
Harold Martin School

May 14, 2010

Parent Flash

FUN FAIR—SATURDAY!!

One of the biggest events of the year is happening tomorrow. Of course, I'm speaking of the **PTA Fun Fair**, a great family tradition and the crucial fund raiser for our PTA. There's more information elsewhere in the *Flash*. We expect good weather with partly cloudy skies and highs in the mid 60s and it runs from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

I state this reminder often, but it's critically important that you do not **drop off** your children until 7:30 AM as there is no adult on duty at HMS before that time. Thanks.

On May 28 we will be commemorating **Memorial Day** as a school. I'd like to invite anyone who has served or is serving in the US Armed Services to join us for that observance. Please email me at bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org or call at 746-3473 if you would like to be a part of our school event.

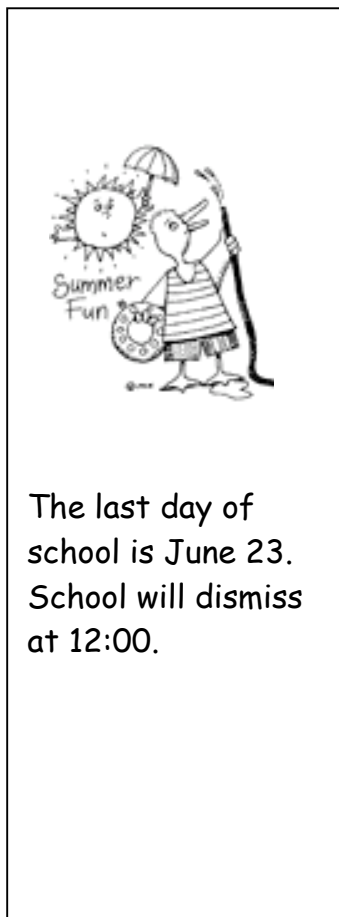
I encourage you to check out the numerous ways that we communicate with you. The "**hub**" for our **communication** is the Harold Martin School web site at:
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool>

New features include a video from Mrs. Blanchard's class with a Mother's Day song, my latest HMS Podcast and plenty of pictures from our recent Math Night.

With summer coming up, we have our next Parent Seminar scheduled for May 27, 1-2 PM here at HMS in Room 203. The theme is *Summer Fun*. Look for more information elsewhere in the *Flash*. Also, we have many students who could benefit from attending the Hopkinton Recreation Department's Summer Program, housed here at HMS, but finances get in the way. You are welcome to donate to our **Student Support Fund** by writing a check to Harold Martin School. Just put "Student Support Fund" in the memo section. This money will be used to help defray the cost of summer camp for Harold Martin kiddos. Thank you.

I can't ignore that we are in an amazing Boston sports season. The Celts are on to the next round to play Orlando, the Sox are playing the Tigers, and the Bruins have to win game 7 tonight in their playoff series with the Flyers. But nothing compares to **Fun Fair** certainly for our HMS students. I hope to see many of you tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Bill Carozza, Principal





P.E. News
From Mr. Girzone

Second and third grade classes are in the middle of their physical fitness unit. Throughout the month of May, your child's physical education class will consist of multiple lifetime fitness activities. Stretch bands, medicine balls, agility ladders, and jump ropes are just some of the equipment that will be introduced.

Also during this month, 2nd and 3rd grade students have the option to raise money for the American Heart Association through a program called Jump Rope for Heart. Discussions will be held during classes to help students make the connection between an active body and a healthy heart. Although raising money is completely voluntary, I do expect students to participate in the activities during their class. If your son or daughter chooses to collect donations, I would like their folder by May 19th (2nd grade) or May 20th (3rd grade). It is greatly appreciated if cash donations are consolidated into the form of a check. Here is the web address for the program if you would like additional information:

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter>

Starting this week, kindergarten and first graders began their mini health unit. Nutrition and basic hygiene are the two topics that will be covered. Although I enjoy teaching physical education, I am also very passionate about teaching wellness. Now, maybe more than ever, children need to learn that a well-balanced diet is one of the most important parts of staying healthy. During the next couple of weeks, I will design age-appropriate lessons to help students learn more about eating well, avoiding illness, and how this connects to one's overall wellbeing.

The Hopkinton Booster Club will be selling Hawk goods during the annual PTA Fund Fair on May 15th. If you are unable to attend the Fun Fair and are interested in ordering clothing, please submit your previously distributed order forms by Thursday, May 20th. After this weekend, we will resume selling items in the fall.

GO HAWKS!!

CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The Hopkinton School District Calendar Committee is seeking input as they look to design the 2011-2012 school year calendar. They have crafted a short survey that can be filled out online. All staff and parents are invited to participate in this survey. It will only take a few minutes and your input is highly valuable. Thank you very much for your time.

The website is:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011schoolyearsurvey>



The FUN FAIR is THIS SATURDAY!!
10am - 2pm at HMS

Fun and food for the entire family! The Long Tail Monkeys will be playing from 10-10:45am. Don't miss out on seeing this wonderful group of young musicians! Also, the Oz Ram team will be on hand to demonstrate their award winning robot. The old favorites: bouncy house, obstacle course, cake walk, silent auction, raffle baskets, etc... are back by popular demand.

We even have an expanded menu of food items. Please spend a day of fun helping the PTA raise funds for field trips, artists/authors in residence, library programs, etc... A great day for an even better cause.

We are still accepting cake donations and still in need of a few volunteers. Please call or email Stephanie Lesko if you want to help! 746-2156 or Lesko@conknet.com

CALENDAR DATES

5/17 2ND GRADE PLAY
6:30 PM

5/19 COFFEE WITH
CAROZZA 8:00 AM

5/20 PARENTS' DAY LUNCH

PRESCHOOL
ORIENTATION 6:30 PM

The next monthly HYSA meeting is Sunday, May 16th at 7 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.