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AFFILIATED WITH THE MANITOBA TEACHERS' SOCIETY

President's Message

By Karen Maendel

Hutterite Educators of Manitoba embraces summer with you!

We trust all of our teachers are enjoying a most deserving, relaxing and refreshing summer break and are rejuvenating for the start of a brand new school year in a matter of weeks.

As our committee is working on wrapping up another fiscal year, we have a number of great events planned for the coming year. Many of you will be attending our inaugural HEM SHARE conference and we especially want to express our thanks to the teachers who volunteered their time to share resources and ideas. We hope to host a similar conference next year and are looking for a different venue. If your school/community would like to host this event, please let me know. One of the highlights of these conferences is touring schools in different colonies.

You will not want to miss our SAGE (or MTS PD) conference. We are bringing back Dr. Leonard Sax to do a full-day workshop on "The Collapse of parenting...and the transfer of authority from grown-ups to

kids". The workshop will include strategies for teaching humility and will focus on how to create a culture of respect in the classroom. For the first time, HEM is offering online registration to this conference. You can access this by going to www.mbteach.org and logging into MyProfile (bottom left corner of your screen). If you already have a profile set up, you can log in directly. If not, you can sign up for one using the "First time here" button. An MTS membership is not required to register. Once you've signed in, look for the Events tab, click on List of Events, and look for HEM MTS PD Day 2016.

I also want to express my thank you, on behalf of HEM, to Evelyn Waldner, who served on the committee this last year. She offered valuable contributions to our planning meetings and we extend our congratulations on the birth of your healthy and beautiful baby girl.

Last, but not least, if you haven't already done so, check out the new look on our website www.hutteriteeducators.org.

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!

Enjoy!

English	"Hutterish"	Pronunciation
Summer	Sommer	Su:mmmer
Autumn	Herbst	Hærbst
We had a lot of fun!	Wir hatten viel Spaß.	Miær hõm fiæl ʃpas kõp.



Connect with HEM!

by Sarah Blair

Do you want to keep up with all the latest news and updates from HEM? Please check our website at <http://www.hutteriteeducators.org>. The website features a variety of resources including online registration for membership with HEM, the latest PD opportunities, and important links and resources.

You can also connect with HEM via Twitter. Please follow @hutteriteedmb for updates

and news, interesting articles, and other valuable material for Hutterite educators.

We love hearing from educators around the province on what resources and information you would find most helpful. If you have an idea for our website, newsletter, or perhaps a future professional development you would like HEM to offer, please don't hesitate to contact us!

PD Opportunity: Dr. Leonard Sax and *The Collapse of Parenting*



On October 21, 2016 (MTS PDDay), HEM will be hosting Dr. Leonard Sax at McMaster House in Winnipeg.

Dr. Sax is a physician, psychologist, and the author of four best-selling books for parents, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Collapse of Parenting* (2015).

Since 2001, Dr. Sax has visited more than 380 schools. He has spoken on issues of child and adolescent development throughout Canada and the United States, and in many other countries. He has appeared on CBC, BBC, the TODAY Show, CNN, National Public Radio, PBS, Fox News, and many other national and international media. His articles have been featured in *Maclean's*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, among many others.

Workshop Description

Conor Jones, head of school at The York School in Toronto, recently told Dr. Sax that "Parents are looking for the school to provide character education because the parents aren't doing it at home." More and more school leaders report seeing kids who have little self-control,

who have an enormous sense of entitlement, but minimal respect for teachers. The parents of those kids often expect the school to do the heavy lifting of teaching respect and self-control, but those same parents frequently do not support the school's efforts. One consequence of the collapse of parenting is the breakdown of the traditional alliance between the school and the home.

The collapse of parenting is aided and abetted by the culture of disrespect—the popular culture of Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus. In this presentation, Sax explains how the collapse of parenting and the culture of disrespect combine to undermine academic engagement and school achievement. He shares strategies which other schools have used to create a culture of respect and to restore the alliance between the school and the home.

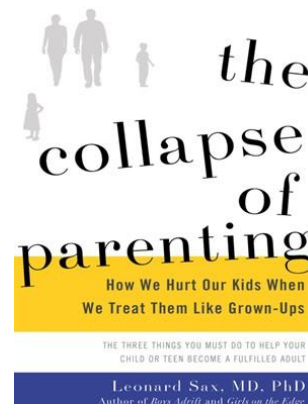
The workshop includes strategies for teaching humility, a virtue that today's North-American-Anglophone popular culture undermines in significant ways. (Humility is defined here as being at least as interested in other people as you are in yourself.) It also focuses on what Sax describes in *The Collapse of Parenting* as "the culture of disrespect" and how to create an alternative culture of respect in the classroom. In addition

to humility, Sax also discusses how schools can teach self-control and honesty, not by preaching, but instilling good habits. The school, in alliance with parents, can help each child become more respectful, more self-controlled, more honest, and more humble.

Event Schedule

Registration:	8:30
Workshop:	9:00 - 12:00
Lunch:	12:00-13:00
Workshop:	13:00 - 15:30

Please note that lunch will be provided on-site for members only.



A Letter from Premier Pallister



On May 15, 2016, the students of Pine Creek Colony School wrote Premier Brian Pallister a letter regarding beverage

deposits in Manitoba. The students asked him to consider the possibility of a more comprehensive beverage deposit law in Manitoba.

The letter stated in part:

We have Recycle Everywhere containers at our school, and have been working hard to reduce waste at our school every day.

However, we are writing you today because we are very concerned about the fact Manitoba does not have a beverage deposit recycling program for any beverages except beer.

