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# Harold Martin School — Parent Flash

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February 4, 2011

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

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Do you have Legos that you are not using and could donate to the school? We could put them in tupperware containers and have them available to teachers to check them out or use them as an activity for indoor recess. Please drop them by the office if you can. Thanks!



**Snow.** For skiers, snowshoers, and skaters the extra inches of the fluffy stuff is seen as a gift. For others who are more focused on snowblowing, shoveling and roof raking, the snow can be more of a nuisance. Either way, if you have children and you're home with them on those snow days, you might appreciate some ideas on "play in the snow fun" for kids:

**Slippery Tug of War:** grab your saucer sleds and divide into two sides. Take hold of either end of a long rope and try to pull your opponents over to your side.

**Snow Shapes:** Using sandbox toys, buckets, and other molds, make a snow castle.

**Snow Paint:** You can make homemade snow paint using water and food coloring. Fill some spray bottles and the kids can express their artistic side.

**Snow Bowling:** You'll need to shovel some space, make side walls with the snow and spray water over your alley and alley walls to make a smooth slippery surface. Then you have to make snowman pins! Full details at: <http://www.escapadedirect.com/snowbowling.html>

**Snow Treasure Island Hunt:** This is fairly simple. Pack a cooler full of treats and hide the "treasure chest". Then create a series of clues for your kids to find it. Full details at: <http://familyfun.go.com/playtime/snow-treasure-island-hunt-708393/>

**Fox and Goose:** You just need four or more players, a lot of snow, and kids who are bundled up. Full details at: <http://www.escapadedirect.com/foxgeouwi.ga.html>

**Snow Baseball:** Spring training is only a couple of weeks away but your kids can practice their throwing by making snow mounds representing each of the bases and home plate. Then put bottles on each "plate" and see who can knock down the most bottles. More ideas at: <http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorartcles/2576/winter-camping>

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*Some of these ideas also came from these sites:*

<http://www.suite101.com/content/playinthefun-fun-for-kids-a35708>

[http://weather.thefuntimesguide.com/2009/02/kids\\_snow\\_fun.php](http://weather.thefuntimesguide.com/2009/02/kids_snow_fun.php)

When you're all done, head inside for some warm and hot chocolate:

### ***Homemade Hot Chocolate***

#### ***Recipe:***

In a medium bowl, mix together

1. 1/3 cup cocoa powder
2. 1/3 cup sugar
3. a pinch of salt

Add 1 cup milk (2% or whole is best) and whisk until the lumps are gone. Set aside. In a saucepan, heat 3 cups milk, stirring often, until you see steam (don't let it boil). Reduce heat to low and add chocolate mixture. Stir and cook on low until warmed up. Serve with a peppermint stick, grated chocolate curls or whipped cream.

We might as well enjoy the gift of snow. Have a great Super Bowl weekend and let's hope for a five day school week.

Best,

Bill Carozza, Principal

### **The Big Picture**

*From Mrs. Emerson*



**Preschool** students have been creating underwater creatures in the art room. Students used **cold color** (blue, green, purple) tissue paper to create seascapes. We also practiced **printmaking** when painting a class mural with fish, bubbles, sand, and seaweed.



**Kindergarteners** have been learning about **Snowflake Bentley**. He is credited with discovering that all snowflakes have six points and no two snowflakes are alike. Students learned how to draw a snowflake using a **vertical, horizontal, and diagonal line**, and added decorations to make each one different. Students watercolored the **background** with **cold colors** (blue, green, purple).

**First grader students** have been learning about color. Students identified **hue** (regular color), **tint** (color plus white) and **shade** (color plus black) on their clothing and in the art room. Students practiced mixing their own **tints and shades** with paint in a winter **landscape**.

**Second graders** are working on a **winter landscape**. Students

Painted **cold colors** in the **background** and **collaged** a person playing in the snow in the **front space**. We are currently starting our image painting, to be used with writing in the classroom. Students will be exploring several different watercolor painting techniques.

