
Harold Martin School

January 4, 2008

Parent Flash



Important Dates

- 1/8 No School
Voting
- 1/10 PTA
HMS 6:30
- 1/15 Lynn Lyons
HMS 6:30
- 1/21 No School
Civil Rights Day
- 1/24 HMS Family
Spaghetti Dinner



Last night I was eagerly watching the returns from the Iowa Caucus with my sons and I heard one conservative commentator reflect on the process itself in Iowa. As he watched citizens debate and discuss their political views in homes and schools throughout the state, it occurred to this pundit that the process is so peaceful and honorable. Voters could disagree without the political violence we are seeing in other areas of the world.

I encourage you to participate in this process and vote in the New Hampshire Primary this Tuesday, January 8 at Hopkinton High School. School will be cancelled for this day and we'll return on Wednesday. Have a wonderful weekend.

Bill Carozza, Principal

Save the Date!

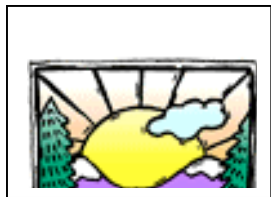
Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **January 15** at 6:30PM for the return of **Lynn Lyons**. Lynn presented "Quickly Calmer" last year and this year she will present "**Worried About Your Worrier.**" This seminar applies to helping all kids become more resilient and confident in the face of change and transition.

Babysitting will be provided by the National Honor Society students from the high school. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Morris, MSS Volunteer Coordinator at 746-4137 or juliemorris@tds.net

PTA

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Thursday, January 10, at 6:30 pm in the preschool room at Harold Martin. All three school principals will be on hand to discuss current transition programs and to answer parent questions. As always, babysitting will be provided by HHS National Honor Society members.

Contact Kathy Donohoe, PTA president, at 746-3502 or teamdonohoe@comcast.net with questions or suggestions.



The Big Picture

Kindergarteners have been busy learning about snow. In addition to cutting paper snowflake decorations for the holiday concert, we looked at the book "Snowflake Bentley" by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, and learned that every snowflake is different and they always have six points. We identified the **cool colors** as **purple, blue, and green**, and students used oil pastels and watercolors to draw snowflakes and paint a background.

Students in **first grade** have been exploring the element of art **space**. Each student created a winter landscape placing rolling hills in the **background** and large winter trees in the **'front space.'** We are currently working on an observational drawing of a poinsettia, using **overlapping** to make the plant look **realistic**.

Second grade students have been studying **abstract** and **realistic** art. They used **hue, tint, and shade** in an observational realistic drawing of fruit. After reading *When Pigasso Met Mootise*, by Nina Laden, students collaged

abstract, geometric fruit, **Picasso** style, and **organic, patterned** fruit, **Matisse** style.

Third graders have been learning about the artist **Gustav Klimt**. Students are drawing people and animals in the style of Klimt, and adding different **patterns and gold**, hallmark characteristics of Klimt's work. Students have been also working on painting and decorating an **Asian fan**, to be used in physical education classes after winter break.



The Silver Palette

is a team award one class earns each month for meeting the expectations in the art room. Congratulations to **Mrs.**

Pepper's second grade class for earning the December Silver Palette. Excellent job!

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

Week of January 7-11, 2008
**LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW,
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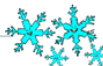
Monday: Snow People

Tuesday: NO SCHOOL,
VOTING DAY

Wednesday: Obstacle Course
D. I. and Dance

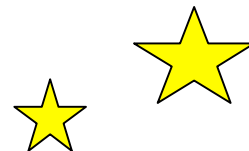
Thursday: **Special Program:**
Art w/ Barbara Filleul

Friday: Snowflakes



IT'S THAT TIME...

Now that you're ready to take down your Christmas tree, wouldn't you like to do your part for the environment and for our local Cub Scout Pack 77? Hire us to pick it up and **recycle** it! It's easy. First, pull those lights and ornaments off and drag the tree out front. Then call Mark at 344-5553 to schedule a pickup. Just a \$5 donation, and you don't have to deal with getting it onto your car and to the dump. **AND** you help out Pack 77 and the environment (we turn them into wood chips) into the bargain. What could be simpler? Don't wait until March. Call now. And thanks!



Reaching for the Stars Needs You!

Reaching for the Stars is the enrichment program at Harold Martin School. The program is for students in grade 1-3 and runs for 6 Fridays from 2:35 - 3:45, March 14th - April 18th, 2008. There are many ways to help! Contact the program coordinator Nora Forziati at forzi_fam@yahoo.com or 746-4239.