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# Harold Martin School

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June 11, 2010

## Parent Flash

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\* There are openings in **Pre School** for the 2010-11 school year. Call the school office for more information: 746-3473.

\* June 22— ALL **Kindergarten** comes in the AM.

\* June 23—**Last day** of School: school dismisses at 12:00. No PM kindergarten

June is a busy month around Harold Martin School and you can see this in the *Flash calendar*. While it is hard to be reflective this time of year, it is important to find a time to simply think. I often speak of our jobs as educators as being two phased: we have to *keep the trains running on time* and try to *find time to be reflective*. For me, think time is often in the car on my thirty minute commute or on a hot July afternoon in my office after the summer staff has gone home. I do count on my colleagues and you, the parents, for expressing your own views on how we can improve our school.

There are so many factors that will affect our future, including tight budgets, a rough economy, and now, a shift in power in education to the federal government. Our State Department of Education and school districts across the state are preparing for an adjustment from state educational standards

to national standards (called the *Common Core*). This will certainly affect the way we approach our curriculum, instruction, and assessment, but no one knows how this will play out exactly. I'll tackle this topic in an upcoming podcast.

While changes continue to swirl around our schools, we still focus on what we know to be important: teaching children to be solid readers, writers, mathematicians, thinkers, and good citizens. This hectic week, I was able to videotape the two kindergarten sessions as the students presented a medley of patriotic songs and poems. Their performance should be up on the web site this weekend. Ultimately, it's the students themselves who teach us what is truly important in our schools.

I hope you find the time to laugh and goof around with the kids this weekend. I'll try and do the same. By the way, please have your children dress in red, white, and blue for Monday as we celebrate Flag Day at HMS.

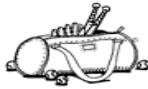
Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal

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**PE NEWS**

From Mr. Girzone



I would like to thank all of the 2nd and 3rd grade students and their supportive parents who collected donations for this years **Jump Rope for Heart** program. After tallying all of the numbers, it appears that HMS has raised another record amount of money. Over **\$4000** was donated to the American Heart Association for stroke and heart disease research. In return for participating in this event and raising such a tremendous amount of money, the P.E department will be given a sizable gift certificate for new equipment. As always, I will look for and purchase supplies that will help your son or daughter learn how to love being physically active. In addition to this certificate, each child will receive various small “thank-you” gifts (from the AHA) depending on the amount of donations they collected. Students will receive these gifts during one of their P.E classes sometime before the end of the school year.

Switching gears a little bit, I also want to mention how pleased I was to see such a great turnout last Tuesday for our **“Trek” to school**. I believe the final count was 19 students who made the effort to show up early and enjoy the walk to school. If you and/or your child would like to join in on the fun, we meet at the Cracker Barrel on Tuesday mornings at 7:30. As of last

week, each child will have the opportunity to use a pedometer. If each child shows that they can be responsible and take care of their pedometer, they will be able to take one home to keep. If they choose to walk again, I would encourage them to bring it back and use it on the walk to school.

For the remaining week and half of school, all grades (K-3) will be involved in activities designed to encourage **discussion and collaboration**. During these lessons students will review how to actively listen to their peers, communicate their opinion, use encouraging comments, and learn positive ways to resolve conflicts all while being physically active. Although kids can be active by themselves, it is a goal of mine to teach them how to do it together.

**Family Entertainer at the Gazebo**

This Saturday, June 12 at 2pm, join the Recreation Department in welcoming Steve Lindholm “The Chicken Man” to the town gazebo in Contoocook.

The annual **Friends of the Hopkinton Town Library Book Sale** will soon be happening, on **Saturday, 26 June 2010, from 9 am to 4 pm.**

**NEXT WEEK AT 'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

Week of June 14-18, 2010

- Mon: Idaho Potato
- Tues: Portrait Photography Workshop  
Windsocks
- Wed: TSNH Talent Show
- Thurs: Get Ready for Father’s Day
- Fri: Photo Exhibit

**June in School Events at HMS**

- 6/14 Flag Day—wear red, white, and blue
- 6/15 Grade 2 to Montshire
- 6/16 K Fun Day  
Grade 3 to Squam
- 6/17 Grade 1 to Odiome
- 6/21 MSS Band Concert
- 6/22 Move Up Day—all K in the AM  
All School Picnic and Field Day
- 6/23 Grade 3 Ice Cream Social  
Dismissal at 12:00

