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# Harold Martin School — Parent Flash

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April 8, 2011

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<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/>

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## Kindergarten

This time of year we are ascertaining how many sessions we will need next year for kindergarten.

**Please register** your child if you are planning on him/her attending the HMS kindergarten in the 2011-12 school year. Call Betsy at 746-3473.



Yesterday I spent more time than usual on the playground with kids. I'm actually on the schedule a couple of days a week with the first grade for recess duty, which gives me a chance to get to know them a bit. For the first time in a while, I smelled the aroma of wood chips as only a small part of the new playground is now covered with snow. Children were utilizing nearly every part of the playground. Kids were sliding, climbing, and hanging all over both new structures. The tire swings were swinging constantly as were the regular swings. Some children were playing wall

ball and others were jumping rope. For most of my time at Harold Martin School, I was concerned that our kids didn't have enough to do on the playground; that there were not enough opportunities to exercise and engage in free play. That is not an issue anymore and it is such a joy to see the smiles and positive noise of the playground. I hope you'll find the chance this weekend, with the great weather, to utilize the playground with your family. There are so many options now.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Best,

Bill Carozza, Principal



**The Big Picture**

*From Mrs. Emerson*



**Preschool** students have been creating **hats, monkeys, and jungles** in the art room. Students used several art supplies to collage patterns on a cap. We looked at **Henri Rousseau's** artwork and finger painted our own jungles with fruit trees. Students then glued paper monkeys into to their jungle.

**Kindergarteners** read the book *Like a Windy Day* by Frank Asch and created their own windy day pictures. Keeping in style with the book, students added different types of **wind lines** in oil pastel and watercolored their paintings. Students are currently creating **3-D** daffodil flowers.

**First grade students** have been learning about artists **Georgia O'Keeffe** and **Henri Matisse**. Students read *My Name is Georgia* by Jeanette Winter and then had the choice to draw flowers or an animal skull, two hallmark objects in O'Keeffe's paintings. Students also read

about Henri Matisse and used several **"drawing with scissors"** techniques to create their rendition of *The Goldfish Bowl*.

**Second graders** have continued using their beautiful image writing papers to **collage pictures** and develop a story. Students were challenged to add details, details, details to every picture. We are currently starting to prepare for painting the **second grade play scenery**.

**Third grade students** are creating **3D pop-ups**. Students learned different folding, cutting, and paper manipulation techniques and are designing their own books. Students identified and demonstrated the **principles of art (balance, pattern, emphasis, and variety)** in their books

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**The Pace of PE**

*From Mr. Girzone*

K-1 Kindergarten and first graders have just finished their yoga/gymnastics unit and are transitioning to lessons centered around **"rolling."** I don't mean rolling one's body; I'm referring to the process of stepping with the opposite foot, swinging an arm back, leaning forward, and rolling a ball on the floor. This seemingly basic movement is actually a series of smaller

movements all put together at the right time. Complex movements such as swinging a paddle, throwing and rolling a ball are great activities to introduce to students in these primary grades.

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This Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>, a **jump rope team** from Newmarket Elementary will come and perform at HMS. This assembly was scheduled to align with the start of the second and third grade **Jump Rope for Heart** fundraiser. This is a **VOLUNTARY** program designed by the American Heart Association to "promote healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke." Over the next couple of weeks these two grade levels will be involved with various activities and exercises that involve aerobic steps, stretch bands, medicine balls, agility ladders, and of course, jump ropes. I will be leading discussions that help the students understand the connection between participating in physical activities and developing a healthy body.



NEXT WEEK AT

**'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME  
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

APRIL THEME: *OUR  
WONDERFUL WORLD*

Week of April 11-15, 2011

Mon: Rock Pets  
Tues: Tower of Junk  
Wed: Oh, Oh Rainbows  
Thurs: Stuffed Animal Picnic  
Taekwondo  
Fri: Toot and Puddle  
Watering Can  
Piano Lessons

If you are interested in registering your child for a fun-filled afternoon at TSNH, contact Linda Ottery at [tsnh@twenschoolnhome.com](mailto:tsnh@twenschoolnhome.com) or call 529-2186.

