
Harold Martin School — Parent Flash

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



A Decade and a Half of Teaching

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Thanks to the support of Arlene McGrath and Amy Licata, our volunteer coordinators as well as the scores of awesome volunteers, we have logged **4,234 volunteer hours** this year!

One of the more unique parts of the Hopkinton School District experience is that the entire student body stays together from primary years through high school. For those students who begin with us as 3 year old preschoolers, they can be with us for as many as 16 years. While complications can arise when kids are in the same school for a decade and a half, there are many advantages. Transition is so much smoother between schools as teachers can transfer what they know about your child to colleagues they know and trust. Students develop life-long relationships and grow strong roots in their community when they are together for so long.

The majority of students across this state head to regional schools at some point in their academic career. It is common for students to stay in their community

elementary school through grade six or eight, but then they transfer to either a regional junior high or high school, often in a separate town, by the time they reach seventh through ninth grade. Of course, this can be a very effective model, but I guarantee (based on my children's experience) that there are significant stressors associated with this variety of transition.

Tonight is Hopkinton High School's graduation, 6 PM at Durgin Arena. I first knew these graduating seniors when they were in second grade at Harold Martin School. One of the reasons I love working in this school district is the culture that has been created that our faculty, administration, parents, and the entire community works together for this decade and a half to mold our youngsters. We should all feel a level of accomplishment for the success our Hopkinton students have achieved. Thank you for letting me be part of this ride for so long.

I hope to see many of you tonight.

Best,

Bill Carozza, Principal
Harold Martin School
+Hopkinton School District



**Jump Rope for Heart
THANK YOU**

I want to say thank you to all of the families who participated in this year's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Although collecting donations is entirely voluntary, we had over 50 second and third graders who chose to take part. After just two weeks, our grand total amounted to an amazing: \$3,965! This money is now sent to the American Heart Association (AHA) and will be used for research on heart disease, stroke, and helping families pay for heart transplants. Also, thanks to all of our generous donors, the AHA will be providing Harold Martin School with a gift certificate for new P.E equipment. After all, regular physical activity is the best way to lower one's cholesterol and blood pressure which in turn lowers the risk of heart disease and stroke.

K-1

Kindergarten and first grade have finished their mini health unit. A handful of lessons covered basic hygiene as well as proper nutrition. The food guide pyramid that many adults learned about growing up has been modified over the years to align with current research. To put simply, the 'old' pyramid did not account for physical activity or moderation within each food group. Eating a balanced diet and making room for regular exercise has never been more important. My goal is to familiarize students with this concept so that it becomes second nature as they grow into adults. For the remainder of the school year, I will be teaching the game of four square. This activity teaches so much more than how to hit a playground ball. Cooperation and compromise are the two big skills that the students will work on in the last couple of weeks.

2-3

The second and third grade classes have been involved in a lacrosse unit. Much of what I teach in my classes at HMS is centered on lifetime activities and skills but I also value team sports. Teaching children how to work within a team to achieve a common goal is vital. The sport of lacrosse provides a great opportunity to teach teamwork as well as how to effectively and safely use an implement (in this case, a stick). Although the students will not be playing

official lacrosse games, activities will be designed so that basic skills will be learned. With the help of warmer weather, I look forward to teaching the skills of cradling, throwing, catching, shooting, and passing outside on the back fields.

Ed Girzone, *P.E. Instructor*



FLAG DAY

Harold Martin school is celebrating Flag Day on Tuesday, June 14 so we encourage all students to wear red, white, and blue that day. Thanks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

From the Town Library

Please mark your calendars: the **annual Friends of the Hopkinton Town Library Book Sale** will be held on **Saturday June 25th** from **9am-4pm**. **We are now accepting donations of used books.**

HYSA The next HYSA Board meeting will be on Sunday, June 19th at 7 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.

FROM THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

While balances in your account will roll over, all lunch accounts need to be paid and kept up to date for the remaining school days. Thank you.



HOPKINTON RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Take Me Out to the Ballgame, Tuesday, August 16th!!

July 4th Family Fun Day— Independents Day Celebration at Houston Park

Movie (& Wiffle Ball) in the PARK! Pick-up waffle ball game and at dusk, we will be showing 'THE SANDLOT'

Swim Lessons at Kimball Pond

Hopkinton's Summer Day Camp—one-week sessions beginning June 27th and ending August 12th

HAROLD MARTIN SCHOOL CALENDAR

Grade 3 visits Maple Street School	6/13
PreSchool Orientation—5:30	6/14
Grade Two Trip to Montshire Museum	6/16
Grade Three trip to Squam Science Center	6/17
Move up Day—All kindergarten in the AM	6/20
Last Day of School—Dismissal at 12:00	6/22



