
Harold Martin School — Parent Flash

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

May 6, 2011

COMING EVENTS

May 27th is an Early Release Day—school dismisses at 12:00.

No School May 30th—Memorial Day



May and June are easily the busiest months for me over the course of the year. We are in the midst of the hiring process for new teachers, we are finalizing class placement and scheduling for next year, and there are many wonderful events on the docket. Let me share a few thoughts as we enter into the last two months of the school year:

* Our annual **Second Grade Play** is happening next Tuesday night 6:30 PM, here in our multi-purpose room. The theme this year is the “Garden Show” with an emphasis on the environment. I am fortunate to work with the students in the second grade as they rehearse and as usual, their enthusiasm for performing is infectious.

* Our computerized Spring **MAP testing** begins next week for second and third graders. If you would like more information, I produced a screencast on the system and how to

read the results that you receive from us. You can check it out at: <http://screenr.com/WzS>. I also have a MAP Parent Toolkit at: <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/assessment/nweamap-parent-toolkit/>. Of course, you can call or email me anytime with questions.

* One of our largest and most exciting events for the whole district is **Fun Fair** held a week from tomorrow, Saturday, May 14, from 10 AM to 2 PM at our school. There is so much to do for all ages and there’s more information elsewhere in the Parent Flash. We are still looking for volunteers to help run stations. Besides being a fun event for the family and a chance to hang out with your friends and neighbors, you will contribute to the largest PTA fundraiser of the year. Nearly all of the programs PTA sponsors comes from the funding of Fun Fair.

* Next week is **National Nurse’s Week** and I hope you’ll have the chance to give a quick thanks or send an email of appreciation to our nurse Sheila Conley. From the band-aids she gives out, to the TLC she gives the child with the minor cut, as well as the children she cares for every day with significant needs, Sheila is one of the most skilled and hardest working professionals in our school.

* **The Parents' Day lunch** is May 12 and the schedule for the day was sent home to all students. Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles are all welcome too!

* The last "**extended day**" is May 17 then we go back to the regular 8-2:35 day.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza



Fun Fair Reminder...

We are 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 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@mcttelecom.com, 746-2817 or Erin Crawford at ekilday115@aol.com, 505-7839.

Thank You!



You can always find the HMS Lunch Menu at: <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/hms-info/lunch-menu/>

**Learn About
Hopkinton Cub Scouts**

If you will be a first-grader in the fall, or older, you are welcome to come check out our next scouting event. The Harold Martin Fun Fair will be held on Saturday May 14 from 10:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M. Learn about Scouting by stopping by our Activity Station and test your paper airplane flying skills!! Brochures, registration packets, and information on spring scouting activities will also be available. For more information, call Deb Dyer-Quinn at 746-2480, Niall Campbell 219-6596, or E-Mail nh.pack.cubmaster@gmail.com



THANK YOU!

Two small words with a great deal of appreciation from the 140 children who participated in the HMS Reaching for the Stars Enrichment Program. We sincerely appreciate your time and energy in making the program a huge success. The smiles, joy, and laughter in the Harold Martin School on Friday afternoons said it all.

Scores of volunteers lead 9 classes and provided child care for the little ones.

Sports Card and Memorabilia Show - THIS SATURDAY!!!!

The Hopkinton Recreation Department is hosting their 2nd Sports Card and Memorabilia Show on Saturday May 7th from 10am – 3pm. The show will be held at the Hopkinton High School and admission is free. Dennis “Oil Can” Boyd will make a special appearance between 1pm and 3pm and will sign one free autograph per person with additional autograph \$5 each! We will also have many vendors selling an array of sports cards and memorabilia, a Silent Auction, raffle for Red Sox tickets and food. Call 746-2915 if you have any questions.

