help build houses in El Salvador. The town that the Newcastle United Baptist Church is supporting has been rocked by major earthquakes, violence from civil unrest, and severe poverty for over 10 years. A team from Miramichi will be going to help from April 14th - 25th. Rachel Cormier, daughter of Reverend Daniel Cormier and our very own Music Specialist, Mrs. Gina Cormier, will be going along with this group. Students, teachers and staff are busy having fundraisers and donating money to do our part. 6L1 (Ms. Miousse) won a pizza party during student activity week and donated the cash value of the party to this fundraiser. They challenged the 6E class (Mrs. Malley), to do the same with their pizza party, which they did! Isn't it wonderful how thoughtful our teachers and students can be when there are others in need! Don't forget to purchase your brick for \$2.00 and have it added to the wall outside the Library. Well done Harkins...we're very proud!



Miranda Dedam placed 4th in 2nd Level Figure Skating Competition at the Canada Games in Halifax!!
Wow...well done Miranda!!

MIRAMICHI BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The following students recently participated in a Babysitters Training Program at the Boys & Girls Club and received certificates of completion.

Alecia Robichaud

Alex Williston

Jacob Elliott

DISTRICT 16 CUTE AWARDS—HMS FINALISTS

The following projects received recognition as Finalists at the District 16 CUTE Awards held on Wednesday, February 16th, at JMH.

Collaborative Project:

Staff/Students of HMS—"Creating a Classroom for Carlos"

Teacher Page: Amy Barrieau

Animation: Sarah Melanson-O'Neill—Croft Elementary School—"Karma Bites"

Digital Video: Lesley Stewart/Ms. Stewart's Grade 8 Class—"Pennies for Patients: You can make a difference!"

Digital Audio (Non-Musical): Amy Barrieau/Tammy Malley—"Dark Skies Project"

Innovative Use of Technology: Kari Waye-Hannah—"Innovation at Harkins Middle School"

Congratulations to the following Blue Team students for having their poems chosen to be published in an anthology of poems through Creative Communications, "A Celebration of Today's Writers". These student poems will also have a chance to win additional prizes. Christopher Cooke, Dylan Howe, Ashley Kenny, Kaitlyn Ryan, and Cole Sheasgreen.

TUTORIAL SCHEDULEBlue Team

Mrs. McKinnon—Language Arts—Tuesdays (3:00—3:45 p.m.)

Mrs. Blakely-Doucette-Math & Science-Thursdays (3:00—3:45 p.m.)

Mrs. Mitchell—Social Studies Day 2 & 4 (12 noon—12:45 p.m.)

Green Team

Mrs. Perry—Language Arts—Day 5 (11:55—12:25 p.m.)

Bring bagged lunch.

Purple Team

Ms. Miousse—Day 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (12:25—12:55 p.m.)

Orange Team

Mrs. Cole—Math—Day 5 (3:00—3:45 p.m.)

Ms. Richardson—Social Studies & French—Day 3 (3:00-3:45 p.m.)

Ms. Stewart—Lang. Arts/Science—Day 1 (3:00—3:45 p.m.)

Red Team

Mrs. Kingston—Math—Day 2 at noon.

Mrs. Murphy—Day 4 (12:00—12:20 p.m.)

Dates to Remember

March 7—11	March Break - NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK!
March 22	HMS School Science Fair (Storm Date—March 25th)
March 29	District 16 Science Fair
March 29	Term III Report Cards are sent home with students.
March 31	CI Day for Teachers— NO SCHOOL ALL DAY FOR STUDENTS Parent-Teacher (4:30-6:30 p.m.)
April 1	Parent-Teacher Interviews (9-11:30 a.m.) PD for Teachers (p.m.) NO SCHOOL ALL DAY FOR STUDENTS.
April 11	Grade 7 Girls receive 3rd HPV injection.
April 15	Provincial Science Fair
April 22	Good Friday NO SCHOOL ALL DAY FOR STUDENTS
April 25	Easter Monday NO SCHOOL ALL DAY FOR STUDENTS
May 5, 6	NBTA/Subject Council for Teachers NO SCHOOL ALL DAY FOR STUDENTS
May 19	Turnaround Achievement Awards at the RODD
May 23	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ALL DAY
June 24	<u>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</u>



Skating Schedule

Trip 1 - 8:35—9:35

Trip 2 - 9:30—10:35

(Subject to Change!)



