
Harold Martin School

March 5, 2010

Parent Flash

SCHOOL NEWS



Book order forms for Kathy Brodsky books are due to school this Monday, March 8. Thanks.

If you were dropping off your child this morning, you may have seen me passing out cards to remind everyone that tomorrow is a crucial day in Hopkinton. Our annual **School District Meeting will be held at 9 AM, tomorrow, Saturday March 6 in the Hopkinton Middle High School gym.** This will be our third try at passing a teacher's contract, we will vote on the Support Staff contract as well as the annual School Budget and a number of other warrant articles. For complete information, head to our district web site at <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/> and click on the "School Board" tab. Also, Superintendent Steve Chamberlin has a screencast right on the home page with an overview of the budget. Whatever opinion you have, it's important that we have a good representation of Hopkinton present for the meeting.

Preschool teacher Barbara Houldsworth and I have organized a series of **Parent Seminars** on

topics that we feel parents would like more information about. Thus far we have held two Seminars, one on dealing with your child's behavior and another on establishing home routines for your child. Our next seminar is coming up on March 18 on the topic of car safety for children. (More information is contained later in the *Flash*). In the meantime, we would like you to take an **online survey** to give us ideas on other topics appropriate for parents. Please head to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJDPMNM> to fill out the survey or go to our web site at: <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/> and the link to the survey is at the top right.

I hope to see you at one of the best events our district has to offer: **The Annual Celebration of the Arts**, next Thursday, March 11. More info below.



Today was the beginning of our annual **Reaching For The Stars** enrichment program. This year we have 112 students participating in 10 courses! A big thanks goes out

to Arlene McGrath who has truly made this happen with her team of great volunteers. By the way we also have 19 children signed up for our latest round of World Language classes.

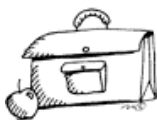


Finally, I want to welcome Mrs. **Janet Wilson** who will be the Harold Martin and Maple Street art teacher for the remainder of the year while Mrs. Emerson is taking her maternity leave. Janet started this week a bit earlier than anyone expected (babies have their own time table you know) and already has hit the ground running. Janet has an extensive background as an art teacher, art therapist, Principal of a private school, and special education director. Welcome Janet!

I hope to see you tomorrow morning at 9 AM for the School District Meeting.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal



**Celebration of The Arts:
March 11th, 2010 Hopkinton
High School 6-9PM**

*Come celebrate the
tenth birthday of
Celebration of the Arts!!!*

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

This year's Celebration of the Arts will be held on March 11, from 6-9 PM at Hopkinton High School. 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!

Crash Test For Parents!!

Car crashes are the number one killer of kids under 18 in the U.S., more than all the childhood illnesses combined.

Car Seats can be confusing! Find out the most common errors made in car seat installation and exactly when your child is really ready to use the vehicle safety belt.

Our guest speaker, Kimberly Coe, CE, CPST, Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, and Maternal/Child Health Educator from Concord Hospital will help us learn more.

- Child and passenger safety
- Seat belt regulations
- Surviving car seat struggles

We will meet on March 18th from 1:00 to 2:00 in room 203 at HMS. Childcare will be provided in the preschool room.

Hope to see you then,
Barbara Houldsworth

If you plan to attend please email me at:
bouldsworth@hopkintonschools.org

Team OZ-RAM, the FIRST Robotics team from Hopkinton and John Stark High Schools, will be competing in the Manchester Regional Competition at the Verizon Wireless Arena on Saturday, March 6th with their robot, Tin Man 5.

Teams from all over New England and as far away as Australia will go head-to-head in a special game of soccer called "Breakaway" using robots that they have designed and built themselves.

Admission is free for this fun, family-friendly event. Matches will be played all day long on Saturday from 9AM until 5PM and the "pits" are open to the public for you to meet the teams and see them work on their robots.

Team OZ-RAM invites you to come experience the energy, the enthusiasm, and the ingenuity enjoyed by all of the FIRST Robotics teams.

Junior Service League of
Concord
Presents

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Based on the story by The Brothers Grimm
Adapted by
Karen Boettcher-Tate

Friday, March 19—7 PM
Saturday, March 20—11:00 AM
St. Paul's School - Memorial
Hall - Concord, NH
Tickets - \$6.00
General Admission

All proceeds from our performances benefit many local community social service organizations that assist women and children in crisis. **Thank you** in advance for your support of this production and the community it serves. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Biss at 603-228-1020 or at rjbiss66@comcast.net.

Iditarod Program
Hopkinton Town Library
Sunday March 7th
2:30

Iditarod expert, Donna Finner will speak about the Iditarod, introduce us to her sled dogs and broadcast live action from this year's race, which starts on March 6th. All ages.

Hopkinton Youth Sports Association Board Meeting

The annual HYSA Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 21st at 7:00 pm in the HHS Cafeteria.

The public is welcome to attend.

HYSA is looking for several new board members to replace those members whose terms have expired this past year.

If you have an interest in becoming a new HYSA board member please contact Bob Berliner at mberliner@comcast.net

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