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# Harold Martin School



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April 2, 2010

## Parent Flash

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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 HMS.

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](mailto:thomcat.marshall@comcast.net)

You have to love this time of year. Granted it's a bit warmer than usual but spring fever has certainly hit. This Sunday night the Red Sox face the Yankees for the opening game of the year. *Here's a digression: Why does ESPN insist on 8 PM start? How many HMS kids can stay up late enough to watch the whole game?* Regardless, it is a sign to open the windows in your house and breathe some fresh air.

I spoke both on the podcast and in a recent *Parent Flash* about the need for parents to be as careful as possible with your child's access to media in all forms. In the time I have been in the education business, I have seen a dramatic shift in the media habits of children. During the 80s and 90s, TV and movies dominated the viewing habits of kids, but clearly the Internet and digital media is taking over. Instead of situation comedies on TV, kids are watching YouTube on the Net. Instead of going with their friends to the movie theater on a Saturday afternoon, they are watching rented DVDs at home. Some movie choices we're

hearing from children lately is a bit frightening.

To learn more, I hope you'll come this Thursday night, to our rescheduled PTA meeting. We'll feature Rona Zlokower, Executive Director with Media Power Youth who will speak on "Media vs. Parents? The Battle for our Children's Brains and Bodies." So we can know how many are attending, please RSVP to Catherine Marshall at [thomcat.marshall@comcast.net](mailto:thomcat.marshall@comcast.net). I look forward to seeing you there!

There may have been some confusion regarding our annual opening day baseball celebration. Officially, we'll deem Monday as **Batter Up** day here at HMS. We have a special menu for lunch that day and we encourage students to wear their favorite baseball team's apparel. Hats are allowed that day!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best,

Bill Carozza,  
Principal



## 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 children in the process helps them to think of the needs of others and the importance of giving back to the community.

Needed Items ( although all food donations are appreciated and 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

## NEXT WEEK AT 'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME

Week of April 5-9, 2010 –  
**AWARENESS MONTH**

### **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY HOP-A-THON – April 22nd**

Mon : Clay Necklaces and  
Bracelets  
Tues: Special Guest: Dan  
Dustin, et al., Cedar Arrows  
Wed: Doctor's Bag AND  
Sewing  
Hip Hop Dance  
Thurs: MD Lesson: Draw with  
the Opposite Hand  
Karate  
Fri: Birdseed Biscuits AND  
Sewing  
Music Lessons

TSNH has openings for children in grades K-6 from both Harold Martin School and Maple Street School. So if you're looking for a place for your child to be safe and have a great time after school and would like more information, contact Linda Ottery, Executive Director at 529-2186 or [tsnh@comcast.net](mailto:tsnh@comcast.net). You also may download a registration form at our website: [www.tweenschoolnhome.com](http://www.tweenschoolnhome.com).



**Friends of the Hopkinton  
Town Library Book Sale**, to  
be held on **Saturday, 26  
June 2010**, from **9 am to 4  
PM**.

You can:

- 1) Donate books.
- 2) Volunteer to help,  
before the sale and/or the  
day of.

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## THE REC DEPT.

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

### **Summer Movies in the Park**

The Hopkinton Recreation  
Department is pleased to  
announce that this summer  
we will be showing **THREE  
Movies in the Park**.  
Saturdays—June 26, July 24  
and August 28. We want to  
know what you want to see!  
So now is your opportunity to  
vote for which movies will be  
shown. Please visit our  
website ([www.hopkinton-  
nh.gov](http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov)) click "Recreation" to  
vote for your favorites!