
Harold Martin School

November 19, 2010

Parent Flash



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING



When you travel with your children on a long trip, what's the most common phrase that your kids will say? "*When are we going to be there?*" The most common question I get from our almost 300 students at HMS is, "*When is the playground going to be open?*"

Tomorrow will be our final preparation day for the playground and our primary job will be to fill the main structure with wood chips. We could still use some volunteers for the task. Please email our "A-Team" Arlene McGrath and Amy Licata at amylicata@yahoo.com, or afpmcgrath@aol.com.

Our goal, assuming everything is complete, is to open up the playground this Monday. We will have a brief in-school ceremony first thing Monday

morning and then over the course of the day, the students will receive individual classroom instruction on the various playground components before they actually have their lunch recess. We are planning a community celebration/grand opening of the playground in the spring.

Keep checking out our web site at <http://www.hopkinton.schools.org/haroldmartinschool/playground/> for updates on the home page for pictures. I've been wearing out my camera for a good cause.

Keep in mind that only Monday and Tuesday are school days next week as we are off for Thanksgiving break beginning Wednesday. There will be an email only Parent Flash on Wednesday.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see you tomorrow.

Best,

Bill Carozza, Principal



The Big Picture

Preschool has been creating **woodland animals** in art class. Students practiced their **clay manipulation** skills and rolled and flattened clay. We then traced their hands to create a turkey. Students also practiced **gluing** to create a bear mask.

Kindergarten students did an **observational drawing** of a gourd. Students learned how to use and blend **chalk pastels** while adding the details on to their gourd. Students have also been using earth clay to create **texture**.

First graders have been learning about texture, differentiating between **'texture see'** (visual texture) and **'texture feel'** (actual texture). Students found places within the classroom with texture feel to create rubbings. We looked at different famous city paintings and created our own cities by cutting **geometric shapes** from our rubbings and collaging them together.

Second grade students have been learning about the artist VanGogh. After reading about the life of VanGogh, students created their own rendition of

Starry, Starry Night using oil pastels to draw the dancing **lines**. Students also used watercolors to fill the **background space**. We are currently working on a **three-dimensional** totem project.



Third graders are learning about the difference between the **elements of art** and the **principles of art**. The **elements of art** are the building blocks and the **principles of art** are the things you create (i.e. use color to create a pattern). Students created sunflower stamps and printed them using a **variety of color, textures, and lines**.

Congratulations to the Yappin' Yodas!
Hopkinton's **FIRST** Lego League Team #4491, the Yappin' Yodas, received 2nd place overall in the FLL Regional Competition on Saturday at Bishop Brady High School. This advances the team to the State Tournament on Saturday, December 4th in Manchester.

NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM
at Harold Martin School
Week of November 22-26

Among the many activities that are always going on at TSNH, the following will highlight this week:

- Mon: Indian Headbands
Movement Madness
Pickup from Art Room
4:25-5:30
- Tues: Movie Day: Pocahontas
- Wed – Fri No School –
Thanksgiving Break

TSNH is looking to expand its Board of Directors. If you would more information about what it means to be a Board member of TSNH, please call Christine Ojendyk at 731-1377.

'Tween School 'n Home has openings for children in grades K-6 from both Harold Martin School and Maple Street School. contact Linda Ottery, Executive Director at 529-2186 or tsnh@comcast.net. You also may download a registration form at our website: www.twenschoolnhome.com.

**HMS Ladybug Award
Winner Announced**



Excitement mounted Thursday as HMS students cast their ballots to vote for their favorite **Ladybug Award book**. Each year, ten picture books are nominated for the award by a committee of children's librarians from across the state.

After listening to or reading the books, New Hampshire children in preschool through grade three are invited to vote for the book that they think should win the award. This year, HMS students chose *Princess Hyacinth* (The Surprising Story of a Girl that Floated) as their favorite Ladybug book. *Otis* by Loren was the runner-up.

To celebrate the day, students and staff dressed in red and black and the "Library Ladybugs" handed out Ladybug cookies and bookmarks. A description of the books that were nominated for the award can be found at:

<http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/Childrens'Room/childrenpages/ladybug.htm>

. Mrs. Alibrandi talks about the Ladybug award in this month's HMS podcast (#28) at <http://wcarozza.podomatic.com/>.

To keep students excited about reading picture books, visit our Tumblebooks library of online animated books. They can be accessed through the Library Wiki page:

<http://hopkintonlibraries.wikispaces.com/> Click on the

Tumblebooks icon.



**Hopkinton Town Library
December Events**

**NH Author Kathy Brodsky
Wednesday, Dec. 8 6:30 PM**

For all ages. No registration required. Come hear how a nation-wide art contest led to a Contoocook dog having his pictures in Kathy Brodsky's new book, "The Winner Is..."

**Starry, Starry Night Friday,
December 3 6-8:15 PM**

An evening for children to make a winter ornament and watch "The Polar Express." Registration required. Limit 20.

**A Christmas Carol
with Odds Bodkin
Sunday, Dec. 5 3-4:00 PM**

For children 10 and up. No registration required..

**Holiday Community Theater
Sunday, Dec. 12 4:00 PM**

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson Performed by local talent! Directed by Nini Allen.

Cross Country Ski Program
Sign-ups for the Bill Koch Ski program will be on Nov. 30 at MSS from 6:00-7:30.

The program will be Friday afternoons, starting at 3:30 pm. It will begin as soon as there is enough snow to ski on and will run until Friday, February 18th. More information available at BlackwaterNordic.org

33rd Annual
Contoocook Artisans
Holiday Craft Fair
St. Andrew's Parish Hall ·
Friday, Dec. 3 · 9:00 am -
8:00 pm and Saturday, Dec. 4
· 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Free Admission

Creative Movement classes
Ages 4-6
Mondays 4-4:45 pm
WellSpaceNH 633 Maple
Street Contoocook, NH

For more information, visit
www.wellspacenh.com or
www.petitpapillon.org .

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Please check the
Hopkinton Recreation
website for updated
information.

<http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov> (then click
Recreation)

- Ginger Bread House Making Workshop
- Holiday Lights Contest
- Breakfast with Santa