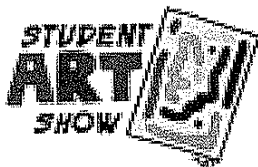

Harold Martin School

February 19, 2010

Parent Flash

World Language registrations for either French, Spanish or German are due back to school on Monday, March 8th



Why do we enjoy the arts so much? There's so much diversity and opportunity to both participate and be a spectator. It can also be a release for many of us. Many a night I have picked up my guitar when the day has been a bit ragged. All three of my children have been part of high school music and/ or theatre. It helped ground them and I'm sure the arts assisted them academically. In fact, one study showed that SAT scores of students who study the arts were 59 points higher on the verbal and 44 points higher on the math portion of the SAT than students with no course work or experience in the arts. One of the ways we celebrate the arts is our annual **Celebration of the Arts**. I hope you'll put the night of March 11 aside for our tenth birthday of the event. It will be held at Hopkinton High School from 6-9 PM. More information throughout the Flash.

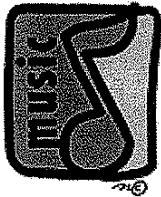
Another day you must circle in your calendar is the **Hopkinton School District Meeting** on Saturday, March 6, beginning at 9 AM in the High School Gym. We will be voting on the 2010-11 school budget, the teachers and support staff contracts, and other warrant articles. It's important that you let your voice be heard.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal

Reach for the Stars class placements have been sent home. Classes start Friday, March 5th.



Notes From the Music Room

Parents, you won't want to miss a wonderful event coming to a high school near you! The "**Celebration of the Arts**" begins at 6:00 P.M. at Hopkinton High School on **Thursday, March 11th** and is **free** to the public. People are welcome to arrive at any time and feel free to leave when needed. There will be many amazing events and exhibits to enjoy throughout the evening in many different areas of the school. The **Elementary Showcase** portion will take place in the gym at 7:00 P.M. It is **not too late for your child to participate in the showcase**. If you would like your child to perform that evening, and they have not yet auditioned for me, please send in a note identifying what their performance is along with any materials that they might need to do their performance for me on **Monday, March 1st**. I will preview their presentation on that day and then include them on the roster. However, you do not need to have a performer in the family to enjoy the evening. It is truly a **fantastic community event**. Hope you can come!

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

We sang and danced all things Valentine and celebrated the joy of friendship. There were opportunities to play rhythm patterns on drums and rhythm sticks. The 1st graders also explored some of our more unique percussion instruments such as the guiro and vibra-slap. We also added some percussion with our celebration of "Presidents' Day."

2nd Grade

The students have now become acquainted with the first half of their mini-musical, "Character Matters" which they will perform in May. They have had the opportunity to practice some expressive reading of portions of the script. There is quite a bit of humor in the show, adding to the fun. The children have also added some movement to some of the songs. They have been happily engaged in all of the activities. As an added bonus, the students were able to connect some of the concepts and phrases in the show with the T.I.G.E.R. presentation, which also focuses on character-building.

3rd Grade

As you're aware, the children have received their recorders and have begun playing some simple tunes already. We have also begun a friendly

grade level competition. Parents, you can help your student get class points by reminding them to come prepared with their recorders on Mondays. Each class receives a bonus of 2 points when everyone present has their recorder. They will also have the opportunity to demonstrate their ability on certain songs and score points based on their performance. That activity is optional, but everyone is strongly encouraged to participate when they feel confident. The first few songs are particularly user-friendly. The first eligible song is "Who Let the Recorders Out?" complete with a rock style accompaniment. It is easy, it has a good beat, and the kids love it. The students have also become acquainted with music notation that extends beyond the boundaries of the staff. They are progressing well.

Second term report cards
will be sent home
March 17th.

AUTHOR VISIT



New Hampshire author and poet **Kathy Brodsky** will visit Harold Martin School on Thursday, March 18. Her books are full of funny rhyming verse and delightful pictures. Each also poses questions that will get children thinking about a variety of issues that include diversity, conservation, recycling and change. Her latest books are about animals, another of her passions. Her books are all printed on recycled paper and all are printed in the U.S.

More information will be coming home soon. To learn more about Kathy and her books please visit her web site: www.helpingwords.com

FROM THE REC DEPT.

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

You can sign up for our email list serve at <http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/subscriber> and clicking "Recreation Notices."

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!!

Tickets on sale beginning February 22nd at 10am!! The Hopkinton Recreation Department wants you to join us for two amazing outings to Fenway Park to watch your beloved Boston Red Sox. Each package includes roundtrip transportation from Contoocook to Fenway on a luxury coach, driver gratuity, and a ticket to the ballgame (right field box 87). The cost is \$85 per person. The two game choices are- Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, September 19th. The bus will leave Contoocook at 4pm (April 24th) and 10:30am (September 19th). Hopkinton/Contoocook residents have first priority, but if tickets remain, the general public will be able to make the purchase one month prior to the game. For either of the package deals, upfront payment is required to confirm spot. Call 746-2915 with any questions.

Hopkinton Ice Skating Rink

The Hopkinton Fairgrounds Ice Rink located at the Nelson Horse Show Ring is now open. Parking is at the first fairground lot (Yellow Gate) after the high school.

Harlem Globe Trotters Tickets

The Hopkinton Recreation Department has secured a limited amount of discount tickets to the Sunday March 21st 2pm performance of the legendary Harlem Globe Trotters at the Verizon Wireless Arena. Tickets are \$20 per person and are in section 123. Hopkinton/Contoocook residents have first priority; call 746-2915 to reserve your tickets.

Hopkinton Youth Lacrosse

The Hopkinton Recreation Department along with volunteer leaders Rob Thomson and Eric Sideleau are gearing up for a great 2010 Lacrosse season. All boys and girls ages 8 -14 are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Cost is \$65 per player. Call Rob @ 226-2290, Eric @ 746-4572 or Recreation Director (Justin) @ 746-2915 with any questions. Registration forms can be found online at www.hopkinton-nh.gov and clicking "Recreation."

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Hopkinton School District's 10th Annual

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

drama

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visual arts

music

dance

and more



MARCH 11th 6PM - 9PM
HOPKINTON HIGH SCHOOL

The arts in Hopkinton get bigger and better each year. Please come to the **BIGGEST** arts evening of the year!!

Come and witness performances by the Hopkinton Steel Band, the drama department, student rock bands, and talent shows featuring students in grades k-12 . There will be tons of visual arts on display, dancing, woodwork, photography, singing, poetry, and more. Highlights of the evening include the entire 4-12th grade instrument program performing together as a 150-person "Monster Band", roving poets, medieval armor demonstrations and more! . Of course there will be lots of food and fun for all. Please bring the whole family to celebrate the arts in our schools!