
Harold Martin School

October 30, 2009

Parent Flash

Parent
Conferences
Nov. 10



No School for
students

Nov. 11
Veterans' Day
No School



In speaking to so many of you, I know that you are justifiably concerned about the **H1N1 virus**, given the large media coverage. So far at HMS, the impact has been minimal, but we are expecting more cases to occur soon, just based on what we see in surrounding towns. Our school nurse, Sheila Conley, myself, and all of the administrators in the district have been keeping abreast of the situation and it truly is a daily conversation between us. We are hoping for an arrival of vaccine soon and we are considering options for a clinic, but that remains to be seen. In the meantime, regular handwashing continues to be the best way to stem the spread of H1N1. Of course, it's important to leave your sick child at home and when you call in, you'll be asked some specific questions about the nature of the illness. I have been so impressed by how calm and balanced parents have been

during this time. Feel free to call us with questions at any time. Thanks!

Please mark next Thursday, November 5, 6:30 PM for our monthly **PTA meeting** held in the HMS Preschool Room. The agenda includes a discussion on the elementary spelling program from staff, high school students sharing their experiences in Boston's China Town as part of their Asian Studies class, and a discussion of the Conservation of Bohanan Farm. We'll put the full agenda on our web site. The meeting is open to all parents, staff, and students, and babysitting will be provided by the National Honor Society.

Look for a new HMS Podcast to be recorded this weekend as well.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal





The Book Fair is back!!! Last year was such a success that we decided to do it again this year. Each child will visit the book fair next week. Your child may purchase books there or fill out a wish list to bring home to share with you.

On Parent Conference day (November 10, 11am-7pm), books will be available in the hallway by the Reading Room for you to purchase for your child and/or your child's classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to get books into the hands of our students. We thank you for your continued support of reading at Harold Martin School.

The 5th Annual Harvest Festival, sponsored by Countryside Community church, will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00pm at Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton. Hot dogs, popcorn, games, live music, a costume parade and candy make for a fun, safe alternative Halloween activity for the entire family. It's also \$1 ice cream night at Beech Hill. Hope to see you there!

NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM
at Harold Martin School
Multi-Purpose Room
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Week of November 2 - 6,
DINOSAUR MONTH!

- Mon: Movement Madness
Bouncy Cobra
- Tues: Fossil Prints
Spanish Club
- Wed: Making Pizza
Hip Hop Dance
- Thurs: Seashell Tea Candles
Karate
- Frid: Herbivore Habitat
(a/k/a – Make a Tree!)
Music Lessons

TSNH has openings for children in grades K-6 from both Harold Martin School and Maple Street School. So if you're looking for a place for your child to be safe and have a great time after school, and would like more information, contact Linda Ottery, Executive Director at 529-2186 or tsnh@comcast.net. You also may download a registration form at our website: www.tweenschoolnhome.com.



NEWS FROM THE
HOPKINTON TOWN
LIBRARY

Sun., November 1 — 2pm
“Edible Book Fair” Family Day. Local music by “Lunch at the Dump” and treats. Children (and adults) are invited to create an edible book! An edible book can look like a book, illustrate a pun on a title, refer to a character, or just have something to do with books--whatever the inspiration, it must be edible. Creations will be displayed at a family event on November 1st at 2pm. Details can be found at the library or on our website. Please join us even if you haven't created an “edible book!”

Thurs., November 5 — 7 pm
“How We Got So Obese— And What We Can Do About It” With Dr. Susan Lynch. Dr. Lynch, a pediatrician, has long been involved in the prevention of obesity in children. Dr. Lynch will examine the causes of one of our country's most dangerous trends and offer insights as to how we might address the issue. She will draw connections to the book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, and answer questions after the presentation.
