
Harold Martin School

March 29, 2010

Parent Flash

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Due to the **April PTA** meeting falling on Holy Thursday, we will be rescheduling the meeting for Thursday **April 8th** at 6:30 pm in the preschool room of HM.

If interested in becoming more involved in your PTA we have positions open for next year (President, Vice President and Treasurer).

Please contact Catherine Marshall if interested or if you have any questions. thomcat.marshall@comcast.net

The end of last week was busy with two early release days in a row, and that's why the Parent Flash was delayed until today. I realize that these shortened days do have an impact on families, so I want to assure you that the time we spent in **professional development** was time well spent.

On Thursday, we continued moving forward on revising our math standards for the district as this is the year we are focusing on our math instruction. I was also able to meet with Instructional Assistants for an hour, a luxury I don't often have during the course of the week as they are just so busy working with students. A number of IAs were also engaged in CPR certification on Thursday. In addition, the district counselors met with each other to review the new rules for federal 504 plans (student accommodation plans) and other specialists (Art, Music, and P.E.) met with Superintendent Chamberlin regarding their own subject area standards. The nurses led the CPR classes and teachers who

don't teach math met with the reading staff to review the recently released *Common Core* standards commissioned by the National Governor's Council. On Friday, nearly the entire district staff was engaged in workshops on using technology for gaining professional development. These workshops were all taught by district staff.

HMS Podcast #21 has been recorded, and you can check it out on the web site at hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool or at:

<http://wcarozza.podomatic.com/>. I've expanded the podcast a bit with information on a number of educational issues, as well as a regular interview on educational technology with our Library Media Specialist Nancy Alibrandi. Let me know if you like the changes. As always, I'll begin the podcast with a review of the major upcoming events.

It's an honor to work with you and your children. Have a wonderful week.



Best,
Bill

FOOD PANTRY

Harold Martin School is collecting for the Hopkinton Food Pantry from now until the end of the year. Any and all donations are appreciated at any time. We will be making deliveries at the end of each month. Involving their children in the process helps them to think of the needs of others and the importance of giving back to the community.

Needed Items:

- toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, and shampoos
- Protein items such as canned tuna or chicken and canned stews and pasta
- Peanut butter
- 100% juice boxes (no glass please)
- Canned fruits in light syrup, applesauce
- Canned vegetables, tomatoes and tomato sauce
- Soups
- Healthy cereals
- Pasta, rice
- Dry beans

All donations are appreciated!



From the Art Room.....

by Janet Curcio Wilson, Long Term Art Substitute

First of all, I would like to acknowledge Kim Emerson for the remarkable job she does with the students at both Maple Street and Harold Martin Schools. They say you cannot truly judge another until you have walked a mile in their moccasins and I am here to say that I ran that first mile within the first 2 days of substituting for Kim, and I am in awe of her planning, organization and the superior quality of her program. In fact, this entire experience has been educational and, at times, humbling!

PreSchool students tried their hand at stencils and have also begun a mini-sculpting project in creating a dog out of clay. Next week we will paint each dog.

Kindergarten is creating a fish printed ocean scene! We are using plastic fish molds and the kids love it!

1st Grade finished their Community-building stencil project and it is now hanging in the downstairs hallway! Students had 2 partners whose stencil had to overlap their page on the left and again on the right!

2nd Grade has begun to create a tissue-paper backdrop for their upcoming Fairy Tale Play on May 15, 2010.

3rd Grade finished their unit on Mexico and painted Amate Bird Paintings on brown butcher paper and even gave them feathers!

NEXT WEEK AT 'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAM
at Harold Martin School



Week of March 29-April 2, 2010 – OCEAN MONTH

- Mon: Cup o' Fish
- Tues: Van Gogh Art
- Wed: Puffy Fish
Hip Hop Dance
- Thurs: Hacky Sacks
Karate
- Fri: Easter Egg Dying;
Sewing
Music Lessons



From the
TOWN LIBRARY

The groundwork is already well underway for this year's **Friends of the Hopkinton Town Library Book Sale**, to be held on **Saturday, 26 June 2010, from 9 am to 4 pm**. Naturally, this will be held in the library's Community Room. This annual event is not merely a fantastic opportunity to find some treasures among the huge selection of titles for your own bookshelves, it really is a pleasant occasion to visit with friends and neighbors. This is the largest fundraiser the Friends hold each year, which translates into a variety of quality programming and services for all library patrons. Please save the date!

Aside from attending this on 26 June (and encouraging your friends to do the same), we welcome your help in two additional ways:

1) Donate books. We'll be receiving books a little differently this year; **the period is limited to 1-25 June**, and **we'll be sorting them directly in the**

Community Room. Of course, please see a librarian before leaving your books. Spring is here! Why not clear out the books that someone else might love more than you do? Make space for the books that you'll come home with in June.

2) Volunteer to help, before the sale and/or the day of.

We have many ways to employ your talents. Some call for a kind face, others require a strong back, and some would benefit from organizational skills. But even if you feel grouchy, tired, and chaotic, we will happily find a match for you. **Please get your name, phone number, and e-mail address to Susan Lawless by calling 995-6162, e-mailing libraryfriends@tds.net, or leaving a message at the library's Circulation Desk.**

Thanks!
Think Spring..



THE REC DEPT.

Summer Employment

The Hopkinton Recreation Department is looking for qualified individuals to work as Camp Counselors and Lifeguards for this summer.

Job descriptions, qualifications and employment applications can be found online at www.hopkinton-nh.gov, click on recreation. If you have any questions, please call 746-2915.

British Soccer Camp

The British Soccer coaches are back!!! Last year's camp attracted over 100 youngsters as the coaches from England helped every participant fine tune their soccer skills, while keeping all entertained. This year's camp will be even better! Camp will be held July 26 through July 30 and will include full and half-day sessions with a mini-session for the young ones. The camp is for ages 4-14 years and you can register online at <http://www.challengersports.com/>. Call 746-2915 with any questions.