

PARENT FLASH

October 28, 2011

The Common Core



School Community Automatic Call System **test** (to inform parents or guardians of emergency or time sensitive information) is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5, at 7:00pm.**

If you have completed the Automatic Call System Registration Form and do not receive a call, please email [Betsy Wilder](mailto:Betsy.Wilder@hopkinton.schools.org) at [bwilder@hopkinton.schools.org](mailto:Betsy.Wilder@hopkinton.schools.org) or call 746-3473.

Earlier this month the school district organized a full day of professional development for our teachers centered on new standards that are sweeping the country called the *Common Core State Standards*. The work began with the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers toward the end of the last decade, and the final literacy and math standards were released last year. This was a process facilitated separately from the federal government but has spread to nearly all states included New Hampshire. Recognizing that we live in a very mobile society, the *Common Core* is designed to be uniform throughout the country. In addition, those developing the standards felt that we could raise the academic bar as the writers referenced the very best standards from the 50 states, as well as from other countries, to write the *Core*.

At Harold Martin, teachers have reviewed the new standards in the context of our current curriculum and practice. We gathered data on which standards we are currently utilizing, which are more rigorous than current practice, and which are missing altogether. Of course, the current New Hampshire standards vary quite a bit from the *Common Core* so we have our work cut out for us. Here's an example from the third grade math *Core* standards:

3.MD.3. Draw a scaled picture graph and a scaled bar graph to represent a data set with several categories. Solve one- and two-step "how many more" and "how many less" problems using information presented in scaled bar graphs. For example, draw a bar graph in which each square in the bar graph might represent 5 pets.

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The NH Dept. of Ed plans to fully implement the *Common Core* by the Fall of 2013.

Before long, standards will be written for science and social studies as well. If you are interested in reading more about the *Common Core* standards, head to: <http://www.corestandards.org/>, or <http://www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/ccss/index.htm>.

I hope to see you tomorrow for the annual Halloween

Parade and Halloween Hollar. Kids line up at 11:30 AM for the Parade by the main entrance. For more info, head to: <http://bit.ly/vdK0lq>

Have a wonderful Fall weekend...significant snow is possible for late tomorrow afternoon and evening but we should be clear for the Halloween festivities.

All the best,

Bill Carozza, Principal

Hopkinton Food Pantry



Please help stock the Hopkinton Food Pantry and other area food pantries for the coming winter.

Next weekend, November 5th, the Hopkinton Cub Scouts, with the assistance of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Hopkinton Lions Club, will kick off the annual Scouting For Food Drive by leaving a flyer with information about the food drive at houses in town.

If you would like to help with this worthy cause, place your donation of non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) in a plastic bag or bags and leave it out at your mailbox by 8:00 a.m., Saturday, November 12. Scouts will pick up the bags of food between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Last year, Hopkinton Scouts collected over 5000 items of food and we are hoping to increase that amount this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

The Book Fair is Coming!



Mark the date on your calendar. Classrooms will preview the Book Fair books on Monday and Tuesday, November 7th and 8th. Students may purchase book on either of these days and each child will bring home a "Wish List" of titles they

found interesting. Parents are invited to shop on Parent Conference Day, November 10 from 11 AM to 7 PM. The bookcases will be set up in the hall outside the Reading Room. Thanks for your continued support of this project.

Book Fair Nov. 7th and 8th for students and Nov. 10th for parents

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NOVEMBER THEME: Fairies, Gnome
Week of Oct. 31 to Nov. 4



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| Monday: | Halloween Party |
| Tuesday: | Fairy Interesting |
| Wed. – Fri.: | Fairy and Gnome Houses |
| Thursday: | Sewing w/ Mrs. Ottery |

Hopkinton Redhawks Football

Come see the Hopkinton/Hillsboro Redhawks Football team host their first playoff game vs. Granite State this Sunday, Oct 30 at 1:30pm at Houston Field #4. This team is made up of high school students from both Hopkinton and Hillsboro/Deering High Schools. There will be a concession stand as well as 50/50 raffle and more. Come cheer on the Redhawks!

Parent Conference
Day—Nov. 10th—No
School for students

Veteran's Day—Nov.
11th—No School