
Harold Martin School — Parent Flash

January 7, 2011

Website:
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/>

C-Time

*Collaboration Time
for Teachers*

This **Tuesday, Jan. 11** students may come to school the **regular time** (buses will run as usual) and participate in a **special art activity**.



Or students can have some morning time at home and arrive for the **start of school at 8:55**.

** Please do not drop students off in between these two times.*



Here are some thoughts on this first Parent Flash of 2011.

- This morning I spent some time **podcasting** with third graders and I asked them about the new playground and their favorite elements. I'll be producing the HMS Podcast for January this weekend and you'll see how articulate the kids are. You can always find the Podcasts on our home page at: <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/>.
- Speaking of podcasting, one of my goals this year is to develop a **digital studio**, in partnership with Library/Media Specialist Nancy Alibrandi. We have grant money and a gift from a parent which will pay for the equipment including a dedicated laptop, digital storage space, perhaps a new video camera, a quality microphone, and other accessories. It will give classrooms

an opportunity to really discover the latest in digital media.

- In planning for the new year, the Playground Committee will be planning a gala in the spring celebrating our new playground. In addition, next month we'll have our annual **Spaghetti Supper** put together by our staff. This event, held in our Multi-Purpose Room, has become an annual favorite of our community. Stay tuned for dates on both events.

- Recently you received copies of your child's **MAP testing** results for the fall of 2010. If you have questions about MAP testing and how to read the scores, I've included a screencast on our website that should answer your questions. Please click the icon to the right of the speaker icon to create a full screen presentation. In addition, click on the "Assessment" tab all the way to the left of the home page to read the "Parent Tool Kit" for MAP.

- We are in the midst of the **budget process** for the Hopkinton School District's School Budget for 2011-12. The process is now at the Budget Committee stage as the District presented the budget to the members of the Budget Committee Wednesday night. Keep in mind these important dates and if you have any questions,

feel free to email me or give me a call.

* 01/12/11 – School District Budget Presentation: Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Town Hall

* 02/02/11 – Public Hearing, 6:30pm, Hopkinton Middle High School auditorium

* 03/12/11 – Annual School District Meeting. 9AM Hopkinton Middle high School Gym

Weekends are times for web site updates, so check out our Harold Martin School site. While you're at it, check out P.E. Teacher Ed Girzone's video explaining the various elements of our new playground and how to stay safe. This will be useful if you use the playground on weekends or after school.

I wish you all the very best for 2011.

Sincerely,
Bill Carozza, Principal



One of the highlights of the HMS year is the beginning of the **ski program** for HMS students which started this week. In general, all went smoothly, but we could improve on communication. Please send a note in ahead of time informing us what time you plan on **picking up** your child-that would be very helpful. Thanks.

Winter Children's Programs at the Hopkinton Town Library

Read With Ben

December 16, January 20, and February 17 4:30-5:30 PM (10 minute slots). For children and adults of all ages. Register to read with Ben, our visiting Shetland Sheep dog. Not only is he very cute, he's a good listener.

Movie Nights

(in conjunction with the Recreation Department Music Movie Series)

- * January 21, 6:30 PM Back to the Future Rated PG
 - * February 18, 6:30 PM * Back to the Future Part II Rated PG
 - * March 18, 6:30 PM Back to the Future Part III Rated PG
- Free popcorn and retro candy!*

Coins and Coin Collecting for Kids

Learn about the history of coins, what to look for when collecting, and types of collecting, with local resident Bob Vallari. For 4th graders and up. Limit 10. Registration required.

- * February 9, 3-4 PM
- * February 16, 3-4 PM
- * February 23, 3-4 PM

Valentine Project

Make a heart shaped mosaic to give to a special valentine. February 10, 3-4 PM. For children in 2nd grade and up.

Tea Party

March 2, 1-2 PM Come for a magical, fairy themed tea party! For children in K-4th grade. Limit 24. Registration required.

To register for these programs, please come to the library, call 746-3663, or email lmaynard@hopkintontownlibrary.org

NEXT WEEK AT 'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME

WINTER WONDERLAND
Week of January 10-14

- Mon: Snowpeople Finger Puppets
- Tues: Oreo Penguins
- Wed: Crazy Hair Day
- Thurs: Beaded Snowflake 3:20—Taekwondo
- Fri: Gimp Guys

Employment Opportunity:

'Tween School 'n Home Child Care Program, a non-profit after-school care program operating out of Harold Martin School has an immediate **opening for a Group Leader.**

Qualified, interested applicants only should respond with professional resume and contact information.



