
Harold Martin School

September 24, 2010

Parent Flash

Autumn
Concert with
Jayne Kelly
classical piano and
jazz vocals
Sunday, September
26, 2010 4:00 pm
Hopkinton Library
Classical Set:
Jayne performs
works from
Mozart, Debussy
and Chopin
Jazz Set:
Jayne sings jazz
standards
accompanied
by Neal Martin
on piano.

For more
information: 603-
746-3663

Life is quite busy at happy Harold Martin School these days. *Read on:*

1. I have written about the plans for a new **playground** on the existing footprint thanks to a very generous donor. There are still some details to be worked out, but look for info by next week with exciting news. There is an opportunity to help out as we will need a number of volunteers to help prep the area.

2. We have a new **photo** company this year, consistent throughout the district. Please give me feedback on the quality of the service and your child's pictures. Thanks.

3. **Volunteer Orientation** night is this Tuesday, September 28. More details later in the Flash.

4. Have you checked out our **online calendars**? There's one for each school as well as the whole district. Head to:
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/calendars>

5. **NECAP** state testing begins on October 1 for third graders. A letter will be going home to parents of these children. As always, let me

know if you would like more information.

6. Second and Third graders have also been taking our district assessment, NWEA's **MAP** test. This computerized test is one tool for us to chart progress of students. When testing is complete, you will receive results. In the meantime, if you would like more information, head to our website at: <http://http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool> and search for "NWEA."

7. I apologize that the **World Language** registration forms were missing some information. If you still have questions, email me directly at bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org.

8. Have you seen the new **Multi-Purpose Room floor**? Come check it out sometime—we're very happy with it.

9. We are pleased to announce that we have again won the NH Partners in Education **Blue Ribbon Award** for Volunteerism. A special thanks to our Volunteer Coordinators Arlene McGrath and Amy Licata.

10. Check out the online High School newspaper, *The Talon*, produced by the high school journalism class. You can

find it at:

<http://hawkstalon.blogspot.com/>

One last thought...a safety hint: With school back in session, there are a number of play dates and sleepovers being planned. Before you allow your child to have a sleep over at a family's house you don't know, it makes sense to meet the family and make sure it's a home that you're comfortable with.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best,

Bill Carozza, Principal

Are you ready to head back to school?

The Harold Martin School Volunteer Program is ready for you!

Volunteer Orientation Night is Tuesday, September 28, 6:30 PM

Please RSVP to Amy Licata @ amylicata@yahoo.com or Arlene McGrath @ afpmcgrath@aol.com

HMS Volunteer Forms have gone home with students—return them to school!

**Girl Scouts
Get your daughter in on something great –
the power of girls together!**

Hopkinton Girl Scouts welcomes girls to become Daisies (kindergarten and first grade), Brownies (second and third grade), Junior Girl Scouts (fourth and fifth grade), Cadettes (sixth through eighth grades), and Seniors (older ages). What do Girl Scouts do? Almost anything a girl would like to do!

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The Girl Scout experience is girl-driven, reflecting the ever-changing needs and interests of the girls. It offers opportunities for personal growth and leadership. Girls discover more about themselves, make friends and connect with others, and take action to help the world around them. Activities include games, singing, arts and crafts, hikes, camping—day and overnight trips, and many other fun activities. Girls choose and carry out service projects to help their community and the world.

If your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts, please contact Cindy White at 225-5935 or bedjc@comcast.net.



“C TIME”

In order to provide additional time for teacher collaboration around students and academics, we have provided four occasions in the school calendar for collaboration known as "C-Time."

The first is next Thursday, **September 30**. The plan is for teachers to use about one hour from 8-8:55 for collaboration. We will have activities organized for children for that hour and coordinated by some members of our staff and volunteers.

This should not impact your family whatsoever. Buses will run at the same times and you can drop your children off at the same time. If you choose, you can also use that hour to be with your children and drop them off at school at 8:55. It's completely your choice. Look for more information from the Superintendent coming home today or Monday.

HYSA Basketball Registration

Registration for the upcoming basketball season will begin this Sunday, Sep 26th and run thru Oct 17th. The program is open to students in Kindergarten thru grade 8. For a complete description of the program and to find the link for online registration, visit the HYSA website [Hopkinton Youth Sports Association \(HYSA\), Hopkinton, NH](http://Hopkinton Youth Sports Association (HYSA), Hopkinton, NH) and click on the "basketball" link. If you have additional questions, contact John Reidy at 746-2510 or email hysa.basketball@gmail.com

Hopkinton Community Playgroup

Come Join the Fun! Playgroup meets weekly on Friday afternoons from 12:30-2:00. While the weather is nice, we meet at various locations, such as the apple orchards and playgrounds. When the weather gets cold, we head inside to the Community Room at the Hopkinton Town Library. Give us a call or send us an email and we'll keep you up to date with our plans. Tammy Ehrmanntraut, 746-2817, etraut@mcttelecom.com Erin Crawford, 505-7839, ekilday115@aol.com



The Big Picture *From Mrs. Emerson*

Preschoolers have been learning about the art room and art materials. We read Eric Carle's book *Head to Toe* and then used **crayons** to **draw a person**. Students looked at pictures of sunflowers and painted sunflowers of their own by using **handprints** for the petals. Students also reviewed the **color red** and **circle shape** by making a collage of different sized, shaped, and textured red circles.

Kindergarteners have been exploring color in art. Students identified the **primary colors** in Piet Mondrian's artwork and created their own collage of red, blue, and yellow rectangles. We reviewed the **primary colors** by reading the book *The Color Tree*, by Denise Minnerly. Students practiced drawing **horizontal, vertical, and diagonal lines** and painted with water and tissue paper.

First graders started the year reading *Gerald the Giraffe*, by Giles Andreae. To create giraffe skin, students painted **wet-on-wet**. We identified **organic shapes** as free-form or nature-based shapes, and also noted the **pattern** created on Gerald's

giraffe skin. Students identified **organic shapes** on their clothing and in the classroom.

Second graders have been integrating art with their classroom tree units. Students used **watercolors** and the **straw painting** technique to create an **abstract** fall tree. We used the leaves brought in from home to print onto clay. The leaf **outline** was traced and cut of clay. The clay leaves were formed into **3D** clay vessels.

Third graders jumped right into learning about the Impressionist artist **Claude Monet**. Students practiced **observational drawing** with leaves and looked at how Monet mixed **color opposites** to create **fall colors**. Students enjoyed experimenting with mixing their own unique fall colors.

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY
MONTH
Week of Sept. 27 to Oct. 1

Mon: Cooking Club
Tues: Drama Club
Wed: Healthy Eating Collage
Thurs: Yoga Club
Fri: Sewing Club;
Music Lessons
