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# Harold Martin School — Parent Flash

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April 22, 2011

Website:  
<http://www.hopkinton.schools.org/haroldmartinschool/>

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Mom and Dad do whenever we're together. This Easter weekend I'll hear stories of the past and pleas to play some old VHS tapes of vacations and holidays gone by.



## Early Start and Extended Days.....

will continue until  
May 17th to make up  
for the last snow day.

School starts at **7:45**  
and dismisses at **2:50**.



Last night I attended the Mini-Mentors Family Math Night and observed (and took pictures of) scores of families playing games together all designed to hone mathematics skills. I had a conversation with one family I have known for many years whose three children have gone through Harold Martin School and will now have but one year left with us. Their first kiddo started nine years ago with us and now their last will be "graduating" to Maple Street School in a year. I often hear sadness from parents when they realize that their families are done with our school. I know this is not a lack of desire for their children to move on to new experiences, it's more that HMS has been a source of great memories, such as the ones made last night.

I have two adult children now and one who thinks he is. We're still making memories as a family, but I know that the experiences I've shared with them over nearly a quarter of a century are so important to them. I am certain of this as Ben, Abby, and Jake bring stories up more than their

I am reminded every day how important you are to your children. Through their spoken stories and writing, they share a powerful devotion for their Moms and Dads. They hold every word of yours in their heads and hearts and they show an enormous capacity to love and forgive. As adults, we don't always see that affection but it's because we're looking through adult eyes. Believe me, to your children, you are the alpha and omega.

Before long, my last child will be in college and in a year or so my daughter will join my oldest in the ranks of the work force. They will be making their own family memories. For you however, there's still plenty of time. Find every opportunity you can to make memories, starting this weekend.

Now that I'm done writing, I think I'll text my college daughter and see how she's doing. It'll be good to see her in a couple of days.

Enjoy next week.

Bill Carozza,

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## Fun Fair Reminder...

Donations of raffle basket items (each classroom has a specific theme), books, gently used prizes for the prize table and advanced orders for tickets are due this Friday April 22nd. All items can be sent it to the school.

We are also still in great need of volunteers for the event. Fun Fair will take place on Saturday May 14th from 10am-2pm. We need a lot more volunteers to make it all run smoothly. Please consider volunteering. There are two shifts to choose from, 9:45-12 or 11:45-2.

Students in 5th grade and up are encouraged to volunteer, as well as adults. Please contact Emily Hacker at [DIGNEM@comcast.net](mailto:DIGNEM@comcast.net) if you are able to volunteer for the event. Please give your name, email address, phone number, grade level (if a student) and shift preference.

Any other questions, please contact Fun Fair Co-Chairs Tammy Ehrmantraut at [etraut@mctelecom.com](mailto:etraut@mctelecom.com), 746-2817 or Erin Crawford at [ekilday115@aol.com](mailto:ekilday115@aol.com), 505-7839.

**JUST A KIND  
REMINDER!!!!  
WE NEED YOUR  
SUPPORT WITH BOOKS...  
PLEASE BRING THEM TO  
THE SCHOOL THAT IS  
CLOSER TO YOU OR GIVE  
US A CALL AND WE GO  
AND PICK THEM UP AT  
YOUR HOME!!!**

**HMS Fun Fair  
Book Nook**

Thank You!



**A gentle reminder:**  
expensive technology games are not allowed in school unless they are for a specific project. This includes iPods and DS's. Thanks for making sure they stay at home.

Please check the **Hopkinton Recreation** website for updated information. <http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov> (then click Recreation).

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!!  
Tickets on Sale Now!! The two game choices are Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

British Soccer Camp  
Camp will be held July 25 through July 29.

Hershey Track & Field  
Sign-ups are held at Slusser Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

American Red Cross Swim Lessons  
The Recreation Department will once again hold be offering Swim Lessons at Kimball Pond. To obtain a registration form go to [www.hopkinton-nh.gov](http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov), click on recreation. If you have any questions, please call 746-2915.

Hopkinton Summer Day Camp  
The camp is for youth ages 6 through 12 years and will include seven one-week sessions beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> and ending August 12<sup>th</sup>.