**FOURTH ANNUAL NEW  
HAMPSHIRE FAMILY  
LITERACY DAY**

Saturday, April 9, 2011  
9am-Noon

Merrimack Valley Middle and  
High Schools  
Penacook, NH

**FREE BOOKS!!!  
FREE HEALTHFUL  
SNACKS!  
FREE ADMISSION!  
FREE PARKING!**



**WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

*From Mr. Girzone*

I would like to thank all the parents who made the effort to join in on the walking school bus this past Fall. I truly appreciate your support of this new program. For those of you who are not familiar with this, I lead a group of students (usually 6-12 kids) from the Cracker Barrel Deli to Harold Martin School on Tuesday mornings. In the past we have met at 7:30 but for the two “extended day” weeks before April vacation, we will be meeting 15 minutes **earlier at 7:15**. Weather permitting, I would like to start the Spring session next **Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Walking with your child is not mandatory so if you only have the time for a quick drop-off, I will personally ensure your son or daughter is supervised to school. My goal is to promote regular physical activity and help introduce our students to the school’s new sidewalk. Also, pedometers are available if your son or daughter is curious to learn how many steps it takes to get from the deli to the school. If each child shows that they can be responsible and take care of their pedometer, they will be allowed to take one home to enjoy in their free time.

### STUDENT PLACEMENT

.... is one of our most important objectives every spring. Matching your child to the best possible classroom situation and creating many functional communities is a job that involves the entire Harold Martin staff.

While our teachers know your children well, we accept comments from parents in order to make the best choice we can for classroom placement. If you would like to give us some input, here are some suggestions:

1. Your child's strengths and interests.
2. Particular areas of concern you have for your child.
3. Your child's learning style.
4. Particular positive or not as positive student combinations for the classroom.
5. Please do not include references to specific teachers in your letter.

Email the letter to Principal Bill Carozza at [bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org](mailto:bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org). Our timeline is a bit tighter this year. Please have your letters sent by April 15. That's a week from today. Thanks!

### Spring Programs at the Hopkinton Town Library

#### MATTTCTCNLWACBW...

*Make a Text to Text Connection to Celebrate National Library Week and Children's Book Week*

Give us your quick and easy book reviews by using our text message bookmarks. We'll display your choices and you can enter your name into a book raffle. Raffle begins April 10 and runs until May 8. Winners will be drawn on May 10.



### Movie Night April 15 Back to the Future Part 3 Rated PG

Free popcorn and retro candy!  
Doors open at 6:15 PM.  
Movie begins at 6:30 PM.  
Registration preferred and encouraged. Drop-ins welcome.

### AUDUBON OPEN-HOUSE FAMILY EVENT

Join naturalists and friends of all ages for an afternoon of theater, learning, hiking, and birds! Sunday, April 17, from 1-4 PM,

**NH Audubon** is hosting a birthday celebration for the 19<sup>th</sup> century artist, John James Audubon, as played by **Tom Burack** (NH DES Commissioner). The party begins with an optional walk in the woods led by an Audubon naturalist or an indoor talk with slides by bird expert Bob Quinn.

There will be ongoing demonstrations with live birds and reptiles. J.J. Audubon arrives at 3, with birthday cake to follow. All are invited to come. There is no charge and no pre-registration. The program will be held rain or shine. Appropriate clothing should be worn. Our thanks to Ed Reilly Subaru of Concord for underwriting this program.





Need a bike helmet? The PTA is selling discounted, first quality, Bell/Giro bike helmets for children and adults, for about \$8.00. Contact Natalie Duval at [cpspalding@tds.net](mailto:cpspalding@tds.net) subject line "bike helmets," to obtain an order form. Print the order form and return it to the office with a check made out to "Hopkinton PTA." **Orders must be placed by April 8, 2011.**

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The First Congregational Church of Hopkinton Presents:

**"The Amazing g-Race"**

*a musical variety show*

Hopkinton Middle High School Auditorium

Friday, April 8th at 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 9th at 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 PM

Donations: \$8 per ticket  
Advanced tickets can be purchased during First Congregational Church business hours, or by calling 746-3685.

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**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**

***The Fun Fair committee is looking for donations of new or "gently" used books to sell at the HMS Fun Fair Book Nook on May 14th, 2011.***

***Books for "ALL" ages will be accepted.***

***Please help make this event a success by sending your donated books in to the HMS, MSS or HMHS offices. The books will be collected weekly and made ready for sale at the Fun Fair.***

***Please send in your book donations from now until Friday April 22nd.***

***All proceeds from the sale of the books will go to help the PTA in their continual support of our schools. Any left over books from the sale will be donated to the Friends of the Hopkinton Town Library.***

***If you have a large number of books for donation, contact Yoly Rinden ([rinden@comcast.net](mailto:rinden@comcast.net)) or Stephanie Lesko ([lesko@mcttelecom.com](mailto:lesko@mcttelecom.com)) to arrange a pickup.***

***Thank you for your generous support!***