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Dear Parents,

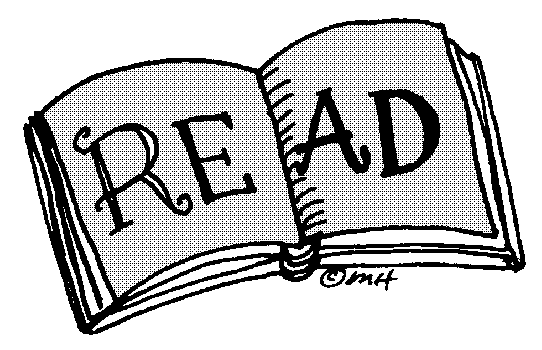
MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers’ Choice Award) is an organization which pre-selects novels written by Canadian authors. Students who are in grades five-eight must read (or listen to) at least three books from the list to be eligible to vote for their favourite one. (3 books = 1 vote, 6 books = 2 votes, 15 or more = 3 votes) The author of the most popular book then receives an award at a ceremony held in the fall in Winnipeg. For more information on MYRCA, please see their website. (www.myrca.ca)

I will be hosting a reading club for all interested grade 5 students. Students will be able to select one of the short-listed books and spend some quiet time in the library reading at various recesses.

All books must be chosen from the MYRCA reading list (shown on the back of this sheet). As MYRCA is intended for grades 5-8, we felt that some of the shortlisted titles were slightly more mature than we wished to include in the library collection at Hampstead School.

We have one copy of the selected titles available in the school library. Your child may however choose to also take books available at the public library. There will be an additional session held in early April to vote and celebrate our participation in MYRCA. (Please note that students do not need to attend the club sessions to be eligible to vote. The sessions are an opportunity to read the MYRCA books and discuss them with other readers.) MYRCA readers are also encouraged to come to Open Library on Days 2,4,&6 at 12:15-12:45 to read!

I am hoping to encourage avid, dedicated readers to join our club! I have met with all of the grade five students to discuss the Manitoba Young Readers’ Choice Award, our reading club, and highlight the selected books. Should your child chose to participate, your child can chose to read the books that interest him/her the best.



Happy Reading,

Ms. Loewen

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**The 2017 MYRCA Shortlist**

**Seven Dead Pirates by Linda Bailey**

**Prison Boy by Sharon E. McKay**

**A Pocket Full of Murdery by RJ Anderson**

**The Disappearance of Emily H. by Barrie Summy**

**Ghost Most Foul by Patti Grayson**

**Last Shot by David Skuy**

**MiNRS by Kevin Sylvester**

**Epic Life of a Total Genius by Stacey Matson**

**Speechless by Jennifer Mook-Sang**

**Tank and Fizz : The Case of the Slime Stampede by Liam ODonnell and Mike Deas**

**The Choice – Kathy Clark**

\*These titles are also available as digital (ePUB, PDF, Kindle and/or Adobe) files through Winnipeg Public