**March 4 — 1st Trip—Orange
2nd Trip—Blue & Purple**

**March 25- 1st Trip— Red
2nd Trip—Green
(All are Subject to Change)**



YEARBOOKS

Our yearbook for 2010-2011 is being produced by our students (with the assistance of Mrs. Sullivan & Mrs. Malley)

Cost: \$20.00

Prepay to the following teachers:

Blue & Purple—Mrs. Malley (6E) (#210)

Orange—Mrs. Cole (8B—#205)

Red & Green—Mrs. Mutch (7C- #301 or #302)

YEARBOOK DESIGN CONTEST

Parents please encourage your child!

Students are encouraged to submit a cover design for the Yearbook.

The design for 1st Place will not only appear on the cover of the Yearbook, the student will also receive \$25.00 and a free Yearbook valued at \$20.00!!

2nd Place will receive a free Yearbook!

Crochet Club with Mrs. Mitchell every Day 4 in her classroom.

Scrapbooking

Every Day 5 in Mrs. Murphy's Room #308—Bring a bag lunch and your materials!



Chess Club every Day 1 & 4 with Mrs. Blakely-Doucette & Mr. Thompson in the Common Room.



A FEW REMINDERS TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Reminder About Homework—Flu season is upon us so students may be missing time due to illness. Please contact the office before 9:30 a.m. to request homework. You will find that Team Teachers keep homework up-to-date on the website at hms.nbed.nb.ca

Please don't throw out your pop

tabs...The Green will continue collecting pop tabs and encourage you to keep saving the tabs from your canned drinks. Remember, this is

SNOW Phone Line - In the event of an early dismissal/storm day closure, for the most part, students travel home on the same bus they arrived at school on. Call the District Office for information on Storm Days at 778-SNOW (7669)

In the mornings, if a student finds it too cold outside, please let the teacher on duty know so that they may allow the student to wait inside in the entryway. We worry that some students may not come dressed for the weather with winter jacket, hat, mitts and boots.

From Mrs. Gilliss in the Guidance Office

Pink T-Shirt Day #2 was held at Harkins on Wednesday, February 23rd. This is a day set aside to help make everyone aware of the negative effects of bullying and to show our support against it. **Bullying** is a form of abuse and is the number one non-academic problem in schools. **Bullying** is wrong and everyone needs to get involved to help stop it. **Bullying** is a learned behavior and it can be changed. Everyone has a right to feel safe. Always treat others the way you would like to be treated. Speak up and take a stand against bullying. Together we can make a difference. Last Wednesday, our school celebrated another Pink T-Shirt Day in recognition of anti-bullying. A special "thank you" is extended to everyone who participated in this activity. We had approximately 147 people wearing pink!! Way to go Harkins!! During second period, everyone wearing pink gathered in the gym to do a special dance activity to the song, "You're Amazing", by Bruno Mars. Congratulations is also extended to the winners of the t-shirt contest. "What I can do to stop bullying in my school."

Grade 6: Oakley Genova, Christopher Cooke, Dylan Esty, Jayme Bell, Nyomi Johnson, Laura Dickinson

Grade 7: Alana Keenan, Kaycee Bass, Lyndsay Jay-Keating, Spencer Waye, Sarah McKinnon, Morgan Roy, Amanda Trevors

Grade 8: Lindsey Gallant, Sydney Watt, Bailey Parker, Samantha Godin

Together we can make a difference to help eliminate bullying in our school.

The first step is by being friendly towards others.



