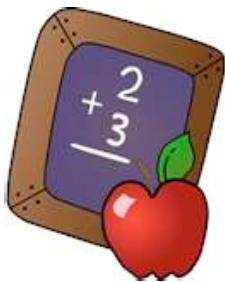

Harold Martin School

December 3, 2010

Parent Flash

REPORT CARDS
WILL BE SENT
HOMW
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH



The new playground complex has been open for seven days and the reviews have been very positive. I have been surprised how well students are navigating the various elements. On the first day of the playground opening, we held a brief ceremony and then took the morning to train each class separately on the different elements. I produced a video of Ed Girzone, our P.E. teacher, instructing one of the groups and you can find it on our web site's main page. My hope is that parents watch the video so that they can supervise their own children effectively when they use the playground on weekends. There are some very high elements and so many components to the playground, that you will want to keep a close eye on your children when they're exploring the playground.

The video can be found at: <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/> and it is titled "Playground Orientation".

Also, a friendly reminder that we do not allow traffic into the circle around the flag pole first thing in the morning, from 7:30-8:00. This is when buses are coming in to drop off children and I don't want to mix vehicles in that area. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal

We have a number of dishes left over from the artist in residence luncheon. If you think some of the dishes may be yours, please stop in the office and we'll help you find them.

Thanks.

Winter Outerwear

A reminder to parents to please be sure children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather, especially for arrival to school before 8:00am. This includes jackets, hats, mittens, shoes and socks (cros and sandals are dangerous on the playground this time of year). When the snow does arrive, snow pants and boots are required or your child has to play on the pavement. A change of clothes, especially socks, are important to keep in your child's backpack when feet or other clothes get wet.

Screenings

Screenings for students will begin this month, starting with kindergarten classes. Kindergarten through grade three will be screened for height, weight, vision and hearing. Parents are not contacted unless there is a concern with the results of a screening.

Thank you,
Sheila Conley
Harold Martin School Nurse



Notes From the Music Room

The holidays are rapidly approaching and so are the **HMS winter concerts**, held right here at the HMS multi-purpose room. It is a special time of celebration that you won't want to miss! The children work hard to prepare some wonderful songs to offer as a gift straight from their hearts. **The 2nd and 3rd grade concert will be performed on Monday, December 13th at 1:30 P.M. The Kindergarten and 1st grade concert will be performed on Tuesday, December 14th at 1:45.** (In the event of a weather-related cancellation, the affected concert will be held on Wednesday, December 15th.) Children should be dressed in festive, yet comfortable clothes. (No jeans or t-shirts, please.) Another consideration is to avoid dressing the students too warmly, as the children can get over-heated singing

together on the risers. Hope to see you there!

We began November with preparation for a school ceremony in recognition of Veteran's Day. All of the students practiced the song, "America," (often referred to as "My Country 'Tis of Thee") at the level of their ability and understanding. We discussed the lyrics and the concept of patriotic songs in general - how they help us enter into times of honoring and celebrating our country and its service men and women as well as appreciating the freedoms that we enjoy. It was very meaningful for the students to come together as a school and sing "America" together. The singing of our national anthem by 2nd grader, Beatrice Burack was a special addition to the ceremony.

November is also largely concert preparation time with a little turkey on the side. The children are introduced to their concert selections with related dance and movement activities. This is a fun way to build familiarity with tempos, phrasing, and the

spirit of the songs. We alternate singing the melody with random syllables, such as “ho-ho-ho” to focus on pitch in addition to singing the actual lyrics. We clarify vocabulary and the significance of some of the songs. The younger students added rhythm instruments to the mix while the 3rd graders were introduced to playing handbells. Every once in awhile, though, we would just take a break from all of the hard work and just strut, wobble and gobble to some fun turkey tunes.

2010 Hopkinton Christmas Tree Lighting Event:
Hopkinton Village Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing-along Saturday, December 4th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.



NEXT WEEK AT
**'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
Week of December 6-10**

- Mon: Watercolors
Holiday Bulletin Board
**Moving to Art Room
at 4:25**
- Tues: Reindeer Food
- Wed: **Kwanzaa Scarves
4:15: African
Drumming Concert
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
PLEASE JOIN US**
- Thurs: Santa Photos
Kwanzaa Cards
Taekwondo
- Fri: Christmas Cards
Piano Lessons
**Moving to Art Room
at 4:25**

'Tween School 'n Home 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 engaged, creative and have a great time after school and would like more information, contact Linda Ottery, Executive Director at 529-2186 or tsnhlinda@tweenschoolnhome.com. You also may download a registration form at our website: www.tweenschoolnhome.com.



**Hopkinton Town Library
December Events**

**A Christmas Carol
with Odds Bodkin**
Sunday, December 5 3-4:00 PM
For children 10 and up. No registration required

NH Author Kathy Brodsky
Wednesday, December 8,
6:30 PM. For all ages. No registration required.

Holiday Community Theater
Sunday, December 12 4:00 PM
“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”

These programs are brought to you by the Friends of the Hopkinton Town Library as part of the **Friends Winter Family Series**.

Hopkinton Rec Dept.

So You Think You Can Dance?
– Hip Hop Dance Class. Call 746-2915 to register today!!

Breakfast with Santa
On Saturday December 11th

Santa Calling Program
Call 746-2915 for more information.
