
Harold Martin School

September 2, 2009

Parent Flash

Harold Martin School is Going Green



Keep in a mind these dates:

On **September 8**, we return back to school after Labor Day.

On Thursday, **September 10**, we have our first PTA meeting of the year (6:30 PM in the HMS Preschool Room)

On **September 16** we have our annual Open House from 6:30-7:30.

This is an idea percolating in my mind for years and I think we're ready to take the leap. The *Parent Flash* will now be primarily a **digital document**. We will continue to send it via our Email List and we'll post it on our web site in digital form.

However, if you want to continue receiving this newsletter in paper form, sent home with your child every Friday, simply fill out the form included in the Flash and bring it back to school. That is just fine! This new plan will allow us to save paper by the reams.

Speaking of the web site, we have completely revamped it and you can find it at:

<http://www.hopkinton.schools.org/haroldmartinschool/>

The site is designed to be a source of practical information that's easy to navigate and easy for us to update. The first thing you will notice is the gallery of pictures that will be revised from time to time. There's plenty of information under the tabs, from the School Handbook (under "HMS Info") to Latest News, our Podcasts, and information on PTA and Volunteers. Most of you accessed HMS information from the

"Principal's Pages". Please bookmark the above link and head to it when you have questions. The rest of the school district has a consistent web presence now and you can easily log onto the Middle High, Maple Street and the District's web sites. Be sure to check out School Board agendas, minutes, and audio under the "School Board" tab on the District site.

In a week or so, I'll post a Screencast, a five minute video reviewing the site's major features. Please be sure to give me advice on how we can improve the site.

Please remember to return the paperwork sent home on the first day, as soon as possible. If you have questions about any of it, be sure to call us. Another reminder: please do not drop off your child before 7:30 AM. I've noticed in the first two days that some parents are choosing to park on Main Street and use our new walkway to enter the school. That will likely cut down on congestion first thing in the morning.

Thanks to our wonderful staff and all of you parents for a strong opening to the school year. Let us know how we can help.

Here's to the next half-century at HMS.
Sincerely,
Bill Carozza, Principal



Parents: If you took pictures at our opening day of your children and you give us permission to post them our web site, please email a digital file to bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org. Thanks!

**NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**
at Harold Martin School
Multi-Purpose Room

Week of September 7-11, 2009

- Monday: NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY
- Tues: Bubble Prints; TicTac Tell
- Wed: Door Hangers; Hop On In
- Thurs: Bike Safety w/
Officer "Bubba" Arsenault,
5:30: NEW PARENT ORIENTATION
- Fri: Celebrating
Grandparents' Day

TSNH has openings for children in grades K-6 from both Harold Martin School and Maple Street School, so if you're looking for a place for your child to be safe and have a great time after school, give us a call.

In addition to our usual offerings of crafts, games, community outreach, etc., we have wonderful enrichment programs planned this year:

- Mon: Movement Madness with Mr. Girzone
- Tues: Spanish Club with Ms. Dubois
- Wed: Hip Hop Dancing sponsored by Petit Papillon
- Thurs: Karate sponsored by Toyko Joe's Studio
- Fri: Piano/Guitar Lessons with Jan Stillwell

If you really don't need after-school care but would like your child to participate in one of these enrichment programs, you are able to register him/her for just one day a week.

If you'd like more information about TSNH or our special programs, contact Linda Ottery, Executive Director at 529-2186 or tsnh@comcast.net. You also may download a registration form at our website: www.twenschoolnhome.com.

HOPKINTON REC DEPT.

Please check the Hopkinton Recreation website for updated information. <http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov> (then click Recreation)

Tennis For Everyone!!

It's tennis time! The Hopkinton Recreation Department is very excited to offer tennis instruction starting at age 4 through adult! Classes are offered Mondays or Tuesdays for a five-week session starting September 14th. Times vary throughout the day and the cost is \$75 per adult and \$60 per child.

Registration forms with times and more information can be found at <http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov> (then click Recreation). Come play with us!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!!

The Hopkinton Recreation Department wants you to join us for another amazing outing to Fenway Park to watch your beloved Boston Red Sox. The package includes roundtrip transportation from Contoocook to Fenway on a luxury coach, driver gratuity, and a ticket to the ballgame (right field box 90). The cost is \$75 per person. The game is October 1st and we will leave Contoocook at 4pm. Call 746-2915 with any questions. Open to Hopkinton/Contoocook residents only.

I would like to continue receiving the *Parent Flash* in paper form every Friday. Please return by Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Name of family's oldest student at HMS

Classroom

Please have your child return this to his/her classroom teacher. Thank you.