
Harold Martin School — Parent Flash

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Website:
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/>

REACHING FOR THE STARS



From the Kitchen Staff: Please check backpacks for missing lunch envelopes and please be sure that your student's lunch accounts are kept up to date. Thanks for your help.



Since 2001, a staple of Harold Martin School has been our *Reaching For The Stars* program, started by HMS parent Shannan Tawney at the request of her kindergartener Colby, now at Hopkinton High School. What began as a small science club with a handful of kids, grew steadily through the years. In 2003, we offered four classes: Art and Artists, Language and Culture, Science, and Thinking Games. Child care was offered to volunteers with younger children and each class ran for two, 5 week sessions following the Holiday and Winter Breaks. 65 students participated that year. By 2004, we added two more weeks to the program and were up to 7 classes and our numbers increased to 130 students and nearly 30 volunteers. Our growth continued, and by 2005, we established the program as a 10 class, 7 week program on the six Fridays between February and April vacations. We now averaged 150 Harold Martin students participating with 40 volunteers. This was clearly the “heyday” of *Reaching For The Stars*. Maple Street School followed up with their own program entitled *Expanding Horizons* in 2005.

We've had a number of volunteer coordinators who worked with me through the years, including Arlene McGrath who has helped keep the program afloat the last few years.

However, as I sit here in February 2011, **this ten year program may be in trouble**. While I understand the natural rise and fall of programs that are volunteer led, it saddens me to think that RFTS might not continue this year as we have received very few community members volunteering to help.

What do we need? If you have a talent that could enrich our elementary students and you can donate **four Friday afternoons** for an hour between February and April vacation, you could really make a difference in the lives of our HMS students. You won't work alone and you'll receive plenty of support. We even have a budget if you need to purchase supplies and we will also provide daycare for your small children.

Would you please consider sharing your talent or interest? Let's keep Reaching For The Stars going. I know

there is still great demand on the part of our children to participate; we just need adults willing to share a bit of their time.

You can check out an article on the program from 2006, in the Bow Times at: <http://bit.ly/hlzdom>. We were also mentioned in Parenting New Hampshire at: <http://bit.ly/Dx7u5>.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Arlene McGrath, our coordinator at: Arlene McGrath afpmcgrath@aol.com or me at bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org.

Thanks. Have a wonderful weekend.

Bill Carozza, Principal

LOOKING FOR...

Legos for indoor recess...do you have any hanging around that you can donate?

Also, and this is a tad larger, if you have a treadmill that you're not using, we could certainly use it for some of our students who are receiving occupational therapy services. Please contact Principal Carozza if you can help. Thanks.



NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
FEBRUARY THEME: LET'S
MOVE IT

Week of February 21-25, 2011

- Mon: Balloon Races
- Tues: CD Space Ship
- Wed: Edible Fire Truck
- Thurs: Paper Airplane Competitions
Taekwondo
- Fri: Play Dough Creations

If you are interested in registering your child for a fun-filled afternoon at TSNH, contact Linda Ottery at tsnh@twenschoolnhome.com or call 529-2186.



Calling all parents....

HMS needs someone to **supervise late bus** students. It's a 45 minute paid position from 2:30 to 3:15 on the playground, Monday through Friday—starting immediately. If you are interested and can help, please call the office at 746-3473.

Mark your calendar for the Hopkinton PTA Meeting on

Wednesday, March 9
6:30 PM at HMS
for a presentation on

CONCUSSION AWARENESS
Symptoms
Recovery
IMPACT Testing
Families Share Their Stories

THINK SPRING AND SPRING SPORTS!!

Time to register for baseball, softball and tee-ball. Go to the HYSA website www.hysa-nh.com for the link to Active on the Spring Sports registration page or go to www.active.com and search for HYSA.

Offline registration will be February 16th and 23rd at Marklin Candle from 6:30-8pm both nights.