
Harold Martin School

December 18, 2009

Parent Flash



Holiday Recess

Dec. 23 thru Jan. 1

Dec. 22 is a full day
of school



One of the best parts of my job are the families I meet and being able to learn their stories. There are the families that are hurting financially this time of year. There are others who make sacrifices for their elderly parents but reap the benefits of knowing they are doing the right thing. And there are other families who generously donate their time and money to assist their neighbors in their season of need. At HMS, we try to be good listeners but more importantly, we want to help. Please let us know how we can be of assistance. We truly care about our families.

The energy level of my house increased this week as my two college kids came home for the holidays. My high school freshman was so excited to have some company in addition to his (what he sees as) two elderly parents. I enjoy my kids more now than ever and my wish is that you can find similar joy during the holiday season.

I am not sure at "press time" what the office schedule will be during the holiday recess, but I will send out an email with office hours and post them on the main entrance door.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone!

Bill Carozza, Principal



From Mrs. Griffin

The children had a wonderful time at the **concerts**. They performed with a tremendous spirit of celebration as well as amazing attention to musical details. It was truly a team effort of staff, students, friends and family, and one that we all enjoyed together. I couldn't have been more pleased!

The instances where there were vocal solos as well as the addition of instruments were representative of opportunities that all of the children have during their class participation. As we prepare, there are many opportunities for children to sing alone and/ or in small groups before their peers. Likewise, all of the 2nd graders had the opportunity to accompany their fellow classmates on the xylophones during their music class times.

In preparation for playing **recorders** in the new year, all of the third graders have been engaged in learning how to read music and also had the opportunity to translate their abilities to the xylophones.

There is yet another opportunity for those students who are interested in sharing a talent on stage before an enthusiastic Hopkinton audience.

The incredible “**Celebration of the Arts**” will take place at Hopkinton High School on **Thursday, March 11th**. It is a free event showcasing the many artistic talents of our students district-wide. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details.

Happy New Year to you all!



From Mrs. Emerson

Preschoolers have been working on developing their **clay skills**. We practiced rolling and smooshing balls of clay. We also practiced using a rolling pin and cookie cutters to create different clay objects. Students decorated their clay objects with paint and added a string for hanging.

Students in **kindergarten** have been practicing their **paper manipulation** skills while learning about the **cool colors** (purple, blue, and green). They folded, cut, and glued paper snowflake decorations for the winter concert. Kindergarten has also been working with clay, as students demonstrated their ability to roll clay into balls,

smoosh the clay balls, and add a **textured pattern** to the clay.

First graders took one of their holiday concert songs, “*For You*” and used it as inspiration for their art project. We created different **forms** from cardboard, and just like in the song, added color and several different decorations.

Second graders read the book *Look! Look! Look!*, by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. In the book, the mice look at an artwork using a **viewfinder** and then re-create part of the artwork changing the **colors** and **shapes**. Students looked at different master artworks including Seurat, Warhol, Lichtenstein, Monet, Wood, and an anonymous Egyptian tomb. Each then picked one part of a painting and **collaged** it out of different materials, just as the mice had done.

Students in **third grade** have been learning about the artist **Gustav Klimt**. Students are drawing a person in the style of Klimt, and adding different brightly colored **patterns** and **gold**, hallmark characteristics of Klimt's work.

Art is up and running and on the web. Check out our artwork at: <http://hawkart.wikispaces>. Or go to the Harold Martin School website, click on “programs” and then “art.”



Winter Programs at the Hopkinton Town Library

Give the Gift of a Story.

Barefoot Books, in partnership with the Hopkinton Town Library, will be hosting our **second community book drive**. A selection of books will be available to buy or to donate to a local child. Storytelling will be ongoing that day. Books will be distributed through Hopkinton's Department of Human Services. This event will be held on **Saturday, December 19** from 11 AM-3 PM.

Game Day

A variety of games will be stationed throughout the Library for all to enjoy on **Wednesday, December 30th**. Try one or try them all! Games will be set up for play from 10 AM-3 PM. As our Library policy states, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult or by a sibling 14 years or older. No sign up is required.

Altered Books Workshop

The talented Joell Gaskiell will inspire you to design and alter your own book. This workshop is for 7th graders to adults. This is a day long workshop, so be sure to bring your lunch, along with suggested supplies. It will be held on Saturday, January 9 from 10AM-3 PM. Call or come in to register and pick up your supply list.

All programs are free to the public and will be held at the Hopkinton Town Library.

The Small Business Class of Hopkinton High School has joined together with Marklin Candle Company to help local students. These candles are designed and marketed by students and the proceeds will be used to help students. Our mission is to help members of our community. The proceeds will be donated to the Student Support Fund and will be used for financial expenses, school supplies, and student scholarships to attend summer programs.

There will be no PTA meeting in January

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 December 21-25, 2009
– COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT MONTH

Mon: Movement Madness
Getting Ready for our
Holiday Party:
Peanut Butter Honey Balls
Tues: HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION
with a very special guest!
Wed thru Fri: No School
Holiday Recess

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL !!**

The Harold Martin staff collected a total of \$439.00 for the NH Food Bank for December! Thank you everyone!

Happy Holidays!

Please check the Hopkinton Recreation website for updated information. <http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov> (then click Recreation)