



HUTTERITE EDUCATORS OF MANITOBA

AFFILIATED WITH THE MANITOBA TEACHERS' SOCIETY

HEM

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## President's Message

HEM salutes all teachers as we settle into another school year!

The amount of effort and dedication our teachers exert daily is a global benefit! I believe that the difference we make in the lives of our students in the lessons we teach, the examples we are, and the personal lives we touch, will resonate longer and deeper than any other profession could. Teachers truly are a blessing to be thankful for!

As we wind up another fiscal year at HEM, we are reminded of the many people who have helped us get where we are. In the past few years, we've had Pat Hamm serving as HEM's liaison to MTS, and later as a Director on our executive. She has contributed a lot to HEM through her knowledge of the way meetings should be carried out. Because she was an educator in a Hutterite school, she was also aware of the needs of teachers and students in an ESL setting. I will especially miss her presence at our AGM, where I counted

on her to get me through all the requirements of a formal AGM.

Although Ashley Tully served on our committee for one short year, she has added enthusiasm and an extra burst of energy, not only through her contributions and suggestions for workshops and events, but also through her fun-loving demeanor. During the summer, she opened her home to our executive for one of our meetings and, together with her husband, organized a wonderful barbecue supper. This is Ashley – fun, passionate, and giving!

On behalf of HEM, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to both Pat and Ashley for all they've brought to, and done for, our organization and the students in our schools. We wish them nothing but continued success in all they undertake.

Planning for the next fiscal year is already underway. We are in the process of setting up an exciting I Love to Read month with artists and entertainers.

Please stay posted for more information arriving soon. We are grateful for all of you who chose Leonard Sax for your MTS-PD this year.

Although many of you want to deny the fact, I can't help but remind everyone (you know, just in case you're too busy to notice) that Christmas is coming! Look inside the newsletter for how HEM can help you make this wonderful season less stressful.

We wish all our members and teachers in our schools a rewarding and successful year!

- Karen Maendel  
HEM President

# A Very Merry Christmas?

by Kenny Wollman



The annual Christmas concert is a cornerstone event in Hutterite schools. It is a climactic occasion that brings together not only the local community, but also friends and neighbors. Students get to showcase their skills singing, playing, acting, and recitation. As joyful and pleasant as it is, finding materials for the event can be a challenge! We are pleased to share a variety of resources

that have been tested and tied on the HEM website. You can view the resources at the following link: <http://hutteriteeducators.org/resources/christmas-concert-resources/>. If you have resources you are interested in sharing, questions, or concerns, please contact us.

## Hey “English” Teachers!

Have you ever wanted to know how to say something in “Hutterish”? Knowing a few words and pronunciations is a good way to shock your students and grab their attention!

In every HEM newsletter we will be publishing a few “Hutterish” words or sayings to help you out!

English	“Hutterish”	Pronunciation
Leaves	Plutschnen	Plootsh-neh
Thankful	Donkber	Donck-ber
Christmas is coming!	Weihnachtn kummp!	Vy-nach-tn koomp!*

\*the *ch* sound produced corresponds to the ‘ch’ heard when Scots talk about ‘Loch Ness’



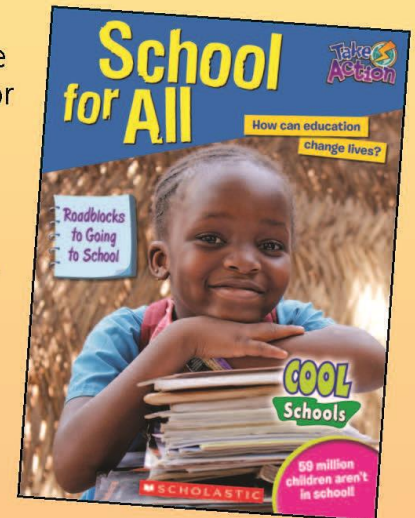
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# SHARE Conference

Educators from around the province gathered at Silverwinds Colony on August 19, 2016, for the inaugural SHARE (Sharing Hutterite Academic REsources) Conference. The conference featured a variety of presenters and breakout sessions for early years, middle years, and high school teachers.

One of the most popular presentations at the conference was "Manitoba Robot Games". During the session, Eberhard Hofer and Karl Kleinsasser shared their experiences participating in the robot games and described the resources needed to get involved. They also explained the skills acquired by the students as they participated in the robotics at their school. The presenters brought several examples of robots built by their students, and attendees enjoyed trying out the examples after the session. Later, presenter Eberhard Hofer presented a session on Makerspaces in the classroom.

Helping students succeed as they enter high school was the topic of another session, in which Barry Waldner shared a variety of ideas, strategies, and resources for assessing student readiness for grade 9 mathematics. He also shared resources and ideas for filling gaps in student understanding.

For early years teachers, two presentations were featured. First, Elma Maendel discussed the Canadian Postcard Challenge. She shared her personal experience with the challenge, how she connected the challenge with social studies learning outcomes, and how schools can become part of the challenge. Later, Ashley Tully presented her "Christmas around the World" unit, introducing a lively discussion on cultural

studies. She explained the various countries she studied with her class, the traditions they enjoyed trying out first hand, and how she connected the unit to social studies curriculum.

Catherine Wurtz is truly passionate about the environment, and during her session on Envirothon she explained why she believes it is important for all Hutterite student to participate in the competition, and get involved in environmental issues.

Afterwards, Marvin Waldner explained how he used the ideas and resources from Envirothon to create a school based Envirothon.

Those who attended the

SHARE Conference were served a delicious lunch by the wonderful hosts at Silverwinds Colony, and were even treated to some beautiful singing from the Silverwinds Colony choir after their meal! The conference was a unique opportunity for a variety of educators to share what is working in their classroom.

Educators who attended are already looking forward to next year's conference. HEM is currently looking for a different venue. One of the highlights of these conferences is touring schools in different colonies. If your school/community would like to host this event, please contact HEM President Karen Maendel.

## SHARE CONFERENCE GALLERY



Breaks between sessions allowed teachers the opportunity to network, visit with friends, and discuss the previous sessions.



Attendees got the chance to try out robots firsthand after the Manitoba Robot Games presentation.



Over 50 educators attended the conference.





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