The Varsity Boys finished 3rd at the D16 Championships. In the semi-finals, HMS was defeated by Dr. Losier 37-36. Harkins then went on to defeat Blackville 72-15 in the 3rd place game. Thanks to Mr. Jim Watters for coaching the boys this season!

JV Girls finished in 3rd place in the Finals in Blackville on Feb. 27th.

Would you like to join our coaching team or help out with a team? Looking for coaches for JV Girls & Boys Volleyball; Softball; Track and Field. If you feel that you don't have a high enough level of expertise in a sport, don't worry. Call and discuss it with us...we are sure that we can "team" you up with someone and together, you can make the season rewarding for both you and the players! Call 627-4088 and leave your name and number.

Celebrate food...from field to table. This year's Nutrition Month campaign focuses on a celebration of food, right from where it's grown and harvested, all the way to appetizing and healthy food on our tables. It's a chance to celebrate all aspects of healthy foods in NB and in your community.

Looking for ideas for Nutrition Month events?

- Organize a winter hike or ski, snow-shovelling contest, snowshoe race, sledding party, walk, or jog. Finish off your event with a healthy potluck featuring **healthy recipes** and **local ingredients**.
- Hold a family recipe competition and encourage participants to analyze their recipes with Dietitians of Canada's **Recipe Analyzer**. Invite the media to attend and showcase the event.
- With a group of students, plant fresh herbs or lettuce in pots in early March, which will be ready for harvesting in late March; plan to cook with what you grow.
- Encourage community members to ask their grocery store(s) to carry more regional foods.
- Ask local health clubs, stores and restaurants for permission to leave copies of Nutrition Month resources in public areas.
- Send out weekly tips, recipes and other info to your community, partners, and media contacts.

There are lots more ideas at:

Dietitians of Canada

- Activity ideas.
- Downloadable consumer fact sheets.
- Interactive "Where is it grown?" game
- Recipe analyzer.
- ...and much more.

Dairy Farmers of Canada

- Information.
- Tips and recipes.
- Downloadable nutrition month materials.

Buy local NB

- Find foods, farm markets, farm tours and even restaurants in your area that offer local foods.

Watch for more information and ideas coming to you weekly throughout the month of March.



SKATE PASS MIRAMICHI an introductory skateboard program to the City of Miramichi. Participants of this program will gain knowledge in the etiquette and basics of skateboarding. Open to youth Grades 4-9/Equipment provided./Space is limited (6-week program)/\$20. per participant Apr. 8-May 13—Golden Hawk (5-6 p.m.) To Register or for more information contact the Community Wellness and Recreation Department at 623-2054.

GOLDEN HAWK YOUTH NIGHT—Every Friday beginning September 17th—for Youth in grades 5-12 from 6-9 p.m. Once a month we will be having a special event (subject to change).

March 11—Jam Night; April 8—Paintball Night; May 13—Hockey Night in Miramichi; June 10—School's Out Party

MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES IN MIRAMICHI

March Break Shoot-Out—Youth Floor Hockey Tournament

March 11, 2011—Golden Hawk Recreation Center—9 a.m.—5 p.m.

2 Divisions (Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-9)

Get Your Team of Five (4 Players & 1 Goalie) Together Now! Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25.00 per team. Prizes awarded. Each team guaranteed 3 games.

For more information or to register a team, contact Jason Walsh at 623-2054.

Register early...space is limited in each division.

Parents/Guardians Please Take

Note

"Blue News Ticket to Win"!!

Once you and your son/daughter have read this newsletter, please sign the ticket, cut it out, and have your child return it to her/his Homeroom Teacher by Friday, March 4th.

One lucky ticket will be drawn for a movie pass (in time for March Break)!

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

Student's Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Visitors (parents/guardians/visitors) to Harkins Middle are asked to please go directly to the office. If you wish to leave something for a student or need a student paged to the office, we will do that for you. Entering the school and being in a hallway during instructional time interrupts the teachers and causes students to go off task. Please let us help you to help our students!