**Third grade students** in Mr. Tilley's and Mrs. Grady's class have started learning about Asian Arts. Students learned about the art of **Sumi-e painting** and painted their own renditions of the bamboo and dragon. Students also got to practice using an inking stone and rubbing pressed charcoal to make the ink for their paintings. **Third grade students** in Mrs. Jones' class are learning about Mexican artist **Frida Kahlo**. We read her biography and are in the process of creating **three dimensional** paper mache suns.

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**Come celebrate** the Chinese New Year—The Year of the Rabbit. Bring the whole family for crafts, games, and food. Sunday, Feb. 6, from 2-4 PM at the Hopkinton Town Library.



**THINK SPRING AND  
SPRING SPORTS!!**

We know it is tough to think Spring and **baseball, softball and tee-ball** with all this snow on the ground but the time has come for registration. Go to the HYSA website [www.hysa-nh.com](http://www.hysa-nh.com) for the link to Active on the Spring Sports registration page or go to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and search for HYSA.

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

Please sign up by March 10th to avoid a \$10 late fee and to allow us to make up appropriate teams for the amount of kids we get. Earlier is better if you can do it.

Thanks.

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NEXT WEEK AT  
**'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME**  
Week of February 7-11, 2011

FEBRUARY THEME: LET'S  
MOVE IT

- Mon: Helicopters
- Tues: Milk Carton Rovers
- Wed: Valentine Fortune Teller
- Thurs: Valentine Animals  
Taekwondo  
HMS Annual Spaghetti  
Supper
- Fri: I Love You Coupons



**Winter Children's Programs  
at the Hopkinton Town  
Library**

**Bookmaking for Parents and  
Children**

Saturday, February 12 1-2:30  
PM

For caregivers and children up to  
4<sup>th</sup> grade.

New Hampshire Parent  
Information and Resource Center  
Registration required.

For more winter activities at the  
library phone 746-3663 to  
register or email  
[lmaynard@hopkintontownlibrary.org](mailto:lmaynard@hopkintontownlibrary.org)

**ASSISTANT GROUP LEADER:** TSNH is looking for a high energy, motivated, self-directed high schooler to serve in this capacity through the end of the school year. For detailed information, call Linda Ottery at 529-2186 or email her at [tsnhlinda@twenschoolnhome.com](mailto:tsnhlinda@twenschoolnhome.com).

**GROUP LEADER:** TSNH has an immediate opening for a Group Leader. For detailed information, call Linda Ottery at 529-2186 or email her at [tsnhlinda@twenschoolnhome.com](mailto:tsnhlinda@twenschoolnhome.com).

**CENTER DIRECTOR:** TSNH is accepting applications for the Center Director position through February 11, 2011. Those interested in the job requirements and description should contact Christine Ojendyk, Board President, at [tsnhboard@twenschoolnhome.com](mailto:tsnhboard@twenschoolnhome.com) or 603-731-1377.

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Would you like to help out with our annual

# Fun Fair

*but have very limited time?*

Do you take your kids somewhere for dance lessons, music lessons, karate lessons, or any other kind of activities? Do you frequent any shops in Concord, Warner, Henniker or other surrounding towns? Do you have a favorite salon or barber shop? Is there a restaurant that you can't stay away from? Do you work for a company that is generally very giving to their community?

Well, if you answered yes to any of these questions, **YOU CAN HELP!** We are looking for volunteers to take our letter requesting donations for this year's Fun Fair, to area businesses that you are already going to. Take one, two, a handful, a bagful....Any amount you can take, is helpful!

All you have to do is contact Tammy Ehrmantraut at [etraut@mcttelecom.com](mailto:etraut@mcttelecom.com) or Erin Crawford at [ekilday115@aol.com](mailto:ekilday115@aol.com) **by Feb. 25th**. We will send you the letter, with our own contact information on it, for you to drop off at area businesses, and we will follow up with them.

These donations are generally used for our silent auction, but sometimes we use them as prizes or giveaways. It all depends on the donation. Every little thing counts! The more donations we can get, the more money we can raise for our schools!

Please consider lending a hand. We have some very dedicated volunteers already hard at work, so if you would like to drop off some letters for us, please let us know where you will be going, ahead of time, so we can be sure not to duplicate our efforts.

**THANK YOU!!!**  
Tammy and Erin