According to our research, Manitoba has the least deposits on bottles of any of the provinces.

We strongly believe that a beverage deposit recycling program in Manitoba would be beneficial for many reasons. Research shows that deposits on beverage containers increase recycling rates by two times! Collecting bottles with deposits is also a great way to collect money for fundraisers or encourage others to collect bottles to recycle them.

We would like to ask your government to introduce a bottle deposit on recyclable beverage containers. As we have stated above, doing so would increase beverage bottle recycling for several reasons.

To the students' surprise, a few weeks later, they received a letter back from the premier that even included a handwritten note!

Thank you for your letter regarding a deposit-return system for beverage container recycling in Manitoba. I am very happy to hear that Pine Creek Colony School has implemented a recycling program and is working hard to reduce waste at school every day!

As you may know, Manitoba has two main programs that support beverage container recycling in our province. We have the "Recycle Everywhere" program that provides opportunities for people to recycle at "away from home" locations

including schools like yours, restaurants, public events, and in other public places like provincial parks.

We also have "Blue Box" recycling programs that address many types of packaging, including beverage containers, but we are always striving for improvement. In 2014, 64% of beverage containers in Manitoba were kept out of landfills, and, for 2016, our target is 75%.

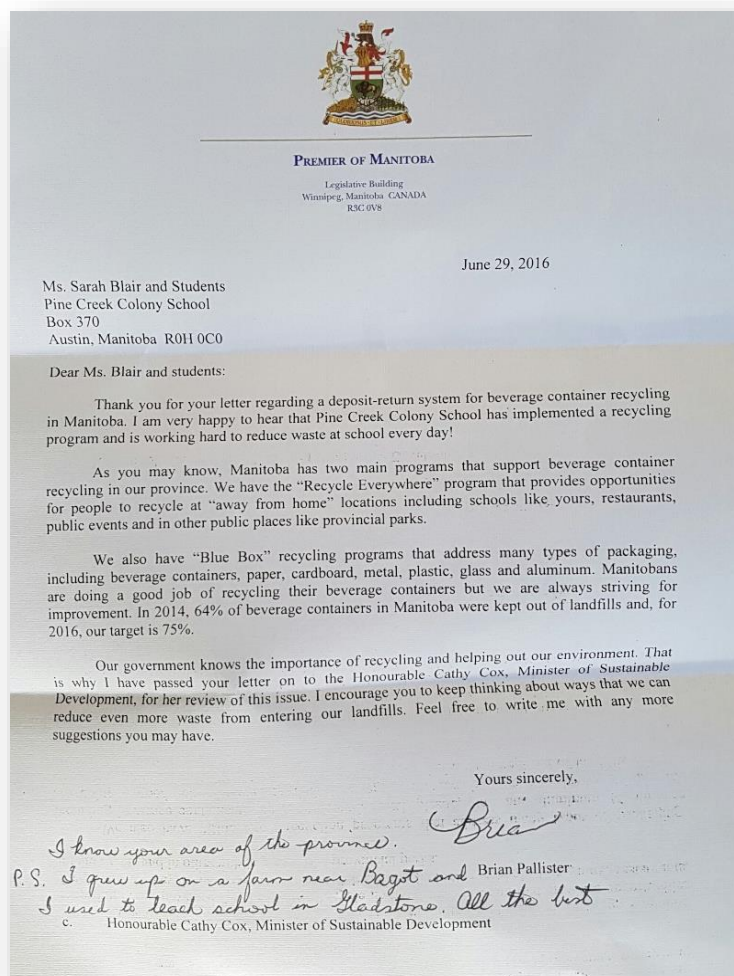
Our government knows the importance of recycling and helping out the environment. That is why I have passed your letter on to the Honourable Cathy Cox, Minister of Sustainable Development, for her review of this issue. I

encourage you to keep thinking about ways that we can reduce even more waste from entering our landfills. Feel free to write me with any more suggestions you may have.

The Premier then closed the letter with a handwritten personal note:

I know your area of the province well. I grew up on a farm near Bagot and I used to teach school in Gladstone. All the best.

The students were thrilled to know that Premier Pallister not only read their letter, he seriously considered their request and will be forwarding it to the appropriate minister. The students remain hopeful that the government will act on their appeal for a beverage deposit recycling program. In the meantime, they are thrilled to know that Pine Creek Colony School has had a part in advocating a positive change for our environment!



Made in Manitoba: Agriculture in the Classroom

Agriculture in the Classroom is a huge umbrella under which schools can enroll in numerous wonderful agriculture based programs. This year Brennan School has participated in several: we received a Little Green Thumbs grant – an indoor gardening program; our middle grades attended some local farm tours and we hosted a Made in Manitoba breakfast.



At the breakfast, a representative from the program delivered cooking utensils, appliances as well as the food (pancake mix, sausages, hard boiled eggs, honey and hot chocolate which are sponsored by various organizations) that would be needed to provide a substantial breakfast, a day prior to the actual breakfast.

Around 8:30 the next morning, several of ladies in our community helped with the cooking. An interesting interactive presentation was made by the Agriculture in the Classroom representative prior to breakfast being served. Our students, staff and many community members enjoyed both the breakfast and presentation.

Although we are part of a farming community, this program gave us an



opportunity to learn about agricultural areas beyond our immediate surroundings. For more information on how to enroll your school in the Made in Manitoba Breakfast program, click on the following link: <http://www.aitc.mb.ca/educational-programs-events/made-in-manitoba-breakfast-program>

- Elma Maendel
Brennan School

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