Justin La Vigne
Parks and Recreation Director
Slusser Senior Center Director
Town of Hopkinton NH
603-746-2915

Amy Licata
Alicia Presti
Hilary Chapman
Chris Anne Wheeler
Lisa Hall
Karla Heck
Tom Heck
Betsy Wilder
Lee Wilder
Bill Carozza
John Reidy
Kurt Rhyhart
Chief Pecora
Villari's Self Defense
Megan Burns
Kara Mollano
Angie Klingler
JoAnn Baer
Shannon Donahue
Brenda Lewis
Steph Ogden

Marcia Clark
Erin Crawford
Jessica Scheinman
Susan Lawless
Penny Pascale
Stacy Lawrence
Ken "Skate" Murdough
Christine Ball
Michelle Jutton
Carolyn Miller
Danielle Meserve
Susan Zankel
Christine Stockwell
Joan Follansbee
Heather Scholl
Niall Campbell
Carol Sabol
Stacy Price
Yolanda Rinden
Catherine Marshall



**KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION FOR
PARENTS**

**MAY 12TH
6:30-7:30**

If you haven't returned your child's registration, please bring it the night of orientation. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM
at Harold Martin School

MAY THEME: WINGS,
WIND, WIGGLES

Week of May 9-13, 2011

Mon: SPECIAL
PRESENTATION:
Migratory Birds
Tues: Bird Watching
Building Bird Nests
Wed: More Bird Watching
Thurs: Flying Fish
Taekwondo
Fri: Feather Creations
Piano Recital of TSNH
students of Jan Stillwell
All are welcome!

ON Saturday JOIN US AT
OUR FUN FAIR BOOTH –
GUITAR HERO –
from 10-2: We'll be located in
front of the windows that look
down into the multi-purpose
room. Just look for the bright
orange shirts!

REGISTRATION: If you are
interested in registering your
child for a fun-filled afternoon at
TSNH for the next school year,
please contact us at
tsnh@twenschoolnhome.com or
call 746-3622. Our Registration
form is also available online at
www.twenschoolnhome.com.
Here are some of the reasons
why we believe TSNH can meet
your after-school child-care
needs:

* We are licensed with the
State of New Hampshire to serve
children ages 5-12 in grades K,
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and thus are
called to a higher standard of
care than programs that are not
required to be state licensed.

* We have experience, having
continuously served the
Hopkinton community since
1983.

* We are a small, private,
community-based organization
whose sole mission is to provide
a safe, fun-filled, engaging after-
school experience for all children
in the town of Hopkinton.

n We maintain a professional
staff-to-child ratio of 1:8 –
nearly double the State-
mandated requirement of 1:15.
When it comes to successful
programming, a low staff to
child ratio is of the utmost
importance.

* We are affordable: as a
New Hampshire non-profit
organization, tuition is based
solely on meeting basic expenses
to run a quality program. We
offer a monthly tuition structure
based on the number of days a
week for which a child is
registered. In emergency
situations, there is some tuition
assistance available in a fund
recently created in memory of
Dottie Luce, our first Program
Director from 1983-1986.

* We offer comprehensive
programming for numerous
growth experiences as well as
many special programs. These
have included over the years and
in many instances still include
dance, karate/taekwondo, yoga,

music lessons (piano and guitar),
woodworking, sewing,
handcrafts, self-expression
through art and crafts, foreign
languages, drama, journalism,
computer time, photography,
sports, community service
opportunities and field trips on
early-release days to places such
as the SEE Science Center, the
Amoskeag Fisheries, maple
sugaring at Rossvie Farm,
bowling at Boutwell's, and trips
to a local dairy farm, the
Houston Farm in Contoocook.

* We respect the students'
workload and parents' evening
time by offering a "quiet time"
on a daily basis for homework
and/or personal reading.

n We offer enrichment
opportunities through artist-in-
residence special programs in
areas such as art, music
composition, puppetry, and
dance.

* We give back to the
community we serve by
contributing as we are able to the
Hopkinton School District and
the Hopkinton community for
such things as: The Susan
Graham Pisinski Teaching
Award, HMS and Houston
playground equipment, HYSA
baseball field at Harold Martin,
HHS library reference books,
HMS computers, MSS science
textbooks, HHS musical
instruments, Artist-in-Residence
programs and over 20
scholarships for HHS college-
bound students.

Linda Ottery
Executive Director