

PARENT FLASH

September 30, 2011

Next PTA Meeting

October 5th

Monthly meeting
have been
changed to the
1st **Wednesday**
of the month.

Still at —
6:30 PM

The time was
misprinted in
the PTA News.

Meeting Our Brand

I used to say that volunteers were the "spice" of Harold Martin School. We could live without them but they are so valuable and allow us to accomplish so much. In recent years, my opinion has changed. I now feel that volunteers are essential to meet our school's goals and maintain "our brand." Consider what volunteers do for our school:

Volunteers...

- * organize and facilitate our critically acclaimed *Reaching For The Stars* enrichment program which involves as many as 50 volunteers operating a dozen after school courses over four weeks in the spring. 150 of our students typically participate.
- * run our *Fun Fair* which raised \$9000 last year for PTA activities.
- * operate our *Publishing Center* that allows nearly every child in grades 1-3 produce a bound book of their writing, thereby giving students an authentic writing experience. (More on page 2.)
- * organize social functions such as our classroom *Ice Cream Socials* in August, our *Arist-In-Residence* luncheon, *Teacher Appreciation Week* and *Kindergarten Fun Day*.
- * train other volunteers.
- * chaperone field trips. Minutes ago I observed scores of parents load the bus with first graders on their trip to Brockway. We simply could not have successful field trips without volunteer help.
- * facilitate our yearly book fair which raises money to buy books for our school.
- * provide special reading and math enrichment groups and as well as special tutoring during the day.

Our Brand (cont'd)

"...Volunteers are essential to meet our school's goals."

* as part of the RSVP program, wrote back and forth to our Third Graders and then met them in a wonderful inter-generational celebration. Did you read the Concord Monitor article on this?
(<http://bit.ly/mSGybW>)

helped to build our incredible state of the art playground! Of course this is just a partial list. I am excited to announce that Harold Martin School **has won the Blue Ribbon Award** once again for our superlative volunteer program under the leadership of Arlene McGrath (afpmcgrath@aol.com) and Amy Licata (amylicata@yahoo.com). We logged well over 4500 hours of volunteer time last year.

This week we held our Volunteer Orientation with a number of parents attending as they heard from Arlene, Amy, and myself about the opportunities that exist at HMS. For more information, please contact Arlene or Amy and check out our web site too at <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/haroldmartinschool/>. Click on the "Volunteers" tab on the right. If you could

not make the Orientation, our Coordinators would be glad to orient you at a special time.

Did you notice how I refrained from talking about the Red Sox? (I tried). While some of my colleagues wore black yesterday, I chose to wear my Sox tie. There's always next year. Go Pats and Bruins.

Sincerely,
Bill Carozza, Principal

Dates to note:

October 7 – No School for Staff Professional Dev.

October 10 – No School Columbus Day



The Publishing Center

The Publishing Center is a great way to Volunteer at HMS. The Publishing Center allows almost every child 1-3 to produce a finished typed and bound book of their writing. We do this with an Interviewer, Typist and Editor for each classroom. The Editor and Typist roles can be done from home. The Interviewer is the only role that requires a bit of time at the school.

The Publishing Center is currently looking for Interviewers and Typists in

1st, 2nd and 3J, and Editors for each grade level. If you would like to volunteer or get more information please contact me at dexterdesign@comcast.net or 493-3545.

I do my best to assign you to the classroom or grade level of your student(s).

Thanks,

Jen Dexter



"... a great way to volunteer."

'Tween School ' Home

OCTOBER THEME: Autumn
Wonder — Week of 10/3-7

Monday:	Balloon Fun
Tuesday:	Applesauce
Wednesday:	Autumn Tree
Thursday:	Scavenger Hunt
Friday:	NO SCHOOL



Registration

If you are seeking State Licensed after School Care for your Harold Martin or Maple Street student, we have a few openings left. Please contact 'Tween School 'n Home, which operates out of Harold Martin School during the school year at tsnh@twainschoolnhome.com or call JoEllen McCaffrey at 746-3622 for further information. Thanks!

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Hopkinton Town Library

***A Visit with Marie Curie**

Wednesday, October 19 7-8 PM Storysmith Susan Marie Frontczak will speak as Marie Curie in this Living History program presented with the support of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Ages 9 and up.

*Brought to you with the support of The New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Halloween Craft

Friday, October 28 3:15-4 PM. Come listen to a Halloween story and make your own paper patchwork pumpkin. Ages 5-8.

Mary Poppins Sing-Along

Sunday, November 20 3 PM Have a supercalifragilistic time at our interactive sing-along! The movie is Rated G and runs for 139 minutes. All ages.

Love Books? Thank a Tree!
November 7-13

Celebrate National recycling week by looking for books in trees! Details to follow.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Registration requirements are noted where they apply. To register for programs: call the library at 746-3663 or email

lmaynard@hopkintontownlibrary.org