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# Harold Martin School

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April 16, 2010

## Parent Flash

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**Healthy Choices**  
Thursday April 22,  
from 1-2 PM  
Room 203 at HMS

Kimberley Coe, Health Educator and Traci Komorek, RD, LD from Concord Hospital, will present Healthy Choices for Families—Tips for eating healthy, recipes and open discussions on making delicious and nutritious choices for busy families.

### NEXT WEEK AT HMS

Next week is a busy one just before vacation here at Harold Martin School. Formally, it's **National Turn Off TV Week and Earth Day/Week**. Here's our schedule for the week. You received this information in some detail already:

On Monday we will kick off the week's festivities by gathering our entire school community first thing in the morning.

On Tuesday evening we invite HMS families to attend the Hopkinton Town Library's Evening Story Time. Siblings are invited as well and the festivities begin at 6:30 PM at our beautiful Town Library.

We encourage you on Wednesday to consider participating in "clean up your yard/neighborhood night" and we hope for good spring weather that day!

Thursday night we feature HMS Family Math Night from 6-7 PM on the second floor at HMS.

Finally, our school community gathers again on Friday for our

culminating assembly and of course, students and staff are encouraged to wear the 3B colors of black and yellow.

In addition, we encourage families to find alternatives to screen time next week by powering down "screens" and finding other ways to be together as families. This is not an easy task for the Carozza family, given our love for the Red Sox, Wii, and laptops. But the added time for conversation is wonderful. I will have the full flyer that went home Tuesday on the web site. Look under "Latest News."

Have a great weekend!

Bill Carozza, Principal





From Mrs. Griffin

Please note the following dates and events:

**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade musical production of “Character Matters” for parents and families.

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade musical production of “Character Matters” for school community.

**Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** –3<sup>rd</sup> graders need to return recorders to Mrs. Griffin.

**Kindergarten:** We have been **singing, dancing, and playing** along with songs about bunnies. The children played a half note and quarter note rhythm pattern on the drums. They also sang several songs about bunnies in the garden, which gave them each an opportunity to sing alone and with others.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** The children have continued their study of “**The Carnival of the Animals.**” They listen to the music, identify the featured instrumentation, sing a related song, and color a related page of animals and instruments. They kicked along with the wild mules, feigned hee-hawing along with the donkeys, and sang “Tingalayo,” accompanying themselves on the drums. They compared the traditional lively

“Can-Can” melody to the arrangement created for Tortoises. This included viewing a brief YouTube segment called, “Bin CanCan,” which the children enjoyed immensely.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** The children are working hard on their upcoming **musical.** They have been assigned their individual characters. I would like to take this opportunity to share a brief word about costumes... “*Simple.*”

When preparing for the musical, I try to keep the emphasis on education, giving all of the children opportunity to learn and enjoy all of the various songs and roles. When we present the “show” I like to keep the emphasis on the children, letting their effort, heart and joy shine through. With that in mind, most of the “costumes” that will be provided are simple headpieces. Most of the children are asked to wear a “foundation” of solid colored pants/ shirts that go with their character. For example, a “bear” could dress in brown pants and shirt. However, it is not necessary to go to great expense to “color coordinate.” I will be sending home a notice with more about this in the coming week. In the mean-time, if you are able to take home some of the costume pieces and “freshen them up,” please contact me at: [egriffin@hopkintonschools.org](mailto:egriffin@hopkintonschools.org). Thanks.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** The students are really coming along well on their **recorders.** They will receive their 5<sup>th</sup> piece of music that is eligible for class competition this coming week. They will also be learning the fingering for 3 new notes, which will then enable them to play a major scale. Thank you for encouraging them to come prepared with their recorders on Mondays. Ask your child to explain the “finger and say” method of practice to you – 10 minutes, 2 or 3 times a week works wonders.

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NEXT WEEK AT  
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME  
CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Week of April 19-23, 2010 –  
**AWARENESS MONTH**  
**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**  
**HOP-A-THON – April 22nd**

- Mon: MD Lesson:  
Understanding  
Differences  
Tues: Creating with Wood  
Wed: Door Knob Hangers;  
Sewing  
Hip Hop Dance  
Thurs: Muscular Dystrophy  
Hop-a-Thon  
Karate  
Fri: Board Game Day  
Music Lessons
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**HOPKINTON TOWN  
LIBRARY**

An Evening Story Time  
at the  
Hopkinton Town Library

Tuesday, April 20  
6:30 PM

For children Pre-K through 3rd  
Grade (siblings invited  
to attend)

**Growing Butterflies**

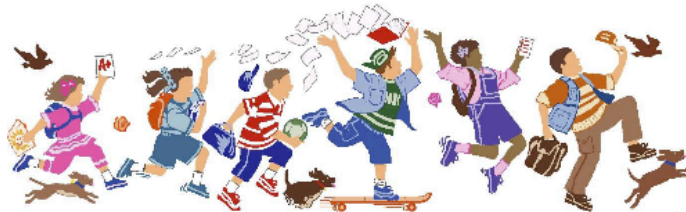
Create your own butterfly  
sketch pad/activity book  
and plant a butterfly  
garden at the library.

Thursday, April 29  
10:15 AM-12 PM

(school vacation week)

For children in  
Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup>  
grade.

Please call the library at  
746-3663 or come in to  
register for the program.



*Calling all kids... and kids at heart!*

**ANNUAL HOPKINTON PTA FUN FAIR!**

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm**

**Harold Martin School**

To be held rain or shine. Come join in the fun!

There are plenty of exciting activities planned for all ages, plus great prizes and lots of delicious food!

**New this Year!** • Long Tail Monkeys (popular local children's musical group) will be performing throughout the day!

- Spelling Bee • Soccer Kick Off • Professional Photographer
- Game Board Sale • Sugar Art • Child Passenger Safety Booth
- Demonstration of Hopkinton's award-winning team Oz-Ram robot!

**Returning this Year!** • Bouncy House • Karaoke Games

- Bouncy Obstacle Course • HUGE Silent Auction • Cake Walk
- Face Painting • Hopkinton Police and Fire Department and  
MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

Come out for a day of affordable family fun.

Games and food are priced from 25¢ - \$4.00.

Bring a friend and enjoy the